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**MESSAGE EXCHANGE AND SETTLEMENT OF RATED MESSAGE DETAIL
AND/OR THE SETTLEMENT OF MESSAGE REVENUE FOR RESALE AND
UNBUNDLED SERVICE**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for the exchange record detail and settlement of revenues for call detail messages provided to SPRINT as a result of SPRINT's purchase of Resale Services or appropriate Unbundled Network Elements from an SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)
- 1.2 Definitions of terms used in this Appendix are contained in the General Terms and Conditions, except as specifically identified herein. The following definitions from the General Terms and Conditions are legitimately related to this Appendix: SBC-13STATE, SBC-SWBT, PACIFIC, NEVADA, SNET, SBC-AMERITECH.

2. DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 "555" is an SBC-AMERITECH service by which Providers offer information services for a fee to a SPRINT End-User who dials a number using the "555" prefix.
- 2.2 "900" is a PACIFIC and NEVADA service by which Providers offer audio services for a fee to a SPRINT End-User who dials a number using the "900" prefix.
- 2.3 "976" is an SBC-AMERITECH, PACIFIC and NEVADA service by which Providers offer audio services for a fee to a SPRINT End-User who dials a number using the "976" prefix.
- 2.4 "Abbreviated Dialing" is an SBC-AMERITECH service by which Providers offer information services for a fee to a SPRINT End-User who dials a telephone number with less than seven digits.
- 2.5 "Adjustments" are dollar amounts that are credited to an End-User account. The primary reason for an adjustment is typically an End-User denying that the call was made from their telephone.
- 2.6 "Ancillary Message Services" available in SBC-AMERITECH, PACIFIC, and NEVADA. Included in SBC-AMERITECH offerings are Abbreviated Dialing,

555 services, 976 services, CPP Cellular services and CPP Paging services. PACIFIC and NEVADA provide 900/976.

- 2.7 “**Calling Party Pays Cellular**” or “**CPP Cellular**” is an SBC-AMERITECH service where an End-User placing a call to a cellular telephone agrees to pay the charges for the call. Typically, an announcement is played to the End-User giving the End-User the option to accept the charges or to end the call without incurring charges.
- 2.8 “**Calling Party Pays Paging**” or “**CPP Paging**” is an SBC-AMERITECH service where an End-User placing a call to a pager agrees to pay the charges for the call. Typically, an announcement is played to the End-User giving the End-User the option to accept the charges or to end the call without incurring charges.
- 2.9 “**SPRINT CATS Messages**” means intraLATA Calling Card and third number billed messages billed to a SPRINT End-User telephone where the LEC carrying the call is Pacific or any other LEC, and the originating and billed telephone numbers are located in different Telcordia Client Company territories.
- 2.10 “**Provider**” is the entity that offers an SBC-AMERITECH, PACIFIC, or NEVADA Ancillary Message Service to an End-User.
- 2.11 “**Uncollectibles**” are amounts billed to SPRINT’s End-Users, which after standard intervals and application of standard collection procedures, are determined by SPRINT to be impracticable of collection and are written off as bad debt on final accounts. Uncollectibles are recoured back to the Provider.
- 2.12 “**SPRINT Non-CATS Messages** are IntraLATA collect, calling card, or third number-billed messages where the charges are billed to the SPRINT’s End-User and the originating Party is an End-User of SBC or that of another LEC and both End-Users are located in the same Telcordia Client Company territory.

3. DESCRIPTION OF BILLING SERVICES

- 3.1 SBC-13STATE will receive LEC carried ABS messages being billed to SPRINT End-User lines as detailed in the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached. SBC-13STATE shall forward rated messages to SPRINT on the Daily Usage File (DUF).
- 3.2 PACIFIC and NEVADA shall provide revenue settlement for all messages supplied to SPRINT on DUF; provided, however, that revenue settlement for SPRINT Non-CATS Messages shall only be provided by PACIFIC with those LECs with whom PACIFIC has executed an Agreement covering the Settlement

of Non-CATS Messages. Pacific shall provide **SPRINT** with a list of all such LECs upon request.

- 3.3 **SBC-SWBT**, **SNET**, and **SBC-AMERITECH** shall bill charges to the **SPRINT** Resale or UNE port account to recover revenue that it has paid to another carrier for ABS messages billing to a **SPRINT** Resale or UNE port End-User account.
- 3.4 As a part of provisioning local service for **SPRINT**, **SBC-13STATE** will block End-User access to 900/976 numbers upon specific written request by **SPRINT** for each separate End User line
- 3.5 **SPRINT** shall block End-User access to Ancillary Message Services upon **SBC-13STATE**'s written request.
- 3.6 If blocking is not requested, **SBC-13STATE** shall record all Ancillary Message Service calls transported by SBC that originate from a **SPRINT**'s End-User's telephone number. SBC shall provide **SPRINT** with formatted records for each Ancillary Message Service billable call in accordance with each Provider's requested rates. In the case where **SPRINT**'s switch generates call information, **SPRINT** will provide **SBC-AMERITECH**, **PACIFIC** or **NEVADA** with call information for each call on a daily basis. **SBC-AMERITECH**, **PACIFIC** or **NEVADA** will rate the call with each Provider's requested rates and return a formatted record to **SPRINT**. **SPRINT** shall confirm receipt of such formatted records within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt.

4. COLLECTION SERVICES

- 4.1 **SPRINT** shall exercise good faith efforts to bill and collect all amounts due from its End-Users for messages distributed under this Appendix. **SPRINT** warrants that the billing and collection for messages distributed under this Appendix shall be at a performance level no less than **SPRINT** uses for the billing of its own local Telecommunication Services, which in no event shall be inconsistent with generally accepted industry standards of operation for the provision of billing and collection services.
- 4.2 All messages should be billed within 30 days of receipt. **SPRINT** further agrees that the billing and collection process for messages distributed under this Appendix shall comply with all Applicable Laws.

5. CHANGES TO PROVIDER'S SERVICES AND RATES

- 5.1 **SPRINT** acknowledges and understands that the amount which a Provider elects to charge those who place calls to an Ancillary Message Service is at Provider's sole discretion.

6. SETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENT AND PAYMENT—PACIFIC AND NEVADA

- 6.1 For messages billed to **SPRINT** End-Users that **PACIFIC** or **NEVADA** forward to **SPRINT** as set forth in Section 3 above, **PACIFIC** or **NEVADA** shall calculate the amount due based on the following formula:

	Rated Value of 900/976 Messages (if applicable)
+	Rated Value of SPRINT CATS and Non-CATS Messages
-	Rejected/Unbillable/Uncollectible Messages
-	SPRINT Billing Charge
+	PACIFIC or NEVADA Settlement Charge
=	Amount Due PACIFIC or NEVADA

- 6.1.1 As used in Subsection 6.1 above the following terms are defined as set forth below:

6.1.1.1 Rated Value of **SPRINT** CATS Messages and Non-CATS Messages means the total computed charges for **SPRINT** CATS and Non-CATS Messages based on the schedule of rates for the LEC which carried the call. Settlement of Non-CATS Messages is contingent on the conditions set forth in Section 3.2 hereof being satisfied.

6.1.1.2 Rejected Messages means the rated value of **SPRINT** CATS Messages and Non-CATS Messages that failed to pass the edits within **SPRINT**'s system and were returned to **PACIFIC** or **NEVADA** via the daily feed within 10 days of originally being received from **PACIFIC** or **NEVADA**.

6.1.1.3 Unbillable Messages means the rated value of **SPRINT** CATS Messages and Non-CATS Messages that were not billable to a **SPRINT** End-User because of missing information in the billing record or other billing error, not the result of an error by **SPRINT**, that are returned to **PACIFIC** or **NEVADA** via the daily feed within 30 days of originally being received from **PACIFIC** or **NEVADA**.

6.1.1.4 Uncollectible Messages means the rated value of **SPRINT** CATS Messages and Non-CATS Messages billed by **SPRINT** to subscribers that are unpaid, have been debited to final write-off by **SPRINT** and have been returned to **PACIFIC** or **NEVADA** via the daily feed within 20 days of final write-off.

- 6.1.1.5 SPRINT Billing Charge means the SPRINT per message billing rate, as set forth in Appendix Pricing under SPRINT Billing Rate, times the number of SPRINT CATS and Non-CATS Messages forwarded by PACIFIC or NEVADA to SPRINT.
- 6.1.1.6 PACIFIC or NEVADA Settlement Charge means the PACIFIC or NEVADA per message settlement charge, set forth in Appendix Pricing, times the number of SPRINT CATS and Non-CATS Messages forwarded by PACIFIC or NEVADA to SPRINT. Only SPRINT CATS and Non-CATS Messages for which the Transporting LEC is other than PACIFIC or NEVADA shall be included in the calculation of the PACIFIC or NEVADA Settlement Charge.
- 6.2 Within 30 business days following the end of each calendar month, PACIFIC or NEVADA shall provide SPRINT with:
- 6.2.1 The Non-CMDS Outcollects Report that calculates the Amount Due PACIFIC or NEVADA as set forth in Section 6.1 and
- 6.2.2 An Invoice setting forth the Amount Due PACIFIC or NEVADA.
- 6.3 SPRINT shall have 22 calendar days from receipt of the Invoice to pay the Amount Due ("Invoice Due Date"). Any payment received by PACIFIC or NEVADA after the Invoice Due Date shall be subject to a Late Payment Charge as detailed in Section 8.1 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached.
- 6.4 Disputes over any billed amount shall be handled as set forth in Section 10 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached.
- 6.5 That portion of the Amount Due PACIFIC or NEVADA, calculated as set forth in Section 6.1 attributable to LECs for which PACIFIC or NEVADA is the CMDS Host or LECs with whom PACIFIC or NEVADA has an Agreement covering the Settlement of Non-CATS messages shall be settled between PACIFIC or NEVADA and the LECs as set forth in the Appendix PACIFIC or NEVADA shall provide SPRINT with an updated list in writing of all LECs with which PACIFIC or NEVADA has such Agreements.
- 6.6 To the extent, but only to the extent, necessary to accurately bill, record, report, and Invoice as required by this Appendix, the Parties grant each other a limited

exception to the prohibitions set forth in Section 20 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached.

7. **SETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENT AND PAYMENT – SBC-AMERITECH**

- 7.1 Ameritech shall pay for the Billing and Collection Services for Ancillary Message Services described herein at the rates set forth in Appendix Pricing as "Ancillary Billing Message Compensation."
- 7.2 The amount due to **SBC-AMERITECH** under this Appendix shall be the total of all billable charges submitted to **SPRINT** under this Appendix, less:
- 7.2.1 All charges due **SPRINT** under subsection 7.1;
- 7.2.2 Amounts declared Uncollectible as provided in subsection 7.5;
- 7.2.3 Adjustments as provided in subsection 7.4;
- 7.2.4 Taxes collected from **SPRINT** End-Users.
- 7.3 **SPRINT** shall provide **SBC-AMERITECH** with a monthly statement of amounts billed, amounts collected, amounts adjusted, uncollectible amounts and End-User 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 should be received by **SBC-AMERITECH** on or before the fifth Business Day of every month. Payment of the amount owed to **SBC-AMERITECH** by **SPRINT** as calculated in Section 7.2 hereof is due and shall be paid to **SBC-AMERITECH** on or before thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the monthly statement. Past due amounts shall accrue late charges at the rate set forth in Section 8.1 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached.
- 7.4 Adjustments
- 7.4.1 **SPRINT** may remove a disputed charge from an End-User's account within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the message; provided that notice of the adjustment is received by **SBC-AMERITECH** within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the message.
- 7.5 Uncollectibles
- 7.5.1 **SPRINT** may recourse to **SBC-AMERITECH** an actual uncollectible amount from an End-User's account, provided that notice of the recourse of the uncollectible amount is given by **SPRINT** to **SBC-AMERITECH**

within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the message.

7.6 Taxes

7.6.1 Taxes Imposed on Services Performed or Provided by SPRINT. **SPRINT** shall be responsible for payment of all sales, use or other taxes of a similar nature, including interest and penalties on all services performed or provided by **SPRINT**.

7.6.2 Taxes on Ancillary Message Services. **SPRINT** 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 **SBC-AMERITECH** of those taxes. **SBC-AMERITECH** shall notify **SPRINT** of this information and pursuant to this Agreement **SPRINT** shall bill and collect such taxes based on information supplied by Provider and shall remit such taxes to **SBC-AMERITECH**. **SPRINT** shall identify the amount of taxes and type of taxes, by Provider. **SBC-AMERITECH** shall then remit such collected taxes to the Provider. Provider shall remit any taxes it owes to the taxing authority.

8. **APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

8.1 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 as provided in Section 2.9 of General Terms and Conditions.

**APPENDIX NIM
(NETWORK INTERCONNECTION METHODS)**

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**APPENDIX NIM
(NETWORK INTERCONNECTION METHODS)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions that Network Interconnection Methods (NIM) is provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and **SPRINT**. This Appendix describes the physical architecture for Interconnection of the Parties' facilities and equipment for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service traffic and Exchange Access traffic between the respective 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.
- 1.2 Definitions of terms used in this Appendix are contained in the General Terms and Conditions, except as specifically identified herein. The following definitions from the General Terms and Conditions are legitimately related to this Appendix: **SBC-13STATE**, **SBC-SWBT**, **PACIFIC**, **NEVADA**, **SNET**, **SBC-AMERITECH**.
- 1.3 Network Interconnection Methods (NIMs) include, but are not limited to, Physical Collocation Interconnection; Virtual Collocation Interconnection; Leased Facilities Interconnection; Fiber Meet Interconnection; and other technically feasible methods requested pursuant and subject to the BFR process. One or more of these methods may be used to effect the Interconnection.
- 1.3.1 Trunking requirements associated with Interconnection are contained in Appendix ITR.
- 1.4 **SBC-13STATE** shall provide Interconnection for **SPRINT**'s facilities and equipment for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service and exchange access, at a level of quality that is equal to that which **SBC-13STATE** provides itself, a subsidiary, an affiliate, or any other party to which **SBC-13STATE** provides Interconnection and on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable and non-discriminatory.
- 1.5 The Parties shall effect an Interconnection that is efficient, fair and equitable with either (a) the establishment and use of multiple points of interconnection ("POIs") pursuant to section 2 below, or, at CLEC's election, (b) the establishment and use of a single point of interconnection per LATA, pursuant to section 2.2 below, in which event CLEC shall either, at CLEC's election, (i) bear half the cost of the Affected Facilities, as that term is defined in section 2.2.2 below, or (ii) compensate **SBC-13STATE** for the transport of those calls identified in section

2.2.2 below. A Point of Interconnection (POI) is a point in the network where the Parties deliver Interconnection traffic to each other, and also serves as a demarcation point between the facilities that each Party is responsible to provide.

At least one POI must be established within the SBC-13STATE LATA where the CLEC will serve End Users.

2. NETWORK INTERCONNECTION ARCHITECTURE PLAN

- 2.1 SBC-13STATE's network is partly comprised of End Office switches, Tandem switches that serve local only traffic (SBC-SWBT), Tandem switches that serve IntraLATA and InterLATA traffic, and Tandem switches that serve a combination of local, IntraLATA and InterLATA traffic. SBC-13STATE's network architecture in any given local exchange area and/or LATA can vary markedly from another local exchange area/LATA. Using one or more of the NIMs herein, the Parties will agree to a physical architecture plan for a specific Interconnection area. The physical architecture plan will, at a minimum, include the location of SPRINT's switch(es) and SBC-13STATE's End Office switch(es) and/or Tandem switch(es) to be interconnected, the facilities that will connect the two networks and which Party will provide (be financially responsible for) the Interconnection facilities. At the time of implementation in a given local exchange area the plan will be documented and signed by appropriate representatives of the Parties, indicating their mutual agreement to the physical architecture plan.
- 2.2 Points of Interconnection (POIs): A Point of Interconnection (POI) is a point in the network where the Parties deliver Interconnection traffic to each other, and also serves as a demarcation point between the facilities that each Party is responsible to provide.
- 2.3 This section shall apply if and only if CLEC elects to establish and use multiple POIs as permitted by section 1.5 above.
 - 2.3.1 The Parties shall negotiate the POI and the architecture in each location that will seek to mutually minimize and equalize investment.
 - 2.3.2 The Parties agree to meet as often as necessary to negotiate the number and location of new POIs. The overall goal of POI selection will be to achieve a balance in the provision of facilities that is fair to both Parties. Criteria to be used in determining POIs in local exchange areas or LATAs include existing facility capacity, location of existing POIs, relative costs, and future capacity needs. Agreement to the location of POIs is based on the network architecture existing at the time the POI(s) is/are negotiated. In the event either Party makes subsequent changes to its network architecture, including but not limited to trunking changes or adding new switches, then the Parties will negotiate new POIs. The network

interconnection architecture plan will be updated to reflect the addition of new POIs.

- 2.4 This section shall apply if and only if **SPRINT** elects to establish and use a single POI per LATA as permitted by section 1.5 above.
- 2.4.1 **SPRINT** may originate or terminate calls on its side of the POI for delivery to or from a **SBC-13STATE** end user physically located in the same tandem serving area or the same local exchange area as that in which the POI is located. For such calls, **SPRINT** and **SBC-13STATE** shall each be financially responsible for the facilities, trunking and equipment on its side of the POI. Provided, however, that nothing in this section is in derogation of or otherwise affects either carrier's obligation, if any, to pay Reciprocal Compensation charges or access charges on long distance calling to the other carrier.
- 2.4.2 **SPRINT** may originate or terminate calls on its side of the POI for delivery to or from a **SBC-13STATE** End User physically located in a different tandem serving area and a different local exchange area, or a SWBT End User in a different mandatory local calling area, from that in which the POI is located (hereinafter "long haul calls"). To compensate **SBC-13STATE** for that portion of the delivery of long haul calls on **SBC-13STATE**'s side of the POI that is outside the local exchange area in which the POI is located, **SPRINT** shall bear the cost of the Affected Facilities. "Affected Facilities" means those facilities on which such long haul calls are transported on **SBC-13STATE**'s side of the POI that are outside the local exchange area in which the POI is located. Such cost is calculated as airline miles from the SBC switch in which the trunks are installed to the POI, less 15 miles. The cost of the Affected Facilities shall be assessed at UNE rates. Provided, however, that nothing in this section is in derogation of or otherwise affects either carrier's obligation, if any, to pay Reciprocal Compensation charges or access charges on long distance calling to the other carrier.
- 2.5 The Parties agree to meet as often as necessary to negotiate the selection of new POIs. The overall goal of POI selection will be to achieve a balance in the provision of facilities that is fair to both Parties. Criteria to be used in determining POIs for each geography (LATA, tandem area, etc.) include existing facility capacity, location of existing POIs, traffic volumes, relative costs, future capacity needs, etc. Agreement to the location of POIs is based on the network architecture existing at the time the POI(s) is/are negotiated. In the event either Party makes subsequent changes to its network architecture, including but not limited to trunking changes or adding new switches, then the Parties will negotiate new POIs. The mutually agreed to POIs will be documented and distributed to both Parties.

- 2.6 Each Party is responsible for the facilities to its side of the negotiated POI(s) and may utilize any method of Interconnection described in this Appendix. Each Party is responsible for the appropriate sizing, operation, and maintenance of the transport facility to the POI(s). The parties agree to provide sufficient facilities for the Interconnection trunk groups required for the exchange of traffic between SPRINT and SBC-13STATE.
- 2.7 Either Party must provide thirty (30) days written notice of any intent to change to the physical architecture plan.
- 2.8 SPRINT is solely responsible for the facilities that carry OS/DA, 911, mass calling and Meet-Point trunk groups as specified in Appendix ITR.
- 2.9 Subject to the requirements defined in Appendix ITR, in each LATA the Parties agree to provide, at a minimum, sufficient facilities so that a local Interconnection trunk group can be established from the **SPRINT** switch to each **SBC-13STATE SNET, PACIFIC, NEVADA,** and **SBC-AMERITECH** applicable Tandem POI where SPRINT originates or terminates local and/or toll traffic with SBC.
- 2.10 If **SPRINT** has established Collocation in an **SBC-13STATE** End Office, the facility for the Direct End Office Trunks (DEOTS) to that End Office shall be the financial responsibility of **SPRINT**.
- 2.11 Technical Interfaces
- 2.911.1 The Interconnection facilities provided by each Party shall be formatted using either Alternative Mark Inversion (AMI) line code with Superframe format framing or Bipolar 8 Zero Signaling (B8ZS) with Extended Superframe format framing or any mutually agreeable line coding and framing.
- 2.911.2 Electrical handoffs at the POI(s) will be at the DS1 or DS3 level. When a DS3 handoff is agreed to by the Parties, SBC-13STATE will provide any multiplexing required for DS1 facilities or trunking at their end and SPRINT will provide any DS1 multiplexing required for facilities or trunking at their end.
- 2.11.3 When the Parties demonstrate the need for Optical handoffs at the OC-n level, the parties will meet to negotiate specific Optical handoff needs.

3. METHODS OF INTERCONNECTION

3.1 Physical Collocation Interconnection

3.1.1 When **SPRINT** provides their own facilities or uses the facilities of a 3rd party to a **SBC-13STATE** Tandem or End Office and wishes to place their own transport terminating equipment at that location, **SPRINT** may Interconnect using the provisions of Physical Collocation as set forth in Appendix Collocation or applicable state tariff.

3.2 Virtual Collocation Interconnection

3.2.1 When **SPRINT** provides their own facilities or uses the facilities of a 3rd party to a **SBC-13STATE** Tandem or End Office and wishes for **SBC-13STATE** to place transport terminating equipment at that location on the **SPRINT**'s behalf, they may Interconnect using the provisions of Virtual Collocation as set forth in Appendix Collocation or applicable tariff. Virtual Collocation allows **SPRINT** to choose the equipment vendor and does not require that **SPRINT** be Physically Collocated.

3.3 Leased Facility Interconnection ("LFI")

3.3.1 Where facilities exist, either Party may lease facilities from the other Party as defined in Section 6 of this Appendix.

3.3.2 **SBC-13STATE** will allow **SPRINT** to lease the same physical access facilities (*e.g.*, dedicated transport access facilities) to provision trunk groups to carry Local and intraLATA traffic and separate trunk groups to carry interLATA traffic, provided such arrangement is not for the purpose of avoiding access facility charges associated with dedicated transport access facilities. In the above circumstances, access facility rates will still apply regardless of the percentage of Local and intraLATA trunk groups provisioned on those facilities.

3.4 Fiber Meet Interconnection

3.4.1 Fiber Meet Interconnection between **SBC-13STATE** and **SPRINT** can occur at any mutually agreeable and technically feasible point between **SPRINT**'s premises and an **SBC-13STATE** Tandem or End Office within each local exchange area (**SBC-SWBT**) or LATA (**SBC-AMERITECH**, **SNET**, **PACIFIC**, and **NEVADA**).

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

- 3.4.3 Neither Party will be allowed to access the Data Communications Channel (“DCC”) of the other Party’s Fiber Optic Terminal (FOT). The Fiber Meet will be designed so that each Party may, as far as is technically feasible, independently select the transmission, multiplexing, and fiber terminating equipment to be used on its side of the POI(s). The Parties will work cooperatively to achieve equipment and vendor compatibility of the FOT equipment. The Parties may share the investment of the fiber as mutually agreed.
- 3.4.4 Requirements for such Interconnection specifications will be defined in joint engineering planning sessions between the Parties. The Parties may share the investment of the fiber as mutually agreed.
- 3.4.5 In addition to the semi-annual trunk forecast process, discussed in Appendix ITR, discussions to provide relief to existing facilities can be initiated by either party. Actual system augmentations will be initiated only upon mutual agreement. Facilities will be planned for to accommodate the verified and mutually agreed upon trunk forecast.
- 3.4.6 Both Parties will negotiate a project service date and corresponding work schedule to construct relief facilities prior to facilities exhaust.
- 3.4.7 There are four basic Fiber Meet design options. The option selected must be mutually agreeable to both Parties. Additional arrangements may be mutually developed and agreed to by the Parties pursuant to the requirements of this section.
- 3.4.7.1 Design One: **SPRINT**’s fiber cable (four fibers) and **SBC-13STATE**’s fiber cable (four fibers) will be connected at a mutually agreeable and technically feasible mid-point between **SPRINT** and **SBC-13STATE** locations. This interconnection point will be at a mutually agreeable location, with the intent of a 50/50 share in the cost of the facilities. Each Parties' fiber cables will be terminated and then cross connected on a fiber termination panel. **SPRINT** and SBC will provide their own fiber termination panels and will be responsible for terminating and testing their own fibers. Each Party will supply fiber optic equipment at their respective end. The POI will be at the fiber termination panel at the mid-point meet.
- 3.4.7.2 Design Two: **SPRINT** will provide fiber cable to the last entrance (or **SBC-13STATE** designated) manhole at the **SBC-13STATE** Tandem or End Office switch. **SBC-13STATE** shall make all necessary preparations to receive and to allow and enable **SPRINT** to deliver fiber optic facilities into that manhole. **SPRINT** will provide a sufficient length of Fiber cable for **SBC-13STATE** to

pull through the **SBC-13STATE** cable vault. **SPRINT** shall deliver and maintain such strands wholly at its own expense up to the POI. **SBC-13STATE** shall take the fiber from the manhole and terminate it inside **SBC-13STATE**'s office at the cable vault at **SBC-13STATE**'s expense. In this case the POI shall be at the **SBC-13STATE** designated manhole location.

3.4.7.3 Design Three: **SBC-13STATE** will provide fiber cable to a mutually agreed upon manhole towards the last entrance (or **SPRINT** designated) manhole at the **SPRINT** location. **SPRINT** shall make all necessary preparations to receive and to allow and enable **SBC-13STATE** to deliver fiber optic facilities into that manhole. **SBC-13STATE** will provide a sufficient length of fiber cable for **SPRINT** to pull to a mutually agreed upon point of termination. **SBC-13STATE** shall deliver and maintain such strands wholly at its own expense up to the POI. **SPRINT** shall take the fiber from the manhole and terminate it inside **SPRINT**'s office on the FDF at **SPRINT**'s expense. In this case the POI shall be at the **SPRINT** designated manhole location.

3.4.7.4 Design Four: Both **SPRINT** and **SBC-13STATE** each provide two fibers between their locations to terminate at each parties' FOT. This design may only be considered where existing fibers are available and there is a mutual benefit to both Parties. **SBC-13STATE** will provide the fibers associated with the working side of the system. **SPRINT** will provide the fibers associated with the protection side of the system. The Parties will work cooperatively to terminate each other's fiber in order to provision this joint point-to-point linear chain SONET system. Both Parties will work cooperatively to determine the appropriate technical handoff for purposes of demarcation and fault isolation. The POI will be defined as being at the **SBC-13STATE** location.

3.4.8 **SPRINT** location includes FOTs, multiplexing and fiber required to terminate the optical signal provided from **SBC-13STATE**. This location is **SPRINT**'s responsibility to provision and maintain.

3.4.9 The **SBC-13STATE** location includes all **SBC-13STATE** FOT, multiplexing and fiber required to terminate the optical signal provided from **SPRINT**. This location is **SBC-13STATE**'s responsibility to provision and maintain.

3.4.10 **SBC-13STATE** and **SPRINT** shall, solely at their own expense, procure, install, and maintain the agreed-upon FOT equipment in each of their locations where the Parties established a Fiber Meet in capacity sufficient

to provision and maintain all trunk groups prescribed by Appendix ITR for the purposes of Interconnection.

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

3.4.12 **SPRINT** and **SBC-13STATE** will mutually agree on the capacity of the FOT(s) to be utilized based on equivalent DS1s or DS3s. Each Party will also agree upon the optical frequency and wavelength necessary to implement the Interconnection. The Parties will develop and agree upon methods for the capacity planning and management for these facilities, terms and conditions for over provisioning facilities, and the necessary processes to implement facilities as indicated below.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

4.1 For each local Interconnection within an **SBC-13STATE** area, **SPRINT** shall provide written notice to **SBC-13STATE** of the need to establish Interconnection in each local exchange area (**SBC-SWBT**) or LATA (**PACIFIC**, **NEVADA**, **SNET**, and **SBC-AMERITECH**). Such request will include (i) **SPRINT**'s Switch address, type of Switch and CLLI code; (ii) **SPRINT**'s requested Interconnection activation date; and (iii) a non-binding forecast of **SPRINT**'s trunking and facilities requirements.

4.2 Upon receipt of **SPRINT**'s notice to interconnect, the Parties shall schedule a meeting to negotiate and mutually agree on the network architecture (including trunking) to be documented as discussed in Section 2.1. The Interconnection activation date for an Interconnect shall be established based on then-existing force and load, the scope and complexity of the requested Interconnection and other relevant factors.

4.3 Either party may add or remove additional switches. The parties shall be entitled to provide written notice to establish such Interconnection; and the terms and conditions of this agreement will apply to such Interconnection.

4.4 The Parties recognize that a facility handoff point must be agreed to that establishes the demarcation for maintenance and provisioning responsibilities for each party on their side of the POI.

4.5 Facilities will be planned for in accordance with the trunk forecasts exchanged between the Parties as described in Appendix ITR.

4.6 The Parties will exchange SS7 signaling messages with one another, where and as available. The Parties will provide all line information signaling parameters including, but not limited to, Calling Party Number,

Charge Number (if it is different from calling party number), and originating line information ("OLI"). For terminating FGD, either Party will pass any CPN it receives from other carriers. All privacy indicators will be honored. Where available, network signaling information such as Transit Network Selection ("TNS") parameter (SS7 environment) will be provided by the end office Party wherever such information is needed for call routing or billing. Where TNS information has not been provided by the end office Party, the tandem Party will route originating Switched Access traffic to the IXC using available translations. The Parties will follow all industry Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF) adopted guidelines pertaining to TNS codes.

- 4.7 Either Party may combine local and intraLATA toll traffic with exchange access traffic on Feature Group B and D exchange access trunks it obtains from the other Party, and report to the other Party the factors necessary for proper billing of such combined traffic.

5. LEASING OF FACILITIES

- 5.1 Should **SBC-13STATE** wish to voluntarily provide **SPRINT** with Leased ILEC Facilities for the purpose of interconnection, the Parties agree that this voluntary offering is not required under FTA 96 nor under FCC UNE Remand Order 99-238, November 5, 1999, and is made with all rights reserved. The Parties further agree that any such voluntary offering is not subject to TELRIC cost methodologies, and instead will be market priced on an individual case basis. Should **SBC-13STATE** voluntarily offer Leased Facilities under this section, it (1) will advise the **SPRINT** in writing in advance of the applicable charges for Leased Facilities, and (2) will process the request only if **SPRINT** accepts such charges.
- 5.2 The purpose of this section is to cover both **SPRINT**'s and **SBC-SWBT, PACIFIC** and **NEVADA** leasing of facilities from each other for the purposes of Interconnection. **SBC-AMERITECH** and **SNET** offers leased facilities are from the applicable Access Tariff.
- 5.3 The Parties leasing of facilities from each other for purposes of this Appendix will be subject to mutual agreement of the Parties.
- 5.4 Leasing of facilities from either party for the above purposes and any future augmentations are subject to facility availability at the time of the written request.
- 5.5 The requesting Party will provide a written leased facility request that will specify the A- and Z-ends (CLLI codes, where known), equipment and multiplexing required and provide quantities requested. Requests for leasing of facilities for the purposes of Interconnection and any future augmentations are subject to facility availability at the time of the request. Applicable rates, terms and conditions will be determined at the time of the request.

- 5.6 Requests by either Party for leased facilities where facilities, equipment, or riser cable do not exist will be considered and the requesting Party may agree to provide under a Bona Fide Request (BFR) Process as defined below, unless otherwise provided out of a tariff, at the providing Party's sole discretion:
- 5.6.1 A BFR will be submitted by the requesting Party in writing and will include a description of the facilities needed including the quantity, size (DS1 or DS3), A- and Z-end of the facilities, equipment and multiplexing requirements, and date needed.
 - 5.6.2 The requesting Party may cancel a BFR at any time, but will pay the requested Party any reasonable and demonstrable costs of processing and/or implementing the BFR up to the date of cancellation.
 - 5.6.3 Within ten (10) business days of its receipt, the requested Party will acknowledge receipt of the BFR.
 - 5.6.4 Except under extraordinary circumstances, within thirty (30) business days of its receipt of a BFR, the requested Party will provide to the requesting Party a written response to the request. The response will confirm whether the leased facilities will be offered or not. If the leased facilities will be offered, the requested Party will provide the requesting Party a BFR quote which will include the applicable recurring rates and installation intervals.
 - 5.6.5 Within 65 calendar days of its receipt of the BFR quote, the requesting Party must confirm its order. If not confirmed within 65 calendar days, the requested Party reserves the right to modify or withdraw its BFR quote.

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 as provided in Section 2.9 of the General Terms & Conditions.

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**APPENDIX NP
(NUMBER PORTABILITY)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for Number Portability provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and SPRINT.
- 1.2 Definitions of terms used in this Appendix are contained in the General Terms and Conditions, except as specifically identified herein. The following definitions from the General Terms and Conditions are legitimately related to this Appendix: SBC-13STATE, SBC-SWBT, PACIFIC, NEVADA, SNET, SBC-AMERITECH.
- 1.3 As used herein, SBC-10STATE means an ILEC doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.
- 1.4 The prices at which SBC-13STATE agrees to provide SPRINT with Numbering Portability are contained in the applicable FCC tariff.

2. INTERIM NUMBER PORTABILITY (INP) [SBC-SWBT ONLY]

- 2.1 Due to all NEVADA, PACIFIC, SBC-AMERITECH and SNET switches being LNP capable, this Section does not apply.
- 2.2 General Terms and Conditions
- 2.2.1 SBC-SWBT and SPRINT will provide Interim Number Portability (INP) in accordance with requirements of the Act. INP will be provided by each Party to the other upon request. INP will be provided with minimum impairment of functionality, quality, reliability and convenience to subscribers of SPRINT or SBC-SWBT. As described herein, INP is a service arrangement whereby an End User, who switches subscription of exchange service from one provider to another is permitted to retain, for its use, the existing assigned number provided that the End User remains in the same serving wire center.
- 2.3 Service Provided
- 2.3.1 SBC-SWBT shall provide INP to SPRINT only, as described herein.
- 2.3.2 SBC-SWBT shall provide INP services and facilities only where technically feasible, subject to the availability of facilities, and only from

properly equipped central offices. **SBC-SWBT** does not offer INP services and facilities for NXX codes 555, 976, 950.

2.3.3 **SBC-SWBT** shall not provide INP services for End User accounts where the End User's payments are thirty (30) days or more in arrears, or where contract termination liabilities would be assessed by **SBC-SWBT** to the End User, unless full payment is made, or an agreement is reached where **SPRINT** agrees to make full payment on the End User's behalf, including any termination amounts due.

2.3.4 When the exchange service offerings associated with INP service are provisioned using remote switching arrangements, **SBC-SWBT** shall make INP service available only from, or to host central offices.

2.4 Obligations of SBC-SWBT

2.4.1 **SBC-SWBT**'s sole responsibility is to comply with the service requests it receives from **SPRINT** and to provide INP in accordance with this Appendix.

2.5 Obligations of SPRINT

2.5.1 **SPRINT** shall coordinate the provision of service with **SBC-SWBT** to assure that **SPRINT**'s switch is capable of accepting INP ported traffic.

2.5.2 **SPRINT** is solely responsible to provide equipment and facilities that are compatible with **SBC-SWBT**'s service parameters, interfaces, equipment and facilities. **SPRINT** shall provide sufficient terminating facilities and services at the terminating end of an INP call to adequately handle all traffic to that location and shall ensure that its facilities, equipment and services do not interfere with or impair any facility, equipment or service of **SBC-SWBT** or any of its End Users. In the event that **SBC-SWBT** determines in its sole judgment that **SPRINT** will likely impair or is impairing, or interfering with any equipment, facility or service of **SBC-SWBT** or any of its End Users, **SBC-SWBT** may either refuse to provide INP service or terminate it in accordance with other provisions of this Agreement or **SBC-SWBT**'s tariffs, where applicable.

2.5.3 **SPRINT** shall provide an appropriate intercept announcement service for any telephone numbers subscribed to INP service for which **SPRINT** is not presently providing exchange service or terminating to an End User.

2.5.4 Where **SPRINT** chooses to disconnect or terminate any INP service, **SPRINT** shall designate which standard **SBC-SWBT** intercept announcement **SBC-SWBT** shall provide for disconnected number.

2.5.5 When a ported telephone number becomes vacant, e.g., the telephone number is no longer in service by the original End User and a period for intercept and referral equivalent to that which is provided by **SBC-SWBT** to its own End User subscribers has elapsed, the ported telephone number will be released back to **SBC-SWBT**.

2.5.5.1 Formerly ported telephone numbers which revert to **SBC-SWBT** as described above shall be reassigned or provided with a standard **SBC-SWBT** intercept announcement in accordance with **SBC-SWBT**'s standard operating procedures then in effect.

2.5.6 **SPRINT** shall designate to **SBC-SWBT** at the time of its initial service request for INP service one of the following options for handling and processing of Calling Card, Collect, Third Party, and other operator handled non-sent paid calls from or to **SPRINT** assigned telephone numbers:

2.5.6.1 **SPRINT** may elect to block the completion of third number and calling card calls through the use of LIDB to select ported numbers.

2.5.6.2 For non-sent paid calls billed to INP assigned numbers, a separate sub-clearinghouse billing arrangement must be established which will provide for the transmission of the EMR 01-01-01 billing records, and settlement of toll revenues.

2.6 Limitations Of Service

2.6.1 **SBC-SWBT** is not responsible for adverse effects on any service, facility or equipment from the use of INP service.

2.6.2 End-to-end transmission characteristics cannot be specified by **SBC-SWBT** for calls over INP facilities because end-to-end transmission characteristics may vary depending on the distance and routing necessary to complete calls over INP facilities and the fact that another carrier is involved in the provisioning of service.

2.7 Service Descriptions

2.7.1 INP-Remote

2.7.1.1 INP-Remote is a service whereby a call dialed to an INP-Remote equipped telephone number, assigned to SBC-SWBT, is automatically forwarded to SPRINT-assigned, 7 or 10 digit telephone number. The forwarded-to-number must be specified by SPRINT at the same wire center wherein the ported number resides.

2.7.1.2 INP-Remote provides an initial call path and two (2) additional paths for the forwarding of no more than three (3) simultaneous calls to SPRINT's specified forwarded-to number. Additional call paths are available on a per path basis.

2.7.1.3 The SPRINT-assigned forwarded-to number shall be treated as two (2) separate calls with respect to interconnection compensation, End User toll billing and intercompany settlement and access billing, i.e., an incoming call to the SBC-SWBT ported number shall be handled like any other SBC-SWBT call being terminated to that end office and the ported call to SPRINT assigned telephone number in SPRINT switch shall be handled as any local calls between SBC-SWBT and SPRINT.

2.7.1.4 Where facilities exist, SBC-SWBT will provide identification of the originating telephone number, via SS7 signaling, to SPRINT.

2.7.2 INP-Direct

2.7.2.1 INP-Direct is a service which provides for the delivery of the called (dialed) number to SPRINT's switching (central office or premises) equipment for identification and subsequent routing and call completion.

2.7.2.2 INP-Direct is available either on a per voice grade channel basis or a per DS1 (24 equivalent voice grade channels) basis.

2.7.2.2.1 Where the location of SPRINT's switching equipment to which SBC-SWBT is providing voice grade or DS1 INP-Direct service reside outside the exchange or central office serving area from which the INP-Direct service is purchased, SPRINT shall pay applicable interoffice mileage charges as specified in the applicable state Special Access Tariff.

2.7.2.3 INP-Direct service must be established with a minimum configuration of two (2) voice grade channels and one (1) unassigned telephone number per SBC-SWBT switch. Transport facilities arranged for INP-Direct may not be mixed with any other type of trunk group. Outgoing calls may not be placed over facilities arranged for INP-Direct service.

2.7.2.4 SS7 Signaling is not available on the INP-Direct facilities.

2.8 Intercompany Terminating Compensation

2.8.1 With regard intercompany terminating compensation and switched access revenues associated with interim number portability, the Porting Party shall pay the Ported-to-Party \$1.75 per month for each business line and \$1.25 per month for each residence line associated with the INP arrangement. Determination of the number of lines to which the above payment shall apply will be made at the time the INP arrangement is established. Such payment shall continue until the INP arrangement is disconnected or PNP is made available for the INP number, whichever occurs first. Such amount is in consideration of the Switched Access compensation and intercompany terminating reciprocal compensation that would have been received by each Party if PNP had been in effect.

2.9 Pricing

2.9.1 The Parties will comply with all effective FCC, Commission and/or court orders governing INP cost recovery and compensation. The Parties acknowledge that the Telephone Number Portability Order is subject to pending Petitions for Reconsideration and may be appealed. As such, the Number Portability Order may be reconsidered, revised and remanded, or vacated, subject to further proceedings before the FCC. As such, until a final decision is rendered on INP cost recovery, the Parties agree to track the costs associated with the implementation and provision of INP and to “true-up” INP-related accruals to reflect the final terms of any such order.

2.9.2 Neither Party waives its rights to advocate its views on INP cost recovery, or to present before any appropriate regulatory agency or court its views.

3. **PERMANENT NUMBER PORTABILITY (PNP)**

3.1 General Terms and Conditions

- 3.1.1 The Parties agree that the industry has established local routing number (LRN) technology as the method by which permanent number portability (PNP) will be provided in response to FCC Orders in FCC 95-116 (i.e., First Report and Order and subsequent Orders issued to the date this agreement was signed). As such, the parties agree to provide PNP via LRN to each other as required by such FCC Orders or Industry agreed upon practices.
- 3.1.2 Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this agreement, SNET does not offer PNP under this agreement. Rather, PNP is available as described in Section 14 of the Connecticut Tariff FCC No. 39.

3.2 Service Provided

- 3.2.1 SBC-13STATE provides SPRINTs the use of the SBC-13STATE PNP database via the Service Provider Number Portability (SPNP) Database Query. The SPRINT's STP, tandem, and/or end office's LRN software will determine the need for, and triggers, the query. SBC-13STATE's PNP database will determine if a number has, or has not, been ported and will provide LRN if a number is ported.
- 3.2.2 SBC-13STATE will provide SPRINT the use of the SBC-13STATE PNP database, PNP software, and SS7 network via the SPNP Query.
- 3.2.3 The Parties shall:
- 3.2.3.1 disclose, upon request, any technical limitations that would prevent LNP implementation in a particular switching office; and
- 3.2.3.2 provide PNP services and facilities only where technically feasible, subject to the availability of facilities, and only from properly equipped central office
- 3.2.4 The Parties do not offer PNP services and facilities for NXX codes 555, 976, 950.

3.3 Obligations of SBC-13STATE

- 3.3.1 PACIFIC/NEVADA/SBC-AMERITECH has deployed LRN in all of their switches.
- 3.3.2 SBC-SWBT has deployed LRN in the following MSAs per the timelines set forth by the FCC:

MSA

DEPLOYMENT WAS COMPLETED BY

Houston	May 26, 1998
Dallas, St. Louis	June 26, 1998
Ft. Worth, Kansas City	July 27, 1998
Oklahoma City, Austin, San Antonio, West Memphis,	September 30, 1998
Tulsa, El Paso, Wichita, Little Rock	December 31, 1998

3.3.3 After December 31, 1998, SBC-SWBT will deploy LRN in other MSAs/areas within six (6) months after receipt of Bona Fide Request (BFR) from the SPRINT (see EXHIBIT 1).

3.3.4 SBC-12STATE may cancel any line-based calling cards associated with telephone numbers ported from their switch.

3.4 Obligations of SPRINT

3.4.1 When purchasing the SPNP Database Query, SPRINT will access SBC-12STATE's facilities via an SS7 link: SBC-AMERITECH - Section 8 of FCC No. 2 Access Service Tariff/NEVADA - Section 6 of FCC No. 1 Access Services tariff/PACIFIC - Section 6 of FCC No. 128 Access Service tariff/ SBC-SWBT- Section 23 and 32 of FCC No. 73 Access Service Tariff) to the SBC-12STATE STP.

3.4.2 When purchasing the SPNP Query - Prearranged, SPRINT will advise PACIFIC/NEVADA/SBC-SWBT of the entry point(s) of queries to the PACIFIC/NEVADA/SBC-SWBT network and provide a query forecast for each entry point.

3.4.3 The SPRINT is responsible for advising the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) of telephone numbers that it imports and the associated data as identified in industry forums as being required for PNP.

3.4.4 After the initial deployment of PNP in a mandated MSA, SPRINT shall submit a BFR (see EXHIBIT 1) to request that a SBC-SWBT switch in that MSA become LRN capable. The requested switch will be made LRN capable within the time frame stipulated by the FCC.

- 3.4.5 When **SPRINT** requests that an NXX in an LRN capable **SBC-12STATE** switch become portable, **SPRINT** shall follow the industry standard LERG procedure.
- 3.4.6 **SPRINT** shall be certified by the Regional NPAC prior to scheduling Intercompany testing of PNP.
- 3.4.7 **SPRINT** shall adhere to **SBC-12STATE**'s Local Service Request (LSR) format and PNP due date intervals.
- 3.4.8 **SPRINT** shall adhere to **SBC-12STATE**'s reserved number terms and conditions pursuant to Appendix Numbering.

3.5 Obligations of Both Parties

- 3.5.1 When a ported telephone number becomes vacant, e.g., the telephone number is no longer in service by the original End User, the ported telephone number will be released back to the carrier owning the switch in which the telephone number's NXX is native.
- 3.5.2 Each party has the right to block default routed call entering a network in order to protect the public switched network from overload, congestion, or failure propagation.
- 3.5.3 Industry guidelines shall be followed regarding all aspects of porting numbers from one network to another.
- 3.5.4 Intracompany testing shall be performed prior to the scheduling of intercompany testing.
- 3.5.5 Each Party will designate a single point of contact (SPOC) to schedule and perform required testing. These tests will be performed during a mutually agreed time frame and must meet the criteria set forth by the InterIndustry LNP Regional Team for porting.
- 3.5.6 Each Party shall abide by NANC and the InterIndustry LNP Regional Team provisioning and implementation process.
- 3.5.7 Each Party shall become responsible for the End User's other telecommunications related items, e.g. E911, Directory Listings, Operator Services, Line Information Database (LIDB), when they port the End User's telephone number to their switch.

3.6 Limitations of Service

- 3.6.1 Telephone numbers can be ported only within PACIFIC/NEVADA/SBC-SWBT toll rate centers / SBC-AMERITECH rate centers or rate districts, which ever is a smaller geographic area, as approved by State Commissions.
- 3.6.2 Telephone numbers in the following SBC-12STATE NXXs shall not be ported: (i) wireless NXXs until the FCC mandates that those NXXs be portable; and (ii) SBC-12STATE Official Communications Services (OCS) NXXs.
- 3.6.3 Telephone numbers with NXXs dedicated to choke/High Volume Call-In (HVCI) networks are not portable via LRN. Choke numbers will be ported as described in Section 5 of this Appendix.

3.7 Service Descriptions

- 3.7.1 The switch's LRN software determines if the called party is in a portable NXX. If the called party is in a portable NXX, a query is launched to the PNP database to determine whether or not the called number is ported.
- 3.7.2 When the called number with a portable NXX is ported, an LRN is returned to the switch that launched the query. Per industry standards, the LRN appears in the CdPN (Called Party Number) field of the SS7 message and the called number then appears in the GAP (Generic Address Parameter) field.
- 3.7.3 When the called number with a portable NXX is not ported, the call is completed as in the pre-PNP environment.
- 3.7.4 The FCI (Forward Call Identifier) field's entry is changed from 0 to 1 by the switch triggering the query when a query is made, regardless of whether the called number is ported or not.
- 3.7.5 The N-1 carrier (N carrier is the responsible Party for terminating call to the End User) has the responsibility to determine if a query is required, to launch the query, and to route the call to the switch or network in which the telephone number resides.
- 3.7.6 If SPRINT chooses not to fulfill its N-1 carrier responsibility, SBC-12STATE will perform queries on calls to telephone numbers with portable NXXs received from the N-1 carrier and route the call to the switch or network in which the telephone number resides.
- 3.7.7 The SPRINT shall be responsible for payment of charges to SBC-12STATE for any queries made on the N-1 carrier's behalf when one or

more telephone numbers have been ported in the called telephone number's NXX.

3.7.8 The **SPRINT** shall populate the Jurisdictional Identification Parameter (JIP) field with the first six (6) digits (NPA NXX format) of the appropriate LRN of the originating switch.

3.8 Pricing

3.8.1 The price of PNP queries shall be the same as those in

SBC-AMERITECH - Section 6 of the FCC No. 2 Access Services Tariff
NEVADA BELL - Section 19 of the FCC No. 1 Access Services Tariff
PACIFIC BELL – Section 13 of the FCC No. 128 Access Services Tariff
SBC-SWBT – Section 34 of the FCC No. 73 Access Services Tariff

3.8.2 **SPRINT** agrees not to charge **SBC-12STATE**, nor any SBC Affiliate, SBC Subsidiary, or **SBC-12STATE** End User for the ordering, provisioning, or conversion of ported telephone numbers as a means for the **SPRINT** to recover the costs associated with LNP.

4. **INP TO PNP TRANSITION**

4.1 **PACIFIC/NEVADA/SBC-AMERITECH** has deployed LRN in all of their switches.

4.2 **SBC-SWBT** has deployed LRN in the switches requested as result of the State Commission's poll of **SPRINT**s to name the switches in which they wanted LRN deployed.

4.3 **SPRINT**s shall issue LSRs to change their existing INP accounts to PNP within a ninety (90) day window, or as otherwise negotiated, which starts immediately after the FCC mandated PNP Phase completes for that MSA or when a switch in a non-mandated area becomes LNP capable.

4.4 New requests for INP will not be provided in a **SBC-12STATE** switch once LRN has been deployed in that switch.

4.5 The Parties shall coordinate each MSA's transition from INP to PNP. When a service provider's INP lines exceed eight (8) in an NXX and/or fifty (50) lines in a MSA, they shall send advance notice to the owner of the switch(es) in which those telephone numbers are homed indicating the volume of orders involved in the INP to PNP transition.

5. MASS CALLING CODES

5.1 General Terms and Conditions

5.1.1 Mass calling codes, i.e., choke/HVCI NXXs, are used in a network serving arrangement provided by SBC-12STATE in special circumstances where large numbers of incoming calls are solicited by an End User and the number of calls far exceeds the switching capacity of the terminating office, the number of lines available for terminating those calls, and/or the STP's query capacity to the PNP database. The following two different sets of End User objectives usually create this condition: (a) low call completion; and (b) high call completion.

5.1.2 Given the potentially hazardous effect calling conditions of this nature could have on the network, SBC-12STATE will provide mass calling code portability using a non-LRN solution.

5.2 Service Provided

5.2.1 SBC-12STATE will offer the ability to port telephone numbers with mass calling NXX codes via the use of pseudo codes or route index numbers. In this non-LRN scenario, calls to the SBC-12STATE mass calling NXX code will leave the originating end office over dedicated MF (multi-frequency) trunk groups to the SBC-12STATE mass calling tandem and/or SBC-AMERITECH mass calling hub. The mass calling tandem will then route the calls over dedicated MF trunks to the SBC-12STATE choke serving central office (CSO). The CSO will translate the dialed mass calling number to a non-dialable pseudo code or a route index number that routes the call to the mass calling customer.

5.2.2 When a SPRINT requests that a SBC-12STATE number with a mass calling NXX code be ported to its network, SBC-12STATE will build translations at the CSO to route the incoming calls to a SPRINT provided dedicated Direct Inward Dial (DID) MF trunk group from the CSO to the SPRINT central office.

5.3 Obligations of SBC-12STATE

5.3.1 SBC-12STATE will port its numbers with mass calling NXXs upon request by the SPRINT. Non-LRN porting will be done via pseudo code or route index translation in the SBC-12STATE CSO rather than STP queries to the PNP database. This method of porting mass call numbers will be used during both INP and PNP period in each market.

5.3.2 SBC-12STATE will not charge the SPRINT for the use of its choke network by the SPRINT's mass calling customer. In exchange, SBC-12STATE shall not be responsible to pay intercompany terminating compensation for terminating minutes of use (MOU) for ported choke calls.

5.4 Obligations of SPRINT

5.4.1 SPRINT shall agree to adhere to SBC-12STATE LSR format and mass calling due date intervals.

5.4.2 The SPRINT shall provide the facility and DID trunk group from the SBC-12STATE CSO to the SPRINT's serving office. The SPRINT shall size this one-way MF trunk group.

5.4.3 The SPRINT shall forego any inter-company terminating MOU compensation for termination calls coming in on this trunk group.

5.5 SPRINT Mass Calling Codes

5.5.1 Should the SPRINT assign a mass calling NXX code(s) and establish a mass calling interface for traffic destined to its CSO(s), the SPRINT shall home its CSO(s) on a SBC-12STATE mass calling tandem and a similar mass calling trunking arrangement (one-way outgoing with MF signaling) will be provided from SBC-12STATE's tandem and/or SBC-AMERITECH mass calling hub to the SPRINT. In order to allow the Parties time to order and install such mass calling trunks, the SPRINT shall provide SBC-12STATE notification of its intention to deploy mass calling NXX code(s) at least ninety (90) days before such codes are opened in the LERG. For more information regarding this mass local interconnection trunk group, See Appendix ITR.

5.5.2 MF SS7 trunk groups shall not be provided within a DS1 facility. A separate DS1 facility per signaling type must be used. Where SBC-12STATE and SPRINT both provide mass calling trunking, both Parties' mass calling trunks may ride the same DS1 facility.

5.6 Limitations of Service

5.6.1 SPRINT shall adhere to SBC-12STATE's reserved number terms and conditions. When a ported number with a mass calling NXX code becomes vacant, e.g., the ported number is no longer in service by the original End User, the ported number shall be released back to the carrier owning the switch in which the telephone number's NXX is native.

6. PROVISION OF INP AND PNP BY SPRINT TO SBC-SWBT

6.1 SPRINT shall provide INP and PNP to SBC-SWBT under no less favorable terms and conditions as when SBC-SWBT provides such services to SPRINT.

7. PROVISION OF PNP BY SPRINT TO PACIFIC/NEVADA/SBC-AMERITECH

7.1 SPRINT shall provide PNP to PACIFIC/NEVADA/SBC-AMERITECH under no less favorable terms and conditions as when PACIFIC/NEVADA/SBC-AMERITECH provides such services to SPRINT.

8. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8.1 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 as provided in Section 2.9 of the General Terms and Conditions.

EXHIBIT 1

[This Attachment is applicable to SBC-SWBT only.]
PERMANENT NUMBER PORTABILITY (PNP)
BONA FIDE REQUEST (BFR) PROCESS

The Permanent Number Portability (PNP) Bona Fide Request (BFR) is a process that Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (SPRINTs) shall use to request that PNP be deployed

- in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) beyond the 100 largest MSAs in the country and
- additional switch(es) in an MSA in which PNP has been deployed.

Per the FCC First Report and Order and Further Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking (July, 1996, ¶80), SPRINT can request that PNP be deployed in additional MSAs beginning January 1, 1999. SBC-SWBT is to provide PNP in that MSA in the requested switches within six (6) months of receipt of BFR.

Per the FCC's First Memorandum Opinion And Order On Reconsideration (March 1997, ¶65,66), switches that were not requested to be PNP capable in the initial PNP deployment in the top 100 MSAs can be requested to be made PNP capable. The following time frames begin after an MSA's Phase end date has been reached:

1. equipped remote switches within 30 days
2. hardware capable switches within 60 days
3. capable switches requiring hardware within 180 days
4. non-capable switches within 180 days

These time frames begin after the receipt of a BFR.

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF PNP SOFTWARE

The request to make one or more switches in an MSA PNP capable shall be made in the form of a letter or the form on pages 3 through 5 of this Attachment from **SPRINT** to its **SBC-SWBT** Account Manager which shall specify the following:

- The MSA in which requested switch(es) are located.
- The switch(es), by CLLI code, that are to become PNP capable.
- The date when PNP capability is requested with the FCC established time frames being the least amount of time.
- The projected quantity of queries that result from this new capability with a demand forecast per tandem or end office with which **SPRINT** interconnects.
- An initial response from the **SBC-SWBT** Account Manager, acknowledging receipt of the BFR and the date when requested switch(es) will be PNP capable, must be made to **SPRINT** within ten (10) business days of receipt of the BFR.

Local Number Portability (LNP) Bona Fide Request (BFR)

Southwest Region LNP Network Operations Team

DATE: _____ (date of request)

TO: _____ (name of service provider)
 _____ (address of service provider)
 _____ (contact name/number)

FROM: _____ (requester/service provider name/ID)
 _____ (requester switch(es)/CLLI)
 _____ (authorized by name)
 _____ (authorized by title)
 _____ (contact name/address/number)

Affidavit attesting requester as authorized agent should accompany request.

SWITCH(ES):

CLLI ¹	Rate Center Name ²	Rate Center VC/HC ²	NPA-NXX(s) ³
_____	_____	_____	All: Y or N
_____	_____	_____	All: Y or N
_____	_____	_____	All: Y or N
_____	_____	_____	All: Y or N
_____	_____	_____	All: Y or N

DATES: Requested date switch(es) should be LNP capable: _____ (mm/dd/yy)
 Requested code opening date⁴: _____ (mm/dd/yy)

Notes: See following page.

Acknowledgment of BFR is to be sent to the requester within ten business days.

Local Number Portability (LNP) Bona Fide Request (BFR)

Southwest Region LNP Network Operations Team (Continued)

Notes: ¹ List each switch targeted for LNP by its specific CLLI code.

² Enter associated Rate Center information from LERG, including: Rate Center Name and Associated V&H Terminating Point Master Coordinates; Source of the LERG information: Destination Code Record (DRD) Screen.

³ Circle or highlight **Y** if requesting all eligible NPA-NXX codes in that specific switch to be opened. Circle or highlight **N** if only certain NPA NXX codes are being requested, then provide list of desired NPA NXX(s).

Note: Targeting of specific NPA-NXX codes should be carefully considered. A traditional ILEC may serve a single rate center with multiple switches (CLLIs and NXX codes) while SPRINT may serve multiple rate centers with a single switch. In the latter case, use of a specific NXX code will determine the rate center.

⁴ As documented in the Southwest Region Code Opening Process.

Acknowledgment of LNP Bona Fide Request (BFR)

Southwest Region LNP Network Operations Team

DATE: _____ (date of response)

TO: _____ (requester/CLEC name/ID)
_____ (contact name/address/number)
_____ (requester switch(es)/CLLI)

FROM: _____ (name of service provider)
_____ (address of provider)
_____ (contact name/number)

Switch request(s) accepted:

CLLI Accepted	LNP Effective Date	or	Modified Effective Date	Ineligible NPA-NXXs
_____ (CLLI 1)	_____		_____	_____
_____ (CLLI 2)	_____		_____	_____
_____ (CLLI 3)	_____		_____	_____
_____ (CLLI 4)	_____		_____	_____

Switch request(s) denied/reason for denial:

_____ (CLLI 1): _____

_____ (CLLI 2): _____

_____ (CLLI 3): _____

Authorized company representative signature/title:

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APPENDIX NUMBERING

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions under which SBC-13STATE will coordinate with respect to NXX assignments.
- 1.2 Definitions of terms used in this Appendix are contained in the General Terms and Conditions, except as specifically identified herein. The following definitions from the General Terms and Conditions are legitimately related to this Appendix: SBC-13STATE, SBC-SWBT, PACIFIC, NEVADA, SNET, SBC-AMERITECH.

2. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 2.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or otherwise adversely impact in any manner either Party's right to employ or to request and be assigned any North American Numbering Plan (NANP) number resources from the numbering administrator including, but not limited to, central office (NXX) codes pursuant to the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, or to establish, by tariff or otherwise, Exchanges and Rating Points corresponding to such NXX codes. Each Party is responsible for administering the NXX codes it is assigned.
- 2.2 At a minimum, in those Metropolitan Exchange Areas where SPRINT is properly certified by the appropriate regulatory body and intends to provide local exchange service, SPRINT shall obtain a separate NXX code for each SBC-13STATE rate center which is required to ensure compliance with the industry-approved Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (most current version) or other industry approved numbering guidelines and the FCC's Second Report & Order in CC Docket 95-116, released August 18, 1997 (Local Number Portability). This will enable SPRINT and SBC-13STATE to identify the jurisdictional nature of traffic for intercompany compensation until such time as both Parties have implemented billing and routing capabilities to determine traffic jurisdiction on a basis other than NXX codes.
- 2.3 Pursuant to Section 7.3 of the North American Numbering Council Local Number Portability Architecture and Administrative Plan report, which was adopted by the FCC, Second Report and Order, CC Docket 95-116, released August 18, 1997, portability is technically limited to rate center/rate district boundaries of the incumbent LEC due to rating and

routing concerns. Therefore, Parties shall assign telephone numbers from its NXX's only to those customers that are physically located in the rate center to which the NXX is assigned.

- 2.4 Each Party is responsible to program and update its own switches and network systems to recognize and route traffic to the other Party's assigned NXX codes at all times. Neither Party shall impose fees or charges on the other Party for such required programming and updating activities.
- 2.5 Each Party is responsible to input required data into the Routing Data Base Systems (RDBS) and into the Telcordia Rating Administrative Data Systems (BRADS) or other appropriate system(s) necessary to update the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG), unless negotiated otherwise.
- 2.6 Neither Party is responsible for notifying the other Parties' End Users of any changes in dialing arrangements, including those due to NPA exhaust.
- 2.7 NXX Migration
 - 2.7.1 Where either Party has activated an entire NXX for a single End User, or activated more than half of an NXX for a single End User with the remaining numbers in that NXX either reserved for future use or otherwise unused, and such End User chooses to receive service from the other Party, the first Party shall cooperate with the second Party to have the entire NXX reassigned in the LERG (and associated industry databases, routing tables, etc.) to an End Office operated by the second Party provided that the requested rate center is the same rate center that physically serves the customer in a non-foreign exchange arrangement. Such transfer will require development of a transition process to minimize impact on the Network and on the End User(s)' service and will be subject to appropriate industry lead times (currently forty-five (45) days) for movements of NXXs from one switch to another. The Party to whom the NXX is migrated will pay NXX migration charges per NXX to the Party formerly assigned the NXX as described in the Pricing Appendix under "OTHER".

2.8 Test Numbers

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

3. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

3.1 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 as provided in Section 2.99 of the General Terms and Conditions.

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**APPENDIX OS
(OPERATOR SERVICES)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for Operator Services (OS) provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and SPRINT.
- 1.2 Definitions of terms used in this Appendix are contained in the General Terms and Conditions, except as specifically identified herein. The following definitions from the General Terms and Conditions are legitimately related to this Appendix: SBC-13STATE, SBC-SWBT, PACIFIC, NEVADA, SNET, SBC-AMERITECH.
- 1.3 As used herein, SBC-10STATE means the applicable above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

2. SERVICES

- 2.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, SBC-13STATE will provide the following OS:
- 2.1.1 Fully Automated Call Processing
- Allows the caller to complete a call utilizing equipment without the assistance of an SBC-13STATE operator, hereafter called "Operator.
- 2.1.1.1 SBC-10STATE and PACIFIC - This allows the caller the option of completing calls through an Automated Alternate Billing System (AABS). Automated functions can only be activated from a touch-tone telephone. Use of a rotary telephone or failure or slow response by the caller to the audio prompts will bridge the caller to an Operator for assistance.
- 2.1.1.2 NEVADA – This allows the caller the option of billing calling card calls through a Mechanized Calling Card Service (MCCS). Automated functions can only be activated from a touch-tone telephone.

2.1.2 Operator-Assisted Call Processing

- 2.1.2.1 Allows the caller to complete a call by receiving assistance from an Operator.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 Fully Automated Call Processing - Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** can support the following fully automated call types as outlined below:

3.1.1 Fully Automated Calling Card Service.

- 3.1.1.1 **SBC-13STATE** -This service is provided when the caller dials zero (“0”), plus the desired telephone number and the calling card number to which the call is to be charged. The call is completed without the assistance of an Operator. An authorized calling card for the purpose of this Appendix, is one for which billing validation can be performed.

3.1.2 Fully Automated Collect and Bill to Third Number Services or Mechanized Calling Card System

- 3.1.2.1 **SBC-12STATE** - The caller dials zero (0) plus the telephone number desired, and selects the Collect or Bill To Third Number billing option as instructed by the automated equipment. The call is completed without the assistance of an Operator.

3.1.3 **SBC-8STATE** will treat the following situations as Fully Automated service:

- 3.1.3.1 When the caller identifies himself or herself as disabled.
- 3.1.3.2 When the caller reports trouble on the network.
- 3.1.3.3 When the Operator reestablishes an interrupted call.

3.2 Operator-Assisted Call Processing - Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** will support the following Operator-assisted call types for **SPRINT**:

- 3.2.1 Semi-Automated Calling Card Service. A service provided when the caller dials zero (0) plus the telephone number desired and the calling card number to which the call is to be charged. The call is completed with the

assistance of an Operator. An authorized calling card for the purpose of this Appendix, is one for which **SBC-13STATE** can perform billing validation.

- 3.2.2 **Semi-Automated Collect and Bill to Third Number Services**. The caller dials zero (0) plus the telephone number desired, and selects the Collect or Bill To Third Number billing option as instructed by the automated equipment. The call is completed with the assistance of an Operator.
- 3.2.3 **Semi-Automated Person-To-Person Service**. A service in which the caller dials zero (0) plus the telephone number desired and asks the Operator for assistance in reaching a particular person, or a particular PBX station, department or office to be reached through a PBX attendant. This service applies even if the caller agrees, after the connection is established, to speak to any party other than the party previously specified.
- 3.2.4 **Operator Handled Services**. Services provided when the caller dials zero (0) for Operator assistance in placing a sent paid, calling card, collect, third number or person to person call.
- 3.2.5 **Line Status Verification**. A service in which the Operator, upon request, will check the requested line for conversation in progress and advise the caller.
- 3.2.6 **Busy Line Interrupt**. A service in which the caller asks the Operator to interrupt a conversation in progress, to determine if one of the parties is willing to speak to the caller requesting the interrupt. Busy Line Interrupt service applies even if no conversation is in progress at the time of the interrupt attempt, or when the parties interrupted refuse to terminate the conversation in progress.
- 3.2.7 **Operator Transfer Service**. A service in which the local caller requires Operator Assistance for completion of a call terminating outside the originating LATA.

4. CALL BRANDING

- 4.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** will brand OS in **SPRINT**'s name based upon the criteria outlined below:
 - 4.1.1 Where **SBC-13STATE** provides **SPRINT** Operator Services (OS) and DA services via the same trunk, both the OS and DA calls will be branded with the same brand. Where **SBC-13STATE** is only providing OS on behalf of the **SPRINT**, the calls will be branded.

- 4.1.2 **SPRINT** name used in branding calls may be subject to Commission regulations and should match the name in which **SPRINT** is certified.
- 4.1.3 **SBC-10STATE** - **SPRINT** will provide written specifications of its company name to be used by **SBC-10STATE** to create **SPRINT** specific branding messages for its OS calls in accordance with the process outlined in the Operator Services OS/DA Questionnaire (OSQ). **SPRINT** attests that it has been provided a copy of the Operator Services OS/DA Questionnaire (OSQ).
- 4.1.4 **SBC-2STATE** - **SPRINT** will provide recorded announcement(s) of its company name to be used to brand the **SPRINT**'s OS calls in accordance with the process outlined in the Operator Services OS/DA Questionnaire (OSQ).
- 4.1.5 A **SPRINT** purchasing **SBC-13STATE** unbundled local switching is responsible for maintaining **SPRINT**'s End User customer records in **SBC-13STATE** Line Information Database (LIDB) as described in Appendix LIDB-AS. **SPRINT**'s failure to properly administer customer records in LIDB may result in branding errors.
- 4.1.6 Multiple Brands
- 4.1.6.1 **SBC-7STATE** can support multiple brands on a single trunk group for a facilities-based **SPRINT** if all End User customer records for all carriers utilizing the same trunk group are maintained in **SBC-7STATE** LIDB.
- 4.1.6.2 **SNET** can support multiple brands for facilities-based **SPRINT**'s on multiple trunk groups.
- 4.1.7 Branding Load Charges
- 4.1.7.1 **SBC-SWBT** - An initial non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch, for the establishment of **SPRINT** specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement. In addition, a per call charge applies for every OS call handled by **SBC-SWBT** on behalf of **SPRINT** when such services are provided in conjunction with: i) the purchase of **SBC-SWBT** unbundled local switching; or ii) when multiple brands are required on a single Operator Services trunk.

- 4.1.7.2 **SBC-AMERITECH** – An initial non-recurring charge applies per brand, per Operator Assistance Switch, per trunk group for the establishment of **SPRINT** specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per brand, per Operator assistance switch, per trunk group for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.
- 4.1.7.3 **SBC-2STATE** – An initial non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch, for the establishment of **SPRINT** specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.
- 4.1.7.4 **SNET** – An initial non-recurring charge applies per brand, per load, per Operator assistance switch for the establishment of **SPRINT** specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per brand, per load, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

5. OPERATOR SERVICES (OS) RATE/REFERENCE INFORMATION

- 5.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, **SBC-13STATE** will provide **SPRINT** OS Rate/Reference Information based upon the criteria outlined below:
- 5.1.1 **SPRINT** will furnish OS Rate and Reference Information in a mutually agreed to format or media thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the date when the OS are to be undertaken.
- 5.1.2 **SPRINT** will inform **SBC-13STATE**, in writing, of any changes to be made to such Rate/Reference Information fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the effective Rate/Reference change date. **SPRINT** acknowledges that it is responsible to provide **SBC-13STATE** updated Rate/Reference Information fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of when the updated Rate/Reference Information is to become effective.
- 5.1.3 An initial non-recurring charge will apply per state, per Operator assistance switch for loading of **SPRINT**'s OS Rate/Reference Information. An additional non-recurring charge will apply per state, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to either the **SPRINT**'s OS Rate or Reference Information.

5.1.4 SBC-13STATE - When an Operator receives a rate request from a SPRINT End User, SBC-13STATE will quote the applicable OS rates as provided by SPRINT.

5.1.4.1 SBC-AMERITECH and SBC2-STATE – In the interim, when an Operator receives a rate request from a SPRINT End User, SBC-AMERITECH and SBC2-STATE will transfer the SPRINT End User to a customer care number specified by the SPRINT in the OSQ. When SBC-AMERITECH and SBC2-STATE has the capability to quote-specific SPRINT rates and reference information the parties agree that the transfer option will be eliminated.

6. INTRALATA MESSAGE RATING

6.1 SBC-SWBT - Upon request, SPRINT may opt to purchase intraLATA Message Rating Service. This service provides the message rating function on all SBC-SWBT Operator assisted intraLATA calls. With this service, SBC-SWBT will compute the applicable charges for each message based on SPRINT's schedule of rates provided to SBC-SWBT.

7. HANDLING OF EMERGENCY CALLS TO OPERATOR

7.1 To the extent SPRINT's NXX encompasses multiple emergency agencies, SBC-13STATE agrees to ask the caller for the name of his/her community and to transfer the caller to the appropriate emergency agency for the caller's area. SPRINT must provide SBC-13STATE with the correct information to enable the transfer as required by the OSQ. SPRINT will also provide default emergency agency numbers to use when the customer is unable to provide the name of his/her community. When the assistance of another Carrier's operator is required, SBC-13STATE will attempt to reach the appropriate operator if the network facilities for inward assistance exist. SPRINT agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless SBC-13STATE from any and all actions, claims, costs, damages, lawsuits, liabilities, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, arising from any misdirected calls.

8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

8.1 SPRINT agrees that due to quality of service and work force schedule issues, SBC-13STATE will be the sole provider of OS for SPRINT's local serving area(s)

8.2 SPRINT will be responsible for providing the equipment and facilities necessary for signaling and routing calls with Automatic Number Identification (ANI) to each SBC-13STATE Operator assistance switch. Should SPRINT seek to obtain

interexchange OS from SBC-13STATE, SPRINT is responsible for ordering the necessary facilities under the appropriate interstate or intrastate Access Service Tariffs. Nothing in this Agreement in any way changes the manner in which an interexchange Carrier obtains access service for the purpose of originating or terminating interexchange traffic.

8.2.1 SBC-2STATE - Services that require ANI, such as branding and call completion, can not be provided when SPRINT utilizes a LISA trunking arrangement. LISA trunks for OS will be eliminated when SBC-2STATE 5ACD switches are eliminated. At such time, SPRINT will be responsible for providing direct trunks to each SBC-2STATE Operator assistance switch.

8.3 Facilities necessary for the provision of OS shall be provided by the Parties hereto, using standard trunk traffic engineering procedures to insure that the objective grade of service is met. Each party shall bear the costs for its own facilities and equipment.

8.4 SPRINT will furnish to SBC-13STATE a completed OSQ, thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the date when the OS are to be undertaken.

8.5 SPRINT will provide SBC-13STATE updates to the OSQ fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of the date when changes are to become effective.

8.6 SPRINT understands and acknowledges that before live traffic can be passed, SPRINT is responsible for obtaining and providing to SBC-13STATE, default emergency agency numbers.

9. METHODS AND PRACTICES

9.1 SBC-13STATE will provide OS to SPRINT's End Users in accordance with SBC-13STATE OS methods and practices that are in effect at the time the OS call is made, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both Parties.

10. PRICING

10.1 The prices at which SBC-13STATE agrees to provide SPRINT with OS are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commission ordered tariff where stated.

10.2 Beyond the specified term of this Appendix, SBC-13STATE may change the prices for the provision of OS upon one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days' notice to SPRINT.

11. MONTHLY BILLING

- 11.1 For information regarding billing, non-payment, disconnection, and dispute resolution, see the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.
- 11.2 SBC-13STATE will accumulate and provide SPRINT such data as necessary for SPRINT to bill its End Users.

12. LIABILITY

- 12.1 The provisions set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, including but not limited to those relating to limitation of liability and indemnification, shall govern performance under this Appendix.
- 12.2 SPRINT also agrees to release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless SBC-13STATE from any claim, demand or suit that asserts any infringement or invasion of privacy or confidentiality of any person or persons caused or claimed to be caused, directly, or indirectly, by SBC-13STATE employees and equipment associated with provision of the OS Services, including but is not limited to suits arising from disclosure of the telephone number, address, or name associated with the telephone called or the telephone used to call Operator Services.

13. TERMS OF APPENDIX

- 13.1 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 agreement upon one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days written notice to the other Party.
- 13.2 If SPRINT terminates this Appendix prior to the expiration of the term of this Appendix, SPRINT shall pay SBC-13STATE, within thirty (30) days of the issuance of any bills by SBC-13STATE, all amounts due for actual services provided under this Appendix, plus estimated monthly charges for the unexpired portion of the term. Estimated charges will be based on an average of the actual monthly service provided by SBC-13STATE pursuant to this Appendix prior to its termination.

14. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 14.1 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 as provided in Section 2.9 in the General Terms and Conditions.

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**APPENDIX OSS
(ACCESS TO OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEMS FUNCTIONS)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth terms and conditions for nondiscriminatory access to Operations Support Systems (OSS) “functions” to **SPRINT** for pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance/repair, and billing provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC). With respect to all matters covered by this Appendix, the Parties will comply with the final SBC-Ameritech POR for Uniform and Enhanced OSS (“Uniform POR”) as approved by the FCC on September 22, 2000 as may be amended from time to time. Additionally, once final and approved, **SBC-13STATE** will comply with the Business Rules POR. **SPRINT** may also obtain OSS and Performance Measurements according to any applicable State Commission Rule or Order.
- 1.2 Definitions of terms used in this Appendix are contained in the General Terms and Conditions, except as specifically identified herein. The following definitions from the General Terms and Conditions are legitimately related to this Appendix: **SBC-13STATE**, **SBC-SWBT**, **PACIFIC**, **NEVADA**, **SNET**, **SBC-AMERITECH**.
- 1.3 **SBC-13STATE** has established performance measurements to illustrate non-discriminatory access. These measurements are represented in Appendix Performance Measurements.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 “**LSC**” means (i) the Local Service Center (LSC) for **SWBT**, **PACIFIC**, and **NEVADA**; (ii) Local Exchange Carrier Center (LECC) for **SNET**; and (iii) Information Industry Service Center (IISC) for **SBC-AMERITECH**.
- 2.2 “**LOC**” means (i) the Local Operations Center (LOC) for **SWBT**, **PACIFIC**, **NEVADA**, and **SNET**; and (ii) the Customer Response Unit (CRU) for **SBC-AMERITECH**.
- 2.3 “**Service Bureau Provider**” - For purposes of this Agreement, Service Bureau Provider is a company that has been engaged by **SPRINT** to act as its agent for purposes of accessing **SBC-13STATE**’s OSS application-to-application interfaces.

3. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 3.1 Resale and Unbundled Network Elements (UNE) functions will be accessible via electronic interface(s), as described herein, where such functions are available. The Parties agree that electronic order processing is more efficient than manual order processing. During implementation the Parties will negotiate a threshold volume of orders after which electronic ordering is required. Once CLEC is submitting more

than the agreed to threshold amount, but not later than twelve (12) months from the Effective Date of this Agreement, CLEC will no longer submit orders manually (and **SBC-13STATE** shall not be required to accept and process orders manually) except when the electronic order processing is unavailable for a substantial period of time, or where a given order cannot be processed electronically.

3.2 **Proper Use of OSS interfaces:**

3.2.1 For **SBC-13STATE**, **SPRINT** agrees to utilize **SBC-13STATE** electronic interfaces, as described herein, only for the purposes of establishing and maintaining Resale Services or UNEs through **SBC-13STATE**. In addition, **SPRINT** agrees that such use will comply with **SBC-13STATE**'s Data Connection Security Requirements as identified in Section 9 of this Appendix. Failure to comply with such security guidelines may result in forfeiture of electronic access to the affected OSS functionality during the period of time of the misuse. In addition, **SPRINT** shall be responsible for and indemnifies **SBC-13STATE** against any cost, expense or liability relating to any unauthorized entry or access into, or use or manipulation of **SBC-13STATE**'s OSS from **SPRINT** systems, workstations or terminals or by **SPRINT** employees, agents, or any third party gaining access through information and/or facilities obtained from or utilized by **SPRINT** and shall pay **SBC-13STATE** for any and all damages caused by such unauthorized entry.

3.3 Within **SBC-13STATE** regions, **SPRINT**'s access to pre-order functions described in 4.2.2 and 4.3.2 will only be utilized to view Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) of another carrier's End User where **SPRINT** has obtained an authorization for release of CPNI from the End User and has obtained an authorization to become the End User's Local Service Provider.

3.3.1 In **SBC-13STATE** regions, **SPRINT** must maintain records of individual customers' authorizations for change in local exchange service and release of CPNI which adhere to all requirements of state and federal law, as applicable.

3.3.2 This section applies to **PACIFIC ONLY**. For consumer End Users, prior to accessing such information, **SPRINT** shall, on its own behalf and on behalf of **PACIFIC**, comply with all applicable requirements of Section 2891 of the California Public Utilities Code and 47 USC 222 (and implementing FCC decisions thereunder), and, where accessing such information via an electronic interface, **SPRINT** shall have obtained an authorization to become the End User's local service provider. Accessing such information by **SPRINT** shall constitute certification that **SPRINT** is in compliance with applicable requirements of Section 2891 and Section 222 (and implementing FCC decisions thereunder) and has complied with the prior sentence. **SPRINT** shall receive and retain such information in conformance with the requirements of 47 USC 222 (and implementing FCC decisions thereunder).

SPRINT agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless **PACIFIC** against any claim made by a consumer End User or governmental entity against **PACIFIC** or **SPRINT** under Section 2891 or Section 222 (and implementing FCC decisions thereunder) or for any breach by **SPRINT** of this section.

- 3.3.3 Throughout **SBC-13STATE** region, **SPRINT** is solely responsible for determining whether proper authorization has been obtained and holds **SBC-13STATE** harmless from any loss on account of **SPRINT**'s failure to obtain proper CPNI consent from an End User.
- 3.4 By utilizing electronic interfaces to access OSS functions, **SPRINT** agrees to perform accurate and correct ordering as it relates to Resale and UNE services, rates, and charges, subject to the terms of this Agreement and applicable tariffs dependent on region of operation. **SPRINT** is also responsible for all actions of its employees using any of **SBC-13STATE**'s OSS systems. As such, **SPRINT** agrees to accept and pay all reasonable costs or expenses, including labor costs, incurred by **SBC-13STATE** caused by any and all inaccurate ordering or usage of the OSS, if such costs are not already recovered through other charges assessed by **SBC-13STATE** to **SPRINT**. In addition, **SPRINT** agrees to indemnify and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless against any claim made by an End User of **SPRINT** or other third parties against **SBC-13STATE** caused by or related to **SPRINT**'s use of any **SBC-13STATE** OSS.
- 3.5 In the event SBC has good cause to believe that **SPRINT** has used **SBC-13STATE** OSS in a way that conflicts with this Agreement or Applicable Law, SBC shall give **SPRINT** written notice describing the alleged misuse ("Notice of Misuse"). **SPRINT** shall immediately refrain from the alleged misuse until such time that **SPRINT** responds in writing to SBC's Notice of Misuse, which shall be provided to SBC within twenty (20) days after receipt of the Notice of Misuse. In the event **SPRINT** agrees with SBC's allegation of misuse, **SPRINT** shall refrain from the alleged misuse during the term of this Agreement.
- 3.6 In the event **SPRINT** does not agree that **SPRINT**'s use of **SBC-13STATE** OSS is inconsistent with this Agreement or Applicable Law, then the parties agree to the following steps:
- 3.6.1 If such misuse involves improper access of pre-order applications to obtain CPNI in violation of this Agreement, Applicable Law, or involves a violation of the security guidelines contained herein, or negatively affects another OSS user's ability to use OSS, **SPRINT** shall continue to refrain from using the particular OSS functionality in the manner alleged by SBC to be improper, until **SPRINT** has implemented a mutually agreeable remedy to the alleged misuse.

- 3.6.2 To remedy the misuse for the balance of the agreement, Parties will work together as necessary to mutually determine a permanent resolution for the balance of the term of the agreement.
- 3.7 In order to determine whether **SPRINT** has engaged in the alleged misuse described in the Notice of Misuse, and for good cause shown, SBC shall have the right to conduct an audit of **SPRINT**'s use of the **SBC-13STATE** OSS. Such audit shall be limited to auditing those aspects of **SPRINT**'s use of the **SBC-13STATE** OSS that relate to SBC's allegation of misuse as set forth in the Notice of Misuse. **SBC-13STATE** shall give ten (10) days advance written notice of its intent to audit **SPRINT** ("Audit Notice") under this Section 3.5, and shall identify the type of information needed for the audit. Such Audit Notice may not precede SBC's Notice of Misuse. Within a reasonable time following the Audit Notice, but no less than fourteen (14) days after the date of the notice (unless otherwise agreed by the Parties), **SPRINT** shall provide **SBC-13STATE** with access to the requested information in any reasonably requested format, at an appropriate **SPRINT** location, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties. The audit shall be at **SBC-13STATE**'s expense. All information obtained through such an audit shall be deemed proprietary and/or confidential and subject to confidential treatment without necessity for marking such information confidential. SBC agrees that it shall only use employees or outside parties to conduct the audit who do not have marketing, strategic analysis, competitive assessment or similar responsibilities within SBC, or any SBC affiliate.
- 3.8 In areas where Resale Service and UNE order functions are not available via an electronic interface for the pre-order, ordering and provisioning processes, **SBC-13STATE** and **SPRINT** will use manual processes. Should **SBC-13STATE** develop electronic interfaces for these functions for itself, **SBC-13STATE** will make electronic access available to **SPRINT** within the specific operating region.
- 3.9 The Information Services (I.S.) Call Center for the **SBC-13STATE** region provides for technical support function of electronic OSS interfaces. **SPRINT** will also provide a single point of contact for technical issues related to the **SPRINT**'s electronic interfaces.
- 3.10 **SBC-13STATE** and **SPRINT** will establish interface contingency plans and disaster recovery plans for the pre-order, ordering and provisioning of Resale services and UNE.
- 3.11 The Parties will follow the final adopted guidelines of **13-STATE** Change Management Plan, developed in collaboration with **SPRINT**s. This plan may be modified from time to time in accordance with the Change Management principles.
- 3.12 **SBC-13STATE** will and **SPRINT** may participate in the Order and Billing Forum (OBF) and the Telecommunications Industry Forum (TCIF) to establish and conform to uniform industry guidelines for electronic interfaces for pre-order, ordering, and provisioning. Neither Party waives its rights as participants in such forums or in the

implementation of the guidelines. To achieve system functionality as quickly as possible, the Parties acknowledge that **SBC-13STATE** may deploy interfaces with requirements developed in advance of industry guidelines. Thus, subsequent modifications may be necessary to comply with emerging guidelines. **SPRINT** and **SBC-13STATE** are individually responsible for evaluating the risk of developing their respective systems in advance of guidelines and agree to support their own system modifications to comply with new requirements. In addition, **SBC-13STATE** has the right to define Local Service Request (LSR) Usage requirements according to the General Section 1.0, paragraph 1.4 of the practices in the OBF Local Service Ordering Guidelines (LSOG), which states: "Options described in this practice may not be applicable to individual providers tariffs; therefore, use of either the field or valid entries within the field is based on the providers tariffs/practices."

- 3.13 Due to enhancements and on-going development of access to **SBC-13STATE**'s OSS functions, certain interfaces described in this Appendix may be modified, temporarily unavailable or may be phased out after execution of this Appendix. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide proper notice of interface phase-out as required by the Change Management process.
- 3.14 **SPRINT** is responsible for obtaining operating system software and hardware to access **SBC-13STATE** OSS functions as specified in: "Requirements for Access to Southwestern Bell OSS Functions" and "Requirements for Access to Pacific Bell OSS Functions" and "SNET W-CIW in Installation Guide" and "**SPRINT** Hardware/Software Requirements for Access of SBC Uniform OSS Applications", or any other documents or interface requirements subsequently generated by **SBC-13STATE** for any of its regions.

4. PRE-ORDERING

- 4.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide real time access to pre-order functions to support **SPRINT** ordering of Resale services and UNE. The Parties acknowledge that ordering requirements necessitate the use of current, real time pre-order information to accurately build service orders. The following lists represent pre-order functions that are available to **SPRINT** so that **SPRINT** order requests may be created to comply with **SBC-13STATE** region-specific ordering requirements.
- 4.2 **Pre-ordering functions for Resale Services include:**
- 4.2.1 For **SBC-7STATE**, features and services available at a valid service address (as applicable) or, for **SNET**, features will be available based on NPA-NXX;
- 4.2.2 Access to **SBC-13STATE** retail or resold CPNI and account information for pre-ordering will include: billing name, service address, billing address, service and feature subscription, directory listing information, long distance carrier identity, and for **SBC-12STATE**, pending service order activity is included. **SPRINT** agrees that **SPRINT**'s representatives will not access the

information specified in this subsection until after the End User requests that his or her Local Service Provider be changed to **SPRINT**, and an End User authorization for release of CPNI complies with conditions as described in section 3.2 of this Appendix.

- 4.2.3 A telephone number (if the End User does not have one assigned) with the End User on-line;
- 4.2.4 Service availability dates to the End User (where available);
- 4.2.5 Information regarding whether dispatch is required;
- 4.2.6 For **SBC-12STATE**, Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) options for intraLATA toll and interLATA toll; and
- 4.2.7 Service address verification.

4.3 **Pre-ordering functions for UNEs include:**

- 4.3.1 Features available at an End Office for a valid service address (as applicable);
- 4.3.2 Access to **SBC-13STATE** retail or resold CPNI and account information for pre-ordering will include: billing name, service address, billing address, service and feature subscription, directory listing information, long distance carrier identity, and, for **SBC-12STATE** only, pending service order activity. **SPRINT** agrees that **SPRINT**'s representatives will not access the information specified in this subsection until after the End User requests that his or her Local Service Provider be changed to **SPRINT**, and an End User authorization for release of CPNI complies with conditions as described in Section 3.2 of this Appendix.
- 4.3.3 Telephone number assignment (if the End User does not have one assigned) with the End User on-line;
- 4.3.4 For **SBC-12STATE**, Primary Interexchange Carrier options for intraLATA toll and interLATA toll;
- 4.3.5 Service address verification; and
- 4.3.6 For **SBC-12STATE**, Channel facility assignment (CFA), network channel (NC), and network channel interface (NCI) data.
- 4.3.7 Pre-order information specific to DSL capable UNE loops as described in the DSL Appendix of this Agreement.

4.4 **Electronic Access to Pre-Order Functions:**

4.4.1 **SBC-SWBT Resale Services Pre-order System Availability: SBC-SWBT will provide SPRINT access to one or more of the following systems:**

4.4.1.1 Consumer Easy Access Sales Environment (C-EASE): C-EASE is an ordering entry system through which SBC-SWBT provides SPRINT access to the functions of pre-ordering to order SBC-SWBT consumer Resale services.

4.4.1.2 Business Easy Access Sales Environment (B-EASE): B-EASE is an ordering entry system through which SBC-SWBT provides SPRINT access to the functions of pre-ordering to order SBC-SWBT business Resale services.

4.4.2 **PACIFIC and NEVADA Resale Services Pre-Order System Availability: PACIFIC will provide SPRINT access to the following system:**

4.4.2.1 Service Order Retrieval and Distribution (SORD) is available for the pre-order function of viewing the CPNI, when SORD is used to order PACIFIC Resale service.

4.4.3 **SNET Resale Service Pre-Order System Availability:**

4.4.3.1 SNET will provide SPRINT access to the following applications through its proprietary W-CIWin interface.

4.4.3.2 W-SNAP is an order entry application through which SNET provides SPRINT access to pre-ordering functionality embedded in the ordering tool.

4.4.3.3 CCTOOLS is a toolbar that provides icons for accessing pre-order GUI applications.

4.4.3.4 Electronic Forms (EF) is an automated workflow process for obtaining pre-order information for specific complex resale products.

4.4.4 **SNET Resale and UNE Services Pre-Order System Availability: SNET will provide SPRINT access to its MSAP:**

4.4.4.1 MSAP is an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) based interface which provides access to pre-order functions.

4.4.5 **SBC-AMERITECH Resale and UNE Services Pre-Order System Availability: SBC-AMERITECH will provide SPRINT access to the following system:**

4.4.5.1 TCNet and EDI are available for the pre-ordering functions listed in section 4.2

4.4.6 **Resale and UNE Pre-order System Availability:** **SBC-7STATE** will provide **SPRINT** access to the following systems (except as noted in section 4.4.6.3):

4.4.6.1 DataGate is a transaction-based data query system through which **SBC-7STATE** provides **SPRINT** access to pre-ordering functions. This gateway shall be a Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) gateway and will, once **SPRINT** has developed its own interface, allow **SPRINT** to access the pre-order functions for Resale services and UNE. An industry standard EDI/CORBA Pre-ordering Gateway is also provided by **SBC-7STATE**. This pre-ordering gateway supports two structural protocols, EDI and CORBA, as recommended by the technical industry committees. EDI/CORBA, like DataGate, is application-to-application interface that can be integrated with the **SPRINT**'s own negotiation system and that supports both Resale services and UNEs. Where DataGate follows industry guidelines, but is based on **SBC-7STATE**'s proprietary pre-ordering functionality, EDI/CORBA is an industry-wide standard pre-ordering interface.

4.4.6.2 Verigate is a **SPRINT** interface developed by **SBC-7STATE** that provides access to the pre-ordering functions for Resale Services and UNE. Verigate is accessible via Toolbar.

4.5 **Other Pre-order Function Availability:**

4.5.1 Where pre-ordering functions are not available electronically, **SPRINT** will manually request this information from the LSC, dependent on operating region, for inclusion on the service order request.

4.5.2 Upon request, Data Validation Files are available for the purpose of providing requesting **SPRINT**s with an alternate method of acquiring that pre-ordering information considered relatively static. For **SBC-SWBT, PACIFIC, and NEVADA**, the following information is available via File Transfer Protocol (FTP): Street Address Guide (SAG), Service and Feature Availability by NXX, and PIC/LPIC Codes. For **SBC-AMERITECH**, the following information is available via Connect: Direct, CD-ROM and TCNet: Street Address Guide (SAG), Service and Feature Availability by NXX, and PIC/LPIC Codes.

5. ORDERING/PROVISIONING

5.1 **SBC-13STATE** provides access to ordering functions (as measured from the time **SBC-13STATE** receives accurate service requests from the interface) to support **SPRINT** provisioning of Resale services and UNE via one or more electronic interfaces. To order Resale services and UNEs, **SPRINT** will format the service request to identify what features, services, or elements it wishes **SBC-13STATE** to provision in accordance with applicable **SBC-13STATE** ordering requirements. **SBC-13STATE** will provide **SPRINT** access to one or more of the following systems or interfaces:

5.2 Resale Service Order Request System Availability:

5.2.1 In **SBC-SWBT**:

5.2.1.1 C-EASE is available for the ordering of consumer Resale services.

5.2.1.2 B-EASE is available for the ordering of business Resale services.

5.2.1.3 SORD interface provides **SPRINT**s with the ability to create Resale orders as well as certain complex Resale orders that cannot be ordered through Easy Access Sales Environment (EASE), Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) or Local Exchange (LEX). In addition, the SORD interface supports the modification of service orders submitted electronically by **SPRINT**. The Parties agree that the following conditions are applicable to electronically generated service orders with errors corrected via SORD: If **SPRINT** chooses to use SORD to issue orders, then **SPRINT** becomes responsible for correction of all service order errors between order application and order completion that occur on mechanically generated service orders created or modified by **SPRINT**. **SPRINT** may need to call the LSC to obtain additional information. **SPRINT** may also choose to clear service order errors, even though **SPRINT** is not initiating service orders via SORD. **SPRINT** would then become responsible for correction of all errors, as detailed above. For terms and conditions for service order error correction within SORD, see section 5.4.3.

5.2.2 In **NEVADA** only:

5.2.2.1 Pacific Bell Service Manager (PBSM) is available for ordering Centrex and ISDN Resale services.

5.2.2.2 When available, SORD system will support the ordering of all Resale Services.

5.2.3 In **PACIFIC** only:

5.2.3.1 Pacific Bell Service Manager (PBSM) is available for ordering Centrex and ISDN Resale services.

5.2.3.2 SORD system supports the ordering of all Resale Services.

5.2.4 In **SNET**, Resale ordering is supported by W-CIWin (**SNET**'s proprietary GUI interface).

5.2.4.1 W-SNAP is made available for the ordering of non-complex Resale products and services.

5.2.4.2 Order Negotiation (as part of CCTOOLS) is made available for the ordering of complex Resale products and services.

5.2.4.3 Electronic Forms (EF) is an automated workflow process for ordering of specific complex Resale products and services.

5.3 **Resale and UNE Service Order Request Ordering System Availability:**

5.3.1 **SBC-13STATE** makes available to **SPRINT** an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) interface for transmission of **SBC-13STATE** ordering requirements via formats provided on the Local Service Request (LSR) as defined by the OBF and via EDI mapping as defined by TCIF. In ordering and provisioning Resale, **SPRINT** and **SBC-13STATE** will utilize industry guidelines developed by OBF and TCIF EDI to transmit data based upon **SBC-13STATE**'s Resale ordering requirements, dependent on operating region. In ordering and provisioning UNE, **SPRINT** and **SBC-13STATE** will utilize industry guidelines developed by OBF and TCIF EDI to transmit data based upon **SBC-13STATE**'s UNE ordering requirements dependent on operating region. In addition, Local Number Portability (LNP) and, where applicable, Interim Number Portability (INP), will be ordered consistent with the OBF LSR and EDI process.

5.3.2 For SBC-SWBT and PACIFIC regions, SORD interface provides SPRINTs with the ability to create UNE orders as well as certain complex UNE orders that cannot be initiated through EASE, EDI or LEX.

5.3.2.1 For SBC-SWBT region, SORD interface supports the modification of service orders submitted electronically by SPRINT. The Parties agree that the following conditions are applicable to electronically generated service orders with errors corrected via SORD. If SPRINT chooses to use SORD to issue orders, then SPRINT becomes responsible for correction of all service order errors between order application and order completion that occur on mechanically

generated service orders created or modified by SPRINT. SPRINT may need to call the LSC to obtain additional information. SPRINT may also choose to clear service order errors, even though SPRINT is not initiating service orders via SORD. SPRINT would then become responsible for correction of all errors, as detailed above. For terms and conditions for service order error correction within SORD, see section 5.4.3.

5.3.2.2 In PACIFIC region, any service order errors will be corrected by the LSC. SPRINT will be given a list generated by the LSC of SPRINT order errors, and SPRINT will be responsible for contacting their customer when necessary to clear an error. With SPRINT being the point of contact for their customer, the SPRINT agrees to respond timely to the LSC with correct information in order for LSC to complete the correction of the error and subsequent completion of the order. For terms and conditions for service order error correction within SORD, see section 5.4.3.

5.3.3 In ordering and provisioning Unbundled Dedicated Transport and local interconnection trunks, SPRINT and SBC-13STATE will utilize industry ASR guidelines developed by OBF based upon SBC ordering requirements.

5.3.4 For SBC-SWBT and PACIFIC, LEX is an End User interface that provides access to the ordering functions for Resale Services and UNE.

5.3.5 In SNET, MSAP (SNET's EDI-based industry standard app-to-app interface) is available for the ordering of both complex and non-complex Resale Services, as well as the ordering of UNEs.

5.4 Provisioning for Resale Services and UNE in SBC-SWBT: SBC-SWBT will provision Resale services and UNE as detailed in SPRINT order requests. Access to status on such orders will be provided via the following electronic interfaces:

5.4.1 Order Status will allow SPRINT to check service order status. Order Status and Provisioning Order Status are both accessible via SBC-SWBT Toolbar. In addition, pending orders can be viewed in SORD.

5.4.2 For EDI ordering, SBC-SWBT will provide, and SPRINT shall use, an EDI interface for transferring and receiving orders, Firm Order Confirmation (FOC), service completion, and, as available, other provisioning data and information. SBC-SWBT will provide SPRINT with a FOC for each Resale service and UNE request.

5.4.3 As detailed in section 5.2.1 and 5.3.2, the Parties agree that the following timelines are applicable to electronically generated service orders with errors corrected via SORD:

- 5.4.3.1 Errors occurring between application and distribution must be corrected within five (5) business hours for a simple order and within twenty four (24) hours for a complex order;
- 5.4.3.2 Error Service Order Image (ESOI) errors must be corrected within three (3) business hours.
- 5.4.3.3 Service orders will be excluded from calculation of the results for all related performance measurements, described in Appendix Performance Measurements, if SPRINT fails to correct service order errors within the timeframes specified in this Section 5.4.3.
- 5.4.3.4 Additionally, service orders with errors that occur after order generation, but prior to distribution will not qualify for a SBC issued FOC.
- 5.4.4 A file transmission may be provided to confirm order completions for C-EASE or B-EASE order processing. This file will provide service order information of all distributed and completed orders for SPRINT.
- 5.5 Provisioning for Resale services and UNEs in PACIFIC and NEVADA: PACIFIC and NEVADA will provision Resale services and UNE as detailed in SPRINT order requests. Access to status on such orders is provided via the following electronic interfaces:
 - 5.5.1 In PACIFIC and NEVADA regions, Order Status (OS) will allow SPRINT to check service order status for End User basic services (resale, UNE and LNP). Provisioning Order Status (POS) provides current service provisioning information for End User basic services (Resale and UNE). Order Status and Provisioning Order Status are both accessible via PACIFIC and NEVADA Toolbar.
 - 5.5.2 For EDI ordering, PACIFIC shall provide SPRINT, and SPRINT shall use, an EDI interface for transferring and receiving orders, Firm Order Confirmation (FOC), service completion, and, as available, other provisioning data and information. PACIFIC will provide SPRINT with a FOC for each Resale service and UNE request.
 - 5.5.3 For terms and conditions for service order error correction within SORD, see section 5.4.3.
- 5.6 Provisioning for Resale Services and UNEs in SBC-AMERITECH and SNET: SBC-AMERITECH and SNET will provision Resale services and UNE as detailed in SPRINT order requests. Access to status on such orders will be provided via the following electronic interfaces:

- 5.6.1 For EDI ordering, SBC-AMERITECH and SNET provide SPRINT, and SPRINT shall use, an EDI interface for transferring and receiving orders, FOC, Service Order Completion (SOC), and, as available, other provisioning data and information. SBC-AMERITECH and SNET will provide SPRINT with a FOC for each Resale service and UNE request.

6. MAINTENANCE/REPAIR

- 6.1 Two real time electronic interfaces are accessible in each region to place, and check the status of, trouble reports for both Resale services and UNEs. Upon request, SPRINT may access these functions via the following methods:
- 6.1.1 In SBC-7STATE, Trouble Administration (TA) system access provides SPRINT with SBC-7STATE software that allows SPRINT to submit trouble reports and subsequently check status on trouble reports for SPRINT End-Users. TA will provide the ability to review the maintenance history of a converted Resale SPRINT account. TA is accessible via SBC-7STATE Toolbar.
- 6.1.2 In SBC-AMERITECH, Electronic Bonding for Trouble Administration (EBTA-GUI) allows SPRINT to perform MLT, issue trouble tickets, view status, and view trouble history on-line.
- 6.1.3 In SNET the maintenance and repair functionality for Resale services and UNEs is available via the MSAP EDI interface. In addition, for Resale products and services, trouble history and trouble status functions are available via CCTOOLS.
- 6.1.4 In SBC-12STATE, Electronic Bonding Interface (EBI) is an interface that is available for trouble report submission and status updates. EBI conforms to ANSI guidelines T1:227:1995 and T1.228:1995, Electronic Communications Implementation Committee (ECIC) Trouble Report Format Definition (TFRD) Number 1 as defined in ECIC document ECIC/TRA/95-003, and all guidelines referenced within those documents, as mutually agreed upon by SPRINT and SBC-12STATE. Functions currently implemented include Enter Trouble, Request Trouble Report Status, Add Trouble Information, Modify Trouble Report Attributes, Trouble Report Attribute Value Change Notification, and Cancel Trouble Report, as explained in 6 and 9 of ANSI T1.228:1995. SPRINT and SBC-12STATE will exchange requests over a mutually agreeable X.25-based network.

7. BILLING

- 7.1 SBC-7STATE will bill SPRINT for Resold services and UNEs. SBC-7STATE will send associated billing information to SPRINT as necessary to allow SPRINT to perform billing functions. At minimum SBC-7STATE will provide SPRINT billing

information in a paper format or via magnetic tape, as agreed to between SPRINT and SBC-7STATE.

- 7.1.1 For Resale Services in PACIFIC, SPRINT may elect to receive Custom Billing Disk/ CD Bill. Custom Billing Disk/ CD Bill provides an electronic bill with the same information as a paper bill along with various reporting options.
- 7.1.2 For Resale Services in SBC-AMERITECH, SPRINT may elect to receive its bill on CD.
- 7.2 Electronic access to billing information for Resale services will also be available via the following interfaces:
 - 7.2.1 In SBC-SWBT, SPRINT may receive Bill Plus™, an electronic version of its bill, as described in, and in accordance with, SBC-SWBT's Local Exchange Tariff.
 - 7.2.2 In SBC-SWBT, SPRINT may also view billing information through the Bill Information interface. Bill Information will be accessible via SBC-SWBT Toolbar.
 - 7.2.3 In SBC-7STATE, SPRINT may receive a mechanized bill format via the EDI 811 transaction set.
 - 7.2.4 In SBC-13STATE, SPRINT may receive electronically a Daily Usage Extract. On a daily basis, this feed provides information on the usage billed to its accounts for Resale services in the industry standardized EMI format
 - 7.2.5 In SBC-7STATE, SPRINT may receive Local Disconnect Report records (via CARE records) or, in SNET Loss Notification File (via CARE-like records), electronically, that indicate when SPRINT's End Users change their Competitive Local Exchange Carrier. In SBC-AMERITECH this information is provided via the EDI 836 transaction set.
 - 7.2.6 In SNET, SPRINT may receive a Billing Detail File on cartridge or magnetic tape.
 - 7.2.7 In SBC-AMERITECH, SPRINT may receive a mechanized bill via the SBC-AMERITECH Electronic Billing System (AEBS) transaction set.
- 7.3 Electronic access to billing information for UNE will also be available via the following interfaces:
 - 7.3.1 SBC-8STATE makes available to SPRINTs a local Bill Data Tape to receive data in an electronic format from its CABS database. The local Bill Data

Tape contains the same information that would appear on SPRINT's paper bill. SBC-AMERITECH also makes available to SPRINT's a local bill via the SBC-AMERITECH Electronic Billing System (AEBS) transaction set.

- 7.3.2 In SBC-SWBT, SPRINT may also view billing information through the Bill Information interface. Bill Information will be accessible via SBC-SWBT Toolbar.
- 7.3.3 In SBC-13STATE, SPRINT's will receive a Daily Usage Extract electronically, on a daily basis, with information on the usage billed to its accounts for UNEs in the industry standardized Exchange Message Interface (EMI) format.
- 7.3.4 SBC-7STATE, SPRINT may receive Local Disconnect Report records (via CARE records) electronically that indicate when SPRINT's End Users, utilizing SBC-7STATE, ports, change their Competitive Local Exchange Carrier. In SBC-AMERITECH this information is provided via the EDI 836 transaction set.

8. REMOTE ACCESS FACILITY

- 8.1 SPRINT must access OSS interfaces via a SPRINT Remote Access Facility. For the SBC-SWBT region, the LRAF located in Dallas, Texas will be used. The PRAF in Fairfield, CA handles the PACIFIC and NEVADA regions. The ARAF, located in Chicago, IL, serves SBC-AMERITECH and the SRAF in New Haven, CT, handles the SNET region. Connection to these Remote Access Facilities will be established via a "port" either through dial-up or direct connection as described in Section 8.2. SPRINT may utilize a port to access SBC-13STATE OSS interfaces to perform the supported functions in any SBC-13STATE where SPRINT has executed an Appendix OSS.
- 8.2 For SBC-13STATE, SPRINT may use three types of access: Switched, Private Line, and Frame Relay. For Private Line and Frame Relay "Direct Connections," SPRINT shall provide its own router, circuit, and two Channel Service Units/Data Service Units (CSU/DSU). The demarcation point shall be the router interface at the LRAF, PRAF, ARAF, or SRAF. Switched Access "Dial-up Connections" require SPRINT to provide its own modems and connection to the SBC-SWBT LRAF, PACIFIC PRAF, AMERITECH ARAF, and SNET SRAF. SPRINT shall pay the cost of the call if Switched Access is used.
- 8.3 For SBC-13STATE, SPRINT shall use TCP/IP to access SBC-13STATE OSS via the LRAF, ARAF, SRAF, and the PRAF. In addition, each CLEC shall have one valid Internet Protocol (IP) network address per region. SPRINT shall maintain a user-id / password unique to each individual for accessing a SBC-SWBT, PACIFIC, NEVADA, AMERITECH, OR SNET OSS on SPRINT's behalf. SPRINT shall provide estimates regarding its volume of transactions, number of concurrent users,

desired number of private line or dial-up (switched) connections, and length of a typical session.

- 8.4 For SBC-13STATE, SPRINT shall attend and participate in implementation meetings to discuss SPRINT LRAF/PRAF/ARAF/SRAF access plans in detail and schedule testing of such connections.

9. Data Connection Security Requirements

- 9.1 SPRINT agrees that interconnection of SPRINT data facilities with SBC-13STATE data facilities for access to OSS will be in compliance with SBC-13STATE's Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (SPRINT) Operations Support System Interconnection Procedures document current at the time of initial connection to a RAF. The following additional terms in this Section 8 govern direct and dial up connections between SPRINT and the PRAF, LRAF, ARAF and SRAF for access to OSS Interfaces.

9.2 Joint Security Requirements

- 9.2.1 Both Parties will maintain accurate and auditable records that monitor user authentication and machine integrity and confidentiality (e.g., password assignment and aging, chronological logs configured, system accounting data, etc.)
- 9.2.2 Both Parties shall maintain accurate and complete records detailing the individual data connections and systems to which they have granted the other Party access or interface privileges. These records will include, but are not limited to, user ID assignment, user request records, system configuration, time limits of user access or system interfaces. These records should be kept until the termination of this Agreement or the termination of the requested access by the identified individual. Either Party may initiate a compliance review of the connection records to verify that only the agreed to connections are in place and that the connection records are accurate.
- 9.2.3 Each Party shall notify the other party immediately, upon termination of employment of an individual user with approved access to the other Party's network.
- 9.2.4 Both Parties shall use an industry standard virus detection software program at all times. The Parties shall immediately advise each other by telephone upon actual knowledge that a virus or other malicious code has been transmitted to the other Party.
- 9.2.5 All physical access to equipment and services required to transmit data will be in secured locations. Verification of authorization will be required for access to all such secured locations. A secured location is where walls and doors are constructed and arranged to serve as barriers and to provide

uniform protection for all equipment used in the data connections which are made as a result of the user's access to either the SPRINT or SBC-13STATE network. At a minimum, this shall include: access doors equipped with card reader control or an equivalent authentication procedure and/or device, and egress doors which generate a real-time alarm when opened and which are equipped with tamper resistant and panic hardware as required to meet building and safety standards.

- 9.2.6 Both Parties shall maintain accurate and complete records on the card access system or lock and key administration to the rooms housing the equipment utilized to make the connection(s) to the other Party's network. These records will include management of card or key issue, activation or distribution and deactivation.

9.3 Additional Responsibilities of Both Parties

- 9.3.1 **Modem/Dsu Maintenance And Use Policy:** To the extent the access provided hereunder involves the support and maintenance of SPRINT equipment on SBC-13STATE's premises, such maintenance will be provided under the terms of the Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (SPRINT) Operations Support System Interconnection Procedures document cited above.

- 9.3.2 **Monitoring:** Each Party will monitor its own network relating to any user's access to the Party's networks, processing systems, and applications. This information may be collected, retained, and analyzed to identify potential security risks without notice. This information may include, but is not limited to, trace files, statistics, network addresses, and the actual data or screens accessed or transferred.

- 9.3.3 Each Party shall notify the other Party's security organization immediately upon initial discovery of actual or suspected unauthorized access to, misuse of, or other "at risk" conditions regarding the identified data facilities or information. Each Party shall provide a specified point of contact. If either Party suspects unauthorized or inappropriate access, the Parties shall work together to isolate and resolve the problem.

- 9.3.4 In the event that one Party identifies inconsistencies or lapses in the other Party's adherence to the security provisions described herein, or a discrepancy is found, documented, and delivered to the non-complying Party, a corrective action plan to address the identified vulnerabilities must be provided by the non-complying Party within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the identified inconsistency. The corrective action plan must identify what will be done, the Party accountable/responsible, and the proposed compliance date. The non-complying Party must provide periodic status reports (minimally monthly) to the other Party's security organization on the implementation of the corrective action plan in order to track the work to completion.

- 9.3.5 In the event there are technological constraints or situations where either Party's corporate security requirements cannot be met, the Parties will institute agreed upon alternative security controls and safeguards to mitigate risks.
- 9.3.6 All network-related problems will be managed to resolution by the respective organizations, SPRINT or SBC-13STATE, as appropriate to the ownership of a failed component. As necessary, SPRINT and SBC-13STATE will work together to resolve problems where the responsibility of either Party is not easily identified.
- 9.4 Information Security Policies And Guidelines For Access To Computers, Networks and Information By Non-Employee Personnel:
- 9.4.1 Information security policies and guidelines are designed to protect the integrity, confidentiality and availability of computer, networks and information resources. Section 9.5 - 9.11 summarizes the general policies and principles for individuals who are not employees of the Party that provides the computer, network or information, but have authorized access to that Party's systems, networks or information. Questions should be referred to SPRINT or SBC-13STATE, respectively, as the providers of the computer, network or information in question.
- 9.4.2 It is each Party's responsibility to notify its employees, contractors and vendors who will have access to the other Party's network, on the proper security responsibilities identified within this Attachment. Adherence to these policies is a requirement for continued access to the other Party's systems, networks or information. Exceptions to the policies must be requested in writing and approved by the other Party's information security organization.
- 9.5 General Policies
- 9.5.1 Each Party's resources are for approved business purposes only.
- 9.5.2 Each Party may exercise at any time its right to inspect, record, and/or remove all information contained in its systems, and take appropriate action should unauthorized or improper usage be discovered.
- 9.5.3 Individuals will only be given access to resources that they are authorized to receive and which they need to perform their job duties. Users must not attempt to access resources for which they are not authorized.
- 9.5.4 Authorized users must not develop, copy or use any program or code which circumvents or bypasses system security or privilege mechanism or distorts accountability or audit mechanisms.

9.5.5 Actual or suspected unauthorized access events must be reported immediately to each Party's security organization or to an alternate contact identified by that Party. Each Party shall provide its respective security contact information to the other.

9.6 User Identification

9.6.1 Access to each Party's corporate resources will be based on identifying and authenticating individual users in order to maintain clear and personal accountability for each user's actions.

9.6.2 User identification shall be accomplished by the assignment of a unique, permanent user id, and each user id shall have an associated identification number for security purposes.

9.6.3 User ids will be revalidated on a monthly basis.

9.7 User Authentication

9.7.1 Users will usually be authenticated by use of a password. Strong authentication methods (e.g. one-time passwords, digital signatures, etc.) may be required in the future.

9.7.2 Passwords must not be stored in script files.

9.7.3 Passwords must be entered by the user in real time.

9.7.4 Passwords must be at least 6-8 characters in length, not blank or a repeat of the user id; contain at least one letter, and at least one number or special character must be in a position other than the first or last one. This format will ensure that the password is hard to guess. Most systems are capable of being configured to automatically enforce these requirements. Where a system does not mechanically require this format, the users must manually follow the format.

9.7.5 Systems will require users to change their passwords regularly (usually every 31 days).

9.7.6 Systems are to be configured to prevent users from reusing the same password for 6 changes/months.

9.7.7 Personal passwords must not be shared. A user who has shared his password is responsible for any use made of the password.

9.8 Access and Session Control

9.8.1 Destination restrictions will be enforced at remote access facilities used for access to OSS Interfaces. These connections must be approved by each Party's corporate security organization.

9.8.2 Terminals or other input devices must not be left unattended while they may be used for system access. Upon completion of each work session, terminals or workstations must be properly logged off.

9.9 User Authorization

9.9.1 On the destination system, users are granted access to specific resources (e.g. databases, files, transactions, etc.). These permissions will usually be defined for an individual user (or user group) when a user id is approved for access to the system.

9.10 Software And Data Integrity

9.10.1 Each Party shall use a comparable degree of care to protect the other Party's software and data from unauthorized access, additions, changes and deletions as it uses to protect its own similar software and data. This may be accomplished by physical security at the work location and by access control software on the workstation.

9.10.2 Untrusted software or data shall be scanned for viruses before use on a Party's corporate facilities that can be accessed through the direct connection or dial up access to OSS interfaces.

9.10.3 Unauthorized use of copyrighted software is prohibited on each Party's corporate systems that can be access through the direct connection or dial up access to OSS Interfaces.

9.10.4 Proprietary software or information (whether electronic or paper) of a Party shall not be given by the other Party to unauthorized individuals. When it is no longer needed, each Party's proprietary software or information shall be returned by the other Party or disposed of securely. Paper copies shall be shredded. Electronic copies shall be overwritten or degaussed.

9.11 Monitoring And Audit

9.11.1 To deter unauthorized access events, a warning or no trespassing message will be displayed at the point of initial entry (i.e., network entry or applications with direct entry points). Each Party should have several approved versions of this message. Users should expect to see a warning message similar to this one:

"This is a (SBC-13STATE or CLEC) system restricted to Company official business and subject to being monitored at any time. Anyone using this system expressly consents to such monitoring and to any evidence of unauthorized access, use, or modification being used for criminal prosecution."

9.11.2 After successful authentication, each session will display the last logon date/time and the number of unsuccessful logon attempts. The user is responsible for reporting discrepancies.

10. OPERATIONAL READINESS TEST (ORT) FOR ORDERING/PROVISIONING AND REPAIR/ MAINTENANCE INTERFACES

10.1 Prior to live access to interface functionality, the Parties must conduct Operational Readiness Testing (ORT), which will allow for the testing of the systems, interfaces, and processes for the OSS functions. ORT will be completed in conformance with agreed upon processes and implementation dates.

10.2 Prior to live system usage, SPRINT must complete user education classes for SBC-13STATE-provided interfaces that affect the SBC-13STATE network. Course descriptions for all available classes by region are posted on the SPRINT website in the Customer Education section. SPRINT Training schedules by region are also available on the SPRINT website and are subject to change, with class lengths varying. Classes are train-the-trainer format to enable SPRINT to devise its own course work for its own employees. Charges as specified below will apply for each class:

Training Rates	5 day class	4.5 day class	4 day class	3.5 day class	3 day class	2.5 day class	2 day class	1.5 day class	1 day class	1/2 day class
1 to 5 students	\$4,050	\$3,650	\$3,240	\$2,835	\$2,430	\$2,025	\$1,620	\$1,215	\$810	\$405
6 students	\$4,860	\$4,380	\$3,890	\$3,402	\$2,915	\$2,430	\$1,945	\$1,455	\$970	\$490
7 students	\$5,670	\$5,100	\$4,535	\$3,969	\$3,400	\$2,835	\$2,270	\$1,705	\$1,135	\$570
8 students	\$6,480	\$5,830	\$5,185	\$4,536	\$3,890	\$3,240	\$2,590	\$1,950	\$1,300	\$650
9 students	\$7,290	\$6,570	\$5,830	\$5,103	\$4,375	\$3,645	\$2,915	\$2,190	\$1,460	\$730
10 students	\$8,100	\$7,300	\$6,480	\$5,670	\$4,860	\$4,050	\$3,240	\$2,430	\$1,620	\$810
11 students	\$8,910	\$8,030	\$7,130	\$6,237	\$5,345	\$4,455	\$3,565	\$2,670	\$1,780	\$890
12 students	\$9,720	\$8,760	\$7,780	\$6,804	\$5,830	\$4,860	\$3,890	\$2,920	\$1,945	\$970

10.3 A separate agreement will be required as a commitment to pay for a specific number of SPRINT students in each class. SPRINT agrees that charges will be billed by SBC-13STATE and SPRINT payment is due thirty (30) days following the bill date. SPRINT agrees that personnel from other competitive Local Service Providers may be scheduled into any class to fill any seats for which SPRINT has not contracted. Class availability is first-come, first served with priority given to SPRINT's who have not yet attended the specific class.

- 10.4 Class dates will be based upon SBC-13STATE availability and will be coordinated among SPRINT, SPRINT's SBC-13STATE Account Manager, and SBC-13STATE Industry Markets CLEC Training Product Management.
- 10.5 SPRINT agrees to pay the cancellation fee of the full price noted in the separate agreement if SPRINT cancels scheduled classes less than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled start date. SPRINT agrees to provide to SBC-13STATE completed registration forms for each student no later than one week prior to the scheduled training class.
- 10.6 SPRINT agrees that SPRINT personnel attending classes are to utilize only training databases and training presented to them in class. Attempts to access any other SBC-13STATE system are strictly prohibited.
- 10.7 SPRINT further agrees that training material, manuals and instructor guides can be duplicated only for internal use for the purpose of training employees to utilize the capabilities of SBC-13STATE's OSS in accordance with this Appendix and shall be deemed "Proprietary Information" and subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of Section 20 of the General Terms and Conditions.

11. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

- 11.1 For SBC-SWBT region only, SPRINT requesting the Bill Plus™, as described in 7.2.1, agrees to pay applicable tariffed rate, less Resale discount.
- 11.2 For SBC-7STATE, SPRINT requesting the billing function for the Daily Usage Extract which contains the usage billable records, as described in 7.2.4 and 7.3.3, agrees to pay established rates pursuant to Appendix Pricing.
- 11.3 For SBC-7STATE, SPRINT requesting the Local Disconnect Report, as described in 7.2.5 and 7.3.4, agrees to pay established rates pursuant to Appendix Pricing.
- 11.4 For SBC-13STATE, should SPRINT request custom development of an exclusive interface to support OSS functions, such development will be considered by SBC-13STATE on an Individual Case Basis (ICB) and priced as such.
- 11.5 SNET will charge for the Billing Detail File, Daily Usage Extract, and Loss Notification File at rates filed and approved by DPUC.

12. SERVICE BUREAU PROVIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHARED ACCESS TO OSS

- 12.1 SBC-13STATE shall allow SPRINT to access its OSS via a Service Bureau Provider under the following terms and conditions:

- 12.2 Notwithstanding any language in this Agreement regarding access to OSS to the contrary, SPRINT shall be permitted to access SBC-13STATE OSS via a Service Bureau Provider as follows:
- 12.2.1 SPRINT shall be permitted to access SBC-13STATE application-to-application OSS interfaces, via a Service Bureau Provider where SPRINT has entered into an agency relationship with such Service Bureau Provider, and the Service Bureau Provider has executed an Agreement with SBC-13STATE to Allow Service Bureau Provider to establish access to and use of SBC-13STATE's OSS.
- 12.2.2 SPRINT's use of a Service Bureau Provider shall not relieve SPRINT of the obligation to abide by all terms and conditions of this Agreement. SPRINT must ensure that its agent properly performs all OSS obligations of SPRINT under this Agreement, which SPRINT delegates to Service Bureau Provider.
- 12.2.3 It shall be the obligation of SPRINT to provide notice in accordance with the notice provisions of the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement whenever it established an agency relationship with a Service Bureau Provider or terminates such a relationship. SBC-13STATE shall have a reasonable transition time to establish a connection to a Service Bureau Provider once SPRINT provides notice. Additionally, SBC-13STATE shall have a reasonable transition period to terminate any such connection after notice from SPRINT that it has terminated its agency relationship with a Service Bureau Provider.
- 12.3 Notwithstanding any language in this Agreement regarding Performance Measures to the contrary, SBC-13STATE 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 actions or events beyond SBC-13STATE's control associated with third-party systems or equipment including systems, equipment and services provided by a Service Bureau Provider (acting as SPRINT's agent for connection to SBC-13STATE's OSS) which could not be avoided by SBC-13STATE through the exercise of reasonable diligence or delays or other problems resulting from actions of a Service Bureau Provider, including Service Bureau provided processes, services, systems or connectivity.

13. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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 as provided in Section 2.9 of the General Terms and Conditions.

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APPENDIX PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 Definitions of terms used in this Appendix are contained in the General Terms and Conditions, except as specifically identified herein. The following definitions from the General Terms and Conditions are legitimately related to this Appendix: SBC-13STATE, SBC-SWBT, PACIFIC, NEVADA, SNET, SBC-AMERITECH.
- 1.3 As used herein, ‘**Service Bureau Provider**’ means a company which has been engaged by SPRINT to act as its agent for purposes of accessing SBC-LEC’s OSS application-to-application interfaces.
- 1.4 The performance measurements contained herein, notwithstanding any provisions in any other appendix in this Agreement, are not intended to create, modify or otherwise affect parties’ rights and obligations with respect to OSS access. The existence of any particular performance measure, or the language describing that measure, is not evidence that SPRINT is entitled to any particular manner of access, nor is it evidence that SBC-13STATE 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 PUC decisions/regulations, tariffs, and within this interconnection agreement.
- 1.5 The service performance measures contained herein are a voluntary offering of SBC-13STATE where there are no state Commission approved performance measures and are approved in this Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act. Any current and subsequently Commission-ordered performance measures shall be incorporated into this Agreement by reference and shall supersede and supplant all performance measurements previously agreed to by the parties. In the event that the state commission that approved this Agreement subsequently orders liquidated damages/remedies with respect to performance measures in a proceeding binding on both parties, the parties agree to incorporate commission-ordered liquidated damages/remedies into this Agreement once the decision approving such remedies becomes final and any appeals are exhausted (unless

otherwise agreed by the parties).

2. **SOLE REMEDY**

- 2.1 These liquidated damages shall be the sole and exclusive remedy of **SPRINT** for **SBC 13-STATE**'s failure to meet specified performance measures and shall be in lieu of any other damages **SPRINT** might otherwise seek for such breach through any claim or suit brought under any contract or tariff.

3. **DEFINITIONS**

- 3.1 When used in this Appendix, the following terms will have the meanings indicated:

3.1.1 Performance Criteria

3.1.1.1 The target level of **SBC-13STATE** performance specified for each Performance Measurement. Generally, the Performance Measurements contained in this Appendix specify performance equal to that which **SBC-13STATE** achieves for itself in providing equivalent end user service as the Performance Criterion. Parity exists when the measured results in a single month (whether in the form of means, proportions, or rates) for the same measure, at equivalent disaggregation for both **SBC-13STATE** and **SPRINT** are used to calculate an appropriate test statistic and the resulting test value has an associated probability that is no less than the critical probability indicated in the Table of Critical Values shown in Section 9.

3.1.1.2 Performance Measurements for which parity calculations are not possible have a specified *standard* as the Performance Criterion. Compliance is assessed by comparing the result obtained by the **SPRINT** with the applicable standard using an appropriate statistical test. The result is compliant if the probability associated with the test statistic is no less than the critical probability indicated in the Table of Critical Values shown in Section 9.

3.1.2 Performance Measures

3.1.2.1 The set of measures listed in all of Section 14 of this Appendix.

3.1.3 Non-compliance

3.1.3.1 The failure by SBC-13STATE to meet the Performance Criteria for any performance measure identified as an available measurement type in Section 14.

4. SPECIFIED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

4.1 SBC-13STATE 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 actions or events beyond SBC-13STATE's control, including but not limited to the following: (i) a Force Majeure event; (ii) an act or omission by a SPRINT that is contrary to any of its obligations under its interconnection agreement with SBC-13STATE or law; (iii) environmental events beyond SBC-13STATE's control even though not considered "Force Majeure"; and (iv) problems associated with third-party systems or equipment including systems, equipment and services provided by Service Bureau Provider, which could not be avoided by SBC-13STATE through the exercise of reasonable diligence, regardless of whether or not such third-party systems or equipment were sold to or otherwise being provided to SBC-13STATE.

5. OCCURRENCE OF A SPECIFIED PERFORMANCE BREACH

5.1 In recognition of either: 1) the loss of End User opportunities, revenues and goodwill which a SPRINT might sustain in the event of a Specified Performance Breach; 2) the uncertainty, in the event of a Specified Performance Breach, of a SPRINT having available to its End User opportunities similar to those opportunities available to SBC-13STATE at the time of a breach; or 3) the difficulty of accurately ascertaining the amount of damages a SPRINT would sustain if a Specified Performance Breach occurs, SBC-13STATE agrees to pay SPRINT Liquidated Damages, subject to Section 6.1 below.

6. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AS FORM OF REMEDY

6.1 The Parties agree and acknowledge that a) the Liquidated Damages are not a penalty and have been determined based upon the facts and circumstances known by the Parties at the time of the negotiation and entering into this Agreement, with due consideration given to the performance expectations of each Party; b) the Liquidated Damages constitute a reasonable approximation of the damages SPRINT would sustain if its damages were readily ascertainable; c) neither Party will be required to provide any proof of Liquidated Damages; and d) the Liquidated Damages provided herein will constitute full compensation for any failure of SBC to meet a specified performance commitment in this Attachment and any specific time commitments for the same activity contained in any other Attachments or Appendices.

7. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES PAYMENT PLAN; GENERALLY

- 7.1 Liquidated damages apply to the available, non-diagnostic measures designated in the Business Rules when **SBC-13STATE** delivers Non-complaint performance as defined in 3.1.3. In no event shall **SBC-13STATE** be required to pay a Liquidated Damage for any performance which was at parity or in compliance with the applicable benchmark at the time that the performance occurred.
- 7.2 The Table of Critical Values (Section 9) gives the maximum number, F, of measurements of those required to be reported to **SPRINT** that may fail the Performance Criteria in any month. Liquidated damages apply to Non-compliant measures that are in excess of the applicable value of F.
- 7.3 None of the liquidated damages provisions set forth in this proposal will apply during the first three months after a **SPRINT** first purchases the type of service or unbundled network element(s) associated with a particular performance measurement or introduction of a new measure.
- 7.4 There are two kinds of failures of the Performance Criteria. *Ordinary* failures are failures on a measure for one month or two consecutive months. *Chronic* failures are failures on a measure for three consecutive months. Ordinary failures may be excused up to the applicable value of F from the Table of Critical Values. Chronic failures may not be excused in that manner. \$500 is paid for each ordinary failure in excess of F. \$2,500 is paid for each Chronic failure. For example, if the value of F is 8 and there are 10 Ordinary failures and 1 Chronic failure in a month, then the Liquidated Damages for that month would be $(10-8)*\$500 + \$2,500 = \$3,500$. If there were 7 Ordinary failures and no Chronic failures, no Liquidated Damages would be paid.

8. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES; METHOD OF CALCULATION

- 8.1 **SBC-13STATE** and **SPRINT** agree to use the following as statistical tests for evaluating the compliance of **SPRINT** results with the Performance Criterion. These tests are applicable if the number of data points for each of **SBC-13STATE** and **SPRINT** is greater than or equal to 30 for a given measurement.
- 8.2 The following list describes the tests to be used in evaluating the performance criterion. In each test, the important concept is the probability that **SPRINT**'s results are significantly worse than either the comparable result for **SBC-13STATE** or the benchmark (whichever is relevant to the test). This probability is compared with the P value from the Table of Critical Values to decide if the measure meets the Performance Criterion. Probabilities that are less than the P value are deemed to have failed the test.

For parity measures that are expressed as Averages or Means, the following (Modified) Z test applies:

$$Z = (\text{DIFF}) / \delta_{\text{DIFF}}$$

Where;

$$\text{DIFF} = M_{\text{ILEC}} - M_{\text{CLEC}}$$

$$M_{\text{ILEC}} = \text{ILEC Average}$$

$$M_{\text{CLEC}} = \text{CLEC Average}$$

$$\delta_{\text{DIFF}} = \text{SQRT} [\delta_{\text{ILEC}}^2 (1/n_{\text{CLEC}} + 1/n_{\text{ILEC}})]$$

$$\delta_{\text{ILEC}}^2 = \text{Calculated variance for ILEC.}$$

$$n_{\text{ILEC}} = \text{number of observations or samples used in ILEC measurement}$$

$$n_{\text{CLEC}} = \text{number of observations or samples used in CLEC measurement}$$

The probability of the Z statistic is obtained from a standard normal distribution.

For parity measures that are expressed as Percentages or Proportions:

$$Z = (\text{DIFF}) / \delta_{\text{DIFF}}$$

Where;

$$\text{DIFF} = P_{\text{ILEC}} - P_{\text{CLEC}}$$

$$P_{\text{ILEC}} = \text{ILEC Proportion}$$

$$P_{\text{CLEC}} = \text{CLEC Proportion}$$

$$\delta_{\text{DIFF}} = \text{SQRT} [\delta_{\text{ILEC}}^2 (1/n_{\text{CLEC}} + 1/n_{\text{ILEC}})]$$

$$\delta_{\text{ILEC}}^2 = P_{\text{ILEC}} (1 - P_{\text{ILEC}}).$$

$$n_{\text{ILEC}} = \text{number of observations or samples used in ILEC measurement}$$

$$n_{\text{CLEC}} = \text{number of observations or samples used in CLEC measurement}$$

The probability of the Z statistic is obtained from a standard normal distribution.

In the event that $P_{\text{ILEC}} = 0$ (and low values are associated with good service), the above test cannot be used. In such cases, Fisher's Exact Test is used to calculate the probability, P_{FE} , of the data given the hypothesis of parity.:

$$P_{\text{FE}} = 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{H_{\text{CLEC}}-1} \frac{\binom{n_{\text{CLEC}}}{x} \binom{n_{\text{ILEC}}}{H_{\text{CLEC}}+H_{\text{ILEC}}-x}}{\binom{n_{\text{CLEC}}+n_{\text{ILEC}}}{H_{\text{CLEC}}+H_{\text{ILEC}}}}$$

Where;

$$H_{\text{CLEC}} = P_{\text{CLEC}} n_{\text{CLEC}}$$

$$H_{\text{ILEC}} = P_{\text{ILEC}} n_{\text{ILEC}}.$$

If $P_{ILEC} = 1$ (and high values are associated with good service), the same formula is used with the following interpretation:

$$H_{CLEC} = n_{CLEC} \cdot P_{CLEC} n_{CLEC}$$

$$H_{ILEC} = n_{ILEC} \cdot P_{ILEC} n_{ILEC}$$

Of course if it is also true that $H_{CLEC} = 0$, then $P_{FE} = 1$ because the results are at parity.

For parity measures that are expressed as Rates or Ratios: a binomial test is used to calculate the probability of the data given the hypothesis of parity:

$$P_{Rate} = 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{H_{CLEC}} \binom{N}{x} p^x (1-p)^{N-x}$$

[NOTE: **upper limit on the summation should be $H_{CLEC} - 1$**]

Where;

H_{CLEC} = numerator for the CLEC

H_{ILEC} = numerator for the ILEC

$N = H_{CLEC} + H_{ILEC}$

D_{CLEC} = denominator for CLEC

D_{ILEC} = denominator for ILEC

$p = D_{CLEC} / (D_{CLEC} + D_{ILEC})$

In calculating the difference between the performances the formulae given above apply when a larger CLEC value indicates a higher quality of performance. For cases in which a smaller CLEC value indicates a higher quality of performance the order of subtraction should be reversed (i.e., $M_{CLEC} - M_{ILEC}$, $P_{CLEC} - P_{ILEC}$).

For measures with benchmarks that are expressed as Averages or Means:

$$t = (DIFF) / \delta_{DIFF}$$

Where;

$DIFF = M_{CLEC} - BM$

M_{CLEC} = CLEC Average

BM = Benchmark

$\delta_{DIFF} = \text{SQRT} [\delta_{CLEC}^2 (1/n_{CLEC})]$

δ_{CLEC}^2 = Calculated variance for CLEC.

n_{CLEC} = number of observations or samples used in CLEC measurement

The probability of the t statistic is obtained from Student's distribution with $n_{CLEC} - 1$ degrees of freedom.

For measures with benchmarks that are expressed as Percentages or Proportions:

When high proportions designate good service, the probability of the CLEC result is given by

$$\sum_{x=0}^K \binom{N}{x} B^x (1-B)^{N-x}$$

Where

K = PN

P = CLEC proportion

N = number of observations or samples used in CLEC measurement

B = benchmark expressed as a proportion

When low proportions designate good service, the probability of the CLEC result is given by

$$1 - \sum_{x=0}^{K-1} \binom{N}{x} B^x (1-B)^{N-x}$$

with the same definition of symbols as is given above.

- 8.3 The following table will be used for determining the critical probabilities that define the Performance Criterion as well as the number of non-compliant measures that may be excused in a given month. The table is read as follows: (1) determine the number of measures to which Liquidated Damages are applicable and which have sample sizes greater than or equal to 30 cases. Let this number be M. (2) Find the value of M in the columns of the table with the heading "M". (3) To the immediate right of the value of M, find the value in the column labeled "F". This is the maximum number of measures that may be failed when there are M measures being evaluated. (4)) To the immediate right of F in the column labeled "P" is the critical probability for determining compliance in each statistical test performed on the M measures. Statistical tests that yield probabilities less than this value indicate failures for the sub-measure.

9. TABLE OF CRITICAL VALUES

M	F	P															
1	0	0.010	71	8	0.051	141	14	0.054	211	19	0.054	281	23	0.051	351	28	0.052
2	1	0.100	72	8	0.050	142	14	0.054	212	19	0.053	282	23	0.051	352	28	0.052
3	1	0.059	73	9	0.059	143	14	0.054	213	19	0.053	283	23	0.051	353	28	0.052
4	2	0.141	74	9	0.058	144	14	0.053	214	19	0.053	284	23	0.050	354	28	0.051
5	2	0.106	75	9	0.057	145	14	0.053	215	19	0.053	285	23	0.050	355	28	0.051
6	2	0.085	76	9	0.056	146	14	0.052	216	19	0.052	286	23	0.050	356	28	0.051
7	2	0.071	77	9	0.055	147	14	0.052	217	19	0.052	287	24	0.053	357	28	0.051
8	2	0.061	78	9	0.055	148	14	0.052	218	19	0.052	288	24	0.052	358	28	0.051
9	2	0.053	79	9	0.054	149	14	0.051	219	19	0.052	289	24	0.052	359	28	0.051
10	3	0.093	80	9	0.053	150	14	0.051	220	19	0.051	290	24	0.052	360	28	0.051
11	3	0.084	81	9	0.053	151	14	0.051	221	19	0.051	291	24	0.052	361	28	0.050
12	3	0.076	82	9	0.052	152	14	0.050	222	19	0.051	292	24	0.052	362	28	0.050
13	3	0.069	83	9	0.051	153	15	0.055	223	19	0.051	293	24	0.052	363	28	0.050
14	3	0.064	84	9	0.051	154	15	0.054	224	19	0.050	294	24	0.051	364	28	0.050
15	3	0.059	85	9	0.050	155	15	0.054	225	19	0.050	295	24	0.051	365	29	0.052
16	3	0.055	86	10	0.057	156	15	0.054	226	20	0.053	296	24	0.051	366	29	0.052
17	3	0.052	87	10	0.057	157	15	0.053	227	20	0.053	297	24	0.051	367	29	0.052
18	4	0.077	88	10	0.056	158	15	0.053	228	20	0.053	298	24	0.051	368	29	0.052
19	4	0.073	89	10	0.055	159	15	0.053	229	20	0.053	299	24	0.050	369	29	0.052
20	4	0.069	90	10	0.055	160	15	0.052	230	20	0.052	300	24	0.050	370	29	0.051
21	4	0.065	91	10	0.054	161	15	0.052	231	20	0.052	301	24	0.050	371	29	0.051
22	4	0.062	92	10	0.053	162	15	0.052	232	20	0.052	302	25	0.053	372	29	0.051
23	4	0.059	93	10	0.053	163	15	0.051	233	20	0.052	303	25	0.052	373	29	0.051
24	4	0.057	94	10	0.052	164	15	0.051	234	20	0.051	304	25	0.052	374	29	0.051
25	4	0.054	95	10	0.052	165	15	0.051	235	20	0.051	305	25	0.052	375	29	0.051
26	4	0.052	96	10	0.051	166	15	0.050	236	20	0.051	306	25	0.052	376	29	0.051
27	5	0.070	97	10	0.051	167	15	0.050	237	20	0.051	307	25	0.052	377	29	0.050
28	5	0.068	98	10	0.050	168	16	0.054	238	20	0.051	308	25	0.052	378	29	0.050
29	5	0.065	99	11	0.056	169	16	0.054	239	20	0.050	309	25	0.051	379	29	0.050
30	5	0.063	100	11	0.056	170	16	0.053	240	20	0.050	310	25	0.051	380	29	0.050
31	5	0.061	101	11	0.055	171	16	0.053	241	21	0.053	311	25	0.051	381	30	0.052
32	5	0.059	102	11	0.055	172	16	0.053	242	21	0.053	312	25	0.051	382	30	0.052
33	5	0.057	103	11	0.054	173	16	0.053	243	21	0.053	313	25	0.051	383	30	0.052
34	5	0.055	104	11	0.054	174	16	0.052	244	21	0.052	314	25	0.051	384	30	0.052
35	5	0.054	105	11	0.053	175	16	0.052	245	21	0.052	315	25	0.050	385	30	0.051
36	5	0.052	106	11	0.053	176	16	0.052	246	21	0.052	316	25	0.050	386	30	0.051
37	5	0.051	107	11	0.052	177	16	0.051	247	21	0.052	317	25	0.050	387	30	0.051
38	6	0.065	108	11	0.052	178	16	0.051	248	21	0.052	318	26	0.052	388	30	0.051
39	6	0.063	109	11	0.051	179	16	0.051	249	21	0.051	319	26	0.052	389	30	0.051
40	6	0.061	110	11	0.051	180	16	0.050	250	21	0.051	320	26	0.052	390	30	0.051
41	6	0.060	111	11	0.050	181	16	0.050	251	21	0.051	321	26	0.052	391	30	0.051
42	6	0.058	112	12	0.056	182	17	0.054	252	21	0.051	322	26	0.052	392	30	0.051
43	6	0.057	113	12	0.055	183	17	0.054	253	21	0.051	323	26	0.052	393	30	0.050
44	6	0.055	114	12	0.055	184	17	0.053	254	21	0.050	324	26	0.051	394	30	0.050

45	6	0.054	115	12	0.054	185	17	0.053	255	21	0.050	325	26	0.051	395	30	0.050
46	6	0.053	116	12	0.054	186	17	0.053	256	22	0.053	326	26	0.051	396	31	0.052
47	6	0.052	117	12	0.054	187	17	0.052	257	22	0.053	327	26	0.051	397	31	0.052
48	6	0.051	118	12	0.053	188	17	0.052	258	22	0.053	328	26	0.051	398	31	0.052
49	7	0.062	119	12	0.053	189	17	0.052	259	22	0.052	329	26	0.051	399	31	0.052
50	7	0.061	120	12	0.052	190	17	0.052	260	22	0.052	330	26	0.050	400	31	0.052
51	7	0.059	121	12	0.052	191	17	0.051	261	22	0.052	331	26	0.050	401	31	0.051
52	7	0.058	122	12	0.051	192	17	0.051	262	22	0.052	332	26	0.050	402	31	0.051
53	7	0.057	123	12	0.051	193	17	0.051	263	22	0.052	333	27	0.052	403	31	0.051
54	7	0.056	124	12	0.050	194	17	0.051	264	22	0.051	334	27	0.052	404	31	0.051
55	7	0.055	125	13	0.056	195	17	0.050	265	22	0.051	335	27	0.052	405	31	0.051
56	7	0.054	126	13	0.055	196	17	0.050	266	22	0.051	336	27	0.052	406	31	0.051
57	7	0.053	127	13	0.055	197	18	0.054	267	22	0.051	337	27	0.052	407	31	0.051
58	7	0.052	128	13	0.054	198	18	0.053	268	22	0.051	338	27	0.052	408	31	0.050
59	7	0.051	129	13	0.054	199	18	0.053	269	22	0.050	339	27	0.051	409	31	0.050
60	7	0.050	130	13	0.053	200	18	0.053	270	22	0.050	340	27	0.051	410	31	0.050
61	8	0.060	131	13	0.053	201	18	0.052	271	23	0.053	341	27	0.051	411	31	0.050
62	8	0.059	132	13	0.053	202	18	0.052	272	23	0.053	342	27	0.051	412	32	0.052
63	8	0.058	133	13	0.052	203	18	0.052	273	23	0.052	343	27	0.051	413	32	0.052
64	8	0.057	134	13	0.052	204	18	0.052	274	23	0.052	344	27	0.051	414	32	0.052
65	8	0.056	135	13	0.051	205	18	0.051	275	23	0.052	345	27	0.051	415	32	0.052
66	8	0.055	136	13	0.051	206	18	0.051	276	23	0.052	346	27	0.050	416	32	0.051
67	8	0.054	137	13	0.051	207	18	0.051	277	23	0.052	347	27	0.050	417	32	0.051
68	8	0.053	138	13	0.050	208	18	0.051	278	23	0.052	348	27	0.050	418	32	0.051
69	8	0.053	139	14	0.055	209	18	0.050	279	23	0.051	349	28	0.052	419	32	0.051
70	8	0.052	140	14	0.055	210	18	0.050	280	23	0.051	350	28	0.052	420	32	0.051

10. LIMITATIONS

- 10.1 **SBC-13STATE** will not be excused from payment of liquidated damages, as calculated by the rules set forth herein, on any grounds, except by application of the procedure provided for under Section 11.5. Any dispute regarding whether a **SBC-13STATE** performance failure is excused under that paragraph will be resolved, through negotiation, through a dispute resolution proceeding under applicable Commission rules or, if the parties agree, through commercial arbitration with the American Arbitration Association.
- 10.2 **SBC-13STATE** 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 actions or events beyond **SBC-13STATE**'s control, including but not limited to the following: (i) a Force Majeure event; (ii) an act or omission by a **SPRINT** that is contrary to any of its obligations under its interconnection agreement with **SBC-13STATE** or law; (iii) environmental events beyond **SBC-13STATE**'s control even though not considered "Force Majeure"; (iv) problems associated with third-party systems or equipment which could not be avoided by **SBC-13STATE** through the exercise of reasonable

diligence, regardless of whether or not such third-party systems or equipment were sold to or otherwise being provided to **SBC-13STATE** and (v) delays or other problems resulting from actions of a Service Bureau Provider acting on **SPRINT**'s behalf for connection to SBC-LEC's OSS, including Service Bureau Provider processes, services, systems or connectivity.

- 10.3 If a Delaying Event (i) prevents a Party from performing an activity, then such activity will be excluded from the calculation of **SBC-13STATE**'s compliance with the Performance Criteria, or (ii) only suspends **SBC-13STATE**'s ability to timely perform the activity, the applicable time frame in which **SBC-13STATE**'s compliance with the Performance Criteria is measured will be extended on an hour-for-hour or day-for-day basis, as applicable, equal to the duration of the Delaying Event.

11. RECORDS AND REPORTS

- 11.1 **SBC-13STATE** will not levy a separate charge for provision of the data to **SPRINT** called for under this Appendix. Notwithstanding other provisions of this Agreement, the Parties agree that such data and associated records will be deemed Proprietary Information.
- 11.2 Reports are to be made available to **SPRINT** by the 20th day following the close of the calendar month. If the 20th day falls on a weekend or holiday, the reports will be made available the next business day.
- 11.3 **SPRINT** will have access to monthly reports through an interactive Website.
- 11.4 **SBC-13STATE** will provide billing credits for the associated liquidated damages on or before the 30th day following the due date of the performance report for the month in which the obligation arose.
- 11.5 The measurement data herein shall be collected, reported and used to calculate payments or penalties on a per **SPRINT** operating entity basis. The results of multiple **SPRINT** affiliates shall not be combined for any purpose under this Appendix.
- 11.6 **SBC-13STATE** will not pay liquidated damages in excess of the monthly maximum amounts listed in the table below. These thresholds are based on the aggregate damages to all **SPRINT**s in the designated state.

State	Monthly Maximum
Arkansas	\$.072M
California	\$1.26M

Connecticut	\$.168M
Illinois	\$.51M
Indiana	\$.165M
Kansas	\$.101M
Michigan	\$.392M
Missouri	\$.189M
Nevada	\$.024M
Ohio	\$.296M
Oklahoma	\$.120M
Texas	\$.713M
Wisconsin	\$.158M

12. AUDITS

- 12.1 **SPRINT** and **SBC-13STATE** will consult with one another and attempt in good faith to resolve any issues regarding the accuracy or integrity of data collected, generated, and reported pursuant to this Appendix. In the event that **SPRINT** requests such consultation and the issues raised by **SPRINT** have not been resolved within 30 days after **SPRINT**'s request for consultation, then **SBC-13STATE** will allow **SPRINT** to commence a mini-audit, at **SPRINT**'s expense, upon providing **SBC-13STATE** 5 days advance written notice (including e-mail).
- 12.2 **SPRINT** is limited to auditing three (3) single measures/submeasures during the year (hereafter, "Mini-Audits"). No more than three (3) Mini-Audits will be conducted simultaneously for all **SPRINT**s, unless more than one **SPRINT** wants the same measure/sub-measure audited at the same time, in which case, Mini-Audits of the same measure/submeasure shall count as one Mini-Audit for the purposes of this paragraph only.
- 12.3 **SPRINT** will bear the expense of the mini-audits, unless **SBC-13STATE** is found to be "materially" misreporting or misrepresenting data or to have non-compliant procedures, in which case, **SBC-13STATE** will pay for the costs of the third party auditor. "Materially" at fault means that a reported successful measure changes as a consequence of the audit to a missed measure, or there is a change from an ordinary missed measure to another category, if such exists. Each party to the mini-audit shall bear its own internal costs, regardless of which party ultimately bears the costs of the third party auditor. The major service categories are listed below:

Pre-Ordering/Ordering
Provisioning
Maintenance
Interconnection
Coordinated Conversions

Collocation
Billing

13. INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION

13.1 The Parties agree that none of the liquidated damages provisions set forth in this Appendix will apply during the first three months after first purchases of the a new type of service or unbundled network element(s) associated with a particular Performance Measurement or after the introduction of a new measure. During this three month period the Parties agree to consider in good faith any adjustments that may be warranted to the Performance Criteria for that Performance Measurement.

14. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

14.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide Performance Measurements under this Agreement, in accordance with the Business Rules and associated implementation timelines contained in paragraphs 23 and 24 of the FCC Merger Conditions, and its associated Attachments. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Performance Measure Business Rules contained in the FCC Merger Conditions, including any subsequent additions, modifications and/or deletions to the Business Rules adopted pursuant to FCC Merger Conditions, Attachment A, paragraph 4, shall also be incorporated into this Agreement by reference. **SBC-13STATE** performance shall be measured by the Business Rules in effect on the first date of each month in which the activity subject to measurement occurred.

**APPENDIX
RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION
(AFTER FCC ORDER NO. 01-131)**

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APPENDIX RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION

1. APPENDIX SCOPE OF TERM

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the rates, terms and conditions for Reciprocal Compensation of intercarrier telecommunications traffic between SBC-13STATE and SPRINT, but only to the extent they are interconnected and exchanging calls pursuant to a fully executed, underlying Interconnection Agreement approved by the applicable state or federal regulatory agency for telecommunications traffic in this state.
- 1.2 The compensation arrangement for the joint provision of Feature Group A (FGA) Services shall be subject to the underlying Interconnection Agreement or as otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties.
- 1.3 The provisions of this Appendix apply to calls originated over the originating carrier's facilities or over Unbundled Network Elements.
- 1.4 The provisions of this Appendix do not apply to traffic originated over services provided under local Resale service.
- 1.5 This Appendix is intended to supercede and replace any and all Appendices, Attachments, Rate Schedules, or other sections of the underlying Interconnection Agreement that set forth the rates, terms and conditions for Reciprocal Compensation of intercarrier telecommunications traffic between SBC-13STATE and SPRINT. Any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Appendix and other provisions of the underlying Interconnection Agreement shall be governed by the provisions of this Appendix.
- 1.6 The Parties agree that this Appendix also governs the exchange, routing and rating of all intercarrier ISP and Internet-bound traffic between SBC-13STATE and SPRINT in this state. The terms "ISPs" and "Internet" shall be given the same meaning as used in the underlying Agreement, and if not defined there, shall be given the same meaning as found in the ISP Compensation Order and the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

2. SBC-13STATE DESIGNATIONS

- 2.1 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 Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.

- 2.2 Definitions of terms used in this Appendix are contained in the General Terms and Conditions, except as specifically identified herein. The following definitions from the General Terms and Conditions are legitimately related to this Appendix: SBC-13STATE, SBC-SWBT, PACIFIC, NEVADA, SNET, SBC-AMERITECH.

3. CLASSIFICATION OF TRAFFIC

- 3.1 Telecommunications traffic exchanged between SPRINT and SBC-13STATE will be classified as either Local Calls, Transit Traffic, Optional Calling Area Traffic, IntraLATA Toll Traffic, or InterLATA Toll Traffic. For purposes of this Appendix, calls to ISPs will be rated and routed according to these same classifications, depending on the physical location of the originating and terminating end users.
- 3.2 Reciprocal compensation applies for transport and termination of Local Calls. "Local Calls", for purposes of intercarrier compensation, is traffic where all calls are within the same common local and common mandatory local calling area, i.e., within the same or different SBC-13STATE Exchange(s) that participate in the same common local or common mandatory local calling area as outlined in the applicable state Local Exchange Tariff. Local Calls must actually originate and actually terminate to End Users physically located within the same common local or common mandatory local calling area.
- 3.4 For purposes of this Appendix, the Parties agree that "Local Calls" and "Local ISP Calls" will be compensated at the same rates and rate structures, depending on the End Office or Tandem serving arrangement, so long as the originating end user of one Party and the terminating end user or ISP of the other Party are:
- a. both physically located in the same SBC-13STATE Local Exchange Area as defined by the SBC-13STATE Local (or "General") Exchange Tariff on file with the applicable state commission or regulatory agency; or
 - b. both physically located within neighboring SBC-13STATE Local Exchange Areas, or within an SBC-13STATE exchange and an Independent LEC exchange, that share a common mandatory local calling area. This includes but is not limited to, mandatory Extended Area Service (EAS), mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS), or other types of mandatory expanded local calling scopes.
- 3.5 The Parties agree that, notwithstanding the classification of traffic under this Appendix, either Party is free to define its own "local" calling area(s) for purposes of its provision of telecommunications services to its end users.

- 3.6 When an End User originates a Local Call which terminates to an End User physically located in the same local exchange area and served on the other Party's physical switch or, if operating in SBC-13STATE, through the other Party's Unbundled Network Element (UNE) switch port, the originating Party shall compensate the terminating Party for the transport and termination of Local Calls at the rate(s) provided in this Appendix and Appendix Pricing. In SNET, calls originated over UNEs UNE-RS and UNE-LS/ST are not subject to reciprocal compensation since the rates for unbundled local switching reflect and include the costs of call termination.
- 3.7 The Parties' obligation to pay reciprocal compensation to each other shall commence on the date the Parties agree that the interconnection is complete (i.e., each Party has established its originating trunks as well as all ancillary traffic trunking such as Operator Services, 911 or Mass Calling trunks).
- 3.8 The compensation arrangements set forth in this Appendix are not applicable to (i) Exchange Access traffic, (ii) Information Service 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, with the exception of calls to ISPs, which are addressed in this Appendix. All Exchange Access traffic, and IntraLATA Toll Traffic shall continue to be governed by the terms and conditions of applicable federal and state tariffs.
- 3.9 Calls delivered to or from numbers that are assigned to an exchange within a common mandatory local calling area but where the receiving or calling party is physically located outside the common mandatory local calling area of the exchange to which the number is assigned are either Feature Group A (FGA) or Foreign Exchange (FX) and are not Local Calls for intercarrier compensation and are not subject to local reciprocal compensation.
- 3.10 Private Line Services include private line-like and special access services and are not subject to local reciprocal compensation. Private Line Services are defined as dedicated Telecommunications channels provided between two points or switched among multiple points and are used for voice, data, audio or video transmission. Private Line services include, but are not limited to, WATS access lines.
- 3.11 Reciprocal Compensation applies to local traffic that is terminated at either parties' terminating switch. Traffic that is delivered to a CLEC or ISP via Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) service is not subject to intercarrier compensation.
- 3.12 Where the Parties are performing a transiting function as defined in Section 9.0 below, the transiting Party will pass the original and true CPN if it is received from the originating third party. If the original and true CPN is not received from

the originating third party, the Party performing the transiting function can not forward the CPN and will not be billed as the default originator.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 4.1 Each Party to this Appendix will be responsible for the accuracy and quality of its data as submitted to the respective Parties involved.
- 4.2 Where SS7 connections exist, each Party will include in the information transmitted to the other for each call originated by one Party being terminated on the other's network, where available, the original and true Calling Party Number (CPN).
- 4.3 If one Party is passing CPN but the other Party is not properly receiving information, the Parties will work cooperatively to correct the problem.
- 4.4 Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, where SS7 connections exist for calls originated by one Party and terminated by the other, if the percentage of calls passed with CPN is greater than ninety percent (90%), all calls exchanged without CPN information will be billed as either Local Traffic or intraLATA Toll Traffic in direct proportion to the minutes of use (MOU) of calls exchanged with CPN information for that month. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, if the percentage of calls passed with CPN is less than ninety percent (90%) for a given month, the terminating Party will provide written notice that the CPN percentage has fallen below the acceptable 90%. The noticed Party will then have the succeeding month to correct the issue. If the percentage of calls in the third month are still below the acceptable 90%, all calls passed without CPN will be billed as intraLATA switched access.

5. LOCAL CALL TERMINATION

- 5.1 The compensation set forth below will also apply to all Local and Local ISP Calls as defined in section 3.2 of this Appendix, depending on whether the call is terminated directly to an End Office or through a Tandem.
- 5.2 Bifurcated Rates (Call Set Up and Call Duration). The Parties agree to compensate each other for the termination of Local Calls and Local ISP Calls on a "bifurcated" basis, meaning assessing an initial Call Set Up charge on a per Message basis, and then assessing a separate Call Duration charge on a per Minute of Use (MOU) basis, where ever per Message charges are applicable. The following rate elements apply, but the corresponding rates are shown in Appendix Reciprocal Compensation Terminating Rates, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth below:
- 5.3 Tandem Serving Rate Elements:

- 5.3.1 Tandem Switching - compensation for the use of tandem switching (only) functions.
- 5.3.2 Tandem Transport - compensation for the transmission facilities between the local tandem and the end offices subtending that tandem.
- 5.3.3 End Office Switching in a Tandem Serving Arrangement - compensation for the local end office switching and line termination functions necessary to complete the transmission in a tandem-served arrangement. It consists of a call set-up rate (per message) and an call duration (per minute) rate.
- 5.4 End Office Serving Rate Elements:
 - 5.4.1 End Office Switching - compensation for the local end office switching and line termination functions necessary to complete the transmission in an end office serving arrangement. It consists of a call set-up rate (per message) and a call duration (per minute) rate.
- 5.5 All ISP and Internet-bound traffic shall be subject to the same terms and conditions regarding switch recordings, Calling Party Number (CPN) signaling, and other usage detail as for other Local Calls under this Appendix. Minutes of use to ISPs may be shown separately on the monthly usage detail, invoices, payment summaries, or other documents exchanged between SBC-13STATE and SPRINT in the monthly billing cycle.
- 5.6 All ISP and Internet-bound traffic for a given usage month shall be due and owing at the same time as payments for Local Calls under this Appendix. The parties agree that all terms and conditions regarding disputed minutes of use, nonpayment, partial payment, late payment, interest on outstanding balances, or other billing and payment terms shall apply to ISP and Internet-bound traffic the same as for Local Calls under this Appendix.

6. NON-LOCAL CALL TERMINATION

- 6.1 The Parties recognize and agree that ISP and Internet-bound traffic could also be traded outside of the applicable local calling scope, or routed in ways that could make the rates and rate structure in Section 5. above not apply, including but not limited to ISP calls that fit the underlying Agreement's definitions of:
 - Transit Traffic
 - Optional EAS Traffic
 - IntraLATA Interexchange Traffic
 - InterLATA Interexchange Traffic

- 800, 888, 877, ("8yy") Traffic
- Feature Group A Traffic
- Feature Group D Traffic

6.2 The Parties agree that, for the purposes of this Appendix, either Parties' end users remain free to place ISP calls on a "Non-Local" basis under any of the above classifications. To the extent such "non-Local" ISP calls are placed, the Parties agree that Section 5. above does not apply, and that the underlying Agreement's rates, terms and conditions for IntraLATA and/or InterLATA calling shall apply, including but not limited to rating and routing according to the terminating parties' Exchange Access intrastate and/or interstate tariffs.

6.3 The Parties agree that physical interconnection, routing, and trunking of ISP calls on an Inter-Exchange basis, either IntraLATA or InterLATA, shall be as specified in the underlying Agreement for all other traffic exchanged, including but not limited to, the need to route over Meet Point Billed trunks.

7. **OPTIONAL CALLING AREA TRAFFIC -- SWBT-OK, KS, AR, TX**

7.1 Compensation for Optional Calling Area (OCA) Traffic is for the termination of intercompany traffic to and from the one-way or two-way optional exchanges(s) and the associated metropolitan area.

7.2 In the context of this Appendix, Optional Calling Areas (OCAs) exist only in the states of Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Texas, and are outlined in the applicable state Local Exchange tariffs. This rate is independent of any retail service arrangement established by either Party. **SPRINT** and **SWBT-OK, SWBT-KS, SWBT-AR, and SWBT-TX** are not precluded from establishing its own local calling areas or prices for purposes of retail telephone service; however the terminating rates to be used for any such offering will still be administered as described in this Appendix.

7.3 The state specific OCA Transport and Termination rates are outlined in Appendix Pricing.

8. **MCA TRAFFIC -- SBC-MO**

8.1 For compensation purposes in the state of Missouri, Local Traffic shall be further defined as "Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) Traffic" and "Non-MCA Traffic." MCA Traffic is traffic originated by a party providing a local calling scope plan pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission Orders in Case No. TO-92-306 and Case No. TO-99-483 (MCA Orders) and the call is a local call based on the calling scope of the originating party pursuant to the MCA Orders. Non-MCA Traffic is all Local Traffic that is not defined as MCA Traffic.

- 8.1.1 Either party providing Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) service shall offer the full calling scope prescribed in Case No. TO-92-306, without regard to the identity of the called party's local service provider. The parties may offer additional toll-free outbound calling or other services in conjunction with MCA service, but in any such offering the party shall not identify any calling scope other than that prescribed in Case No. TO-92-306 as "MCA" service.
- 8.1.2 Pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission Order in Case No. TO-99-483, MCA Traffic shall be exchanged on a bill-and-keep intercompany compensation basis meaning that the party originating a call defined as MCA Traffic shall not compensate the terminating party for terminating the call. Furthermore, the Transit Traffic rate element shall not apply to MCA Traffic (i.e., no transiting charges shall be assessed for MCA Traffic).
- 8.2 The parties agree to use the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) to provision the appropriate MCA NXXs in their networks. The LERG should be updated at least 45 days in advance of opening a new code to allow the other party the ability to make the necessary network modifications. If the Commission orders the parties to use an alternative other than the LERG, the parties will comply with the Commission's final order.
- 8.3 If SPRINT provides service via resale or in conjunction with ported numbers in the MCA, the appropriate MCA NXXs will be updated by SWBT.

9. TRANSIT TRAFFIC COMPENSATION

- 9.1 Transiting Service allows one Party to send Local, Optional, intraLATA Toll Traffic, and 800 intraLATA Toll Traffic to a third party network through the other Party's tandem. A Transiting rate element applies to all MOUs between a Party and third party networks that transits an SBC-13STATE network. The originating Party is responsible for payment of the appropriate rates unless otherwise specified. The Transiting rate element is only applicable when calls do not originate with (or terminate to) the transit Party's End User. Pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission Order in Case No. TO-99-483, the Transit Traffic rate element shall not apply to MCA Traffic (i.e., no transiting charges shall be assessed for MCA Traffic) for SWBT-MO. The rates that SBC-13STATE shall charge for transiting SPRINT traffic are outlined in Appendix Pricing.
- 9.2 The Parties agree to enter into their own agreement with third party Telecommunications Carriers prior to delivering traffic for transiting to the third party. In the event one Party originates traffic that transits the second Party's

network to reach a third party Telecommunications Carrier with whom the originating Party does not have a traffic Interexchange agreement, then originating Party will indemnify the second Party against any and all charges levied by such third party telecommunications carrier, including any termination charges related to such traffic and any attorneys fees and expenses. The terminating party and the tandem provider will bill their respective portions of the charges directly to the originating party, and neither the terminating party nor the tandem provider will be required to function as a billing intermediary, e.g. clearinghouse.

- 9.3 SPRINT shall not bill SBC-13STATE for terminating any Transit traffic, whether identified or unidentified, i.e. whether SBC-13STATE is sent CPN or is not sent CPN by the originating company.
- 9.4 In those SBC-13STATE's where Primary Toll Carrier (PTC) arrangements are mandated, for intraLATA Toll Traffic which is subject to a PTC arrangement and where SBC-13STATE is the PTC, SBC-13STATE shall deliver such intraLATA Toll Traffic to the terminating carrier in accordance with the terms and conditions of such PTC arrangement. Upon receipt of verifiable Primary Toll records, SBC-13STATE shall reimburse the terminating carrier at SBC-13STATE's applicable tariffed terminating switched access rates. When transport mileage cannot be determined, an average transit transport mileage shall be applied as set forth in Appendix Pricing.
- 9.5 SPRINT will establish sufficient direct trunk groups between SPRINT and a Third Party's network when SPRINT's traffic volumes to said Third Party require twenty-four (24) or more trunks.

10. OPTIONAL CALLING AREA TRANSIT TRAFFIC -- SWBT-MO, SWBT-KS, SWBT-AR, SWBT-TX

- 10.1 In the states of Texas, Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas, the Optional Area Transit Traffic rate element applies when one End User is in a SBC-SWBT one-way or two-way optional exchange and the other End User is within the SWBT-KS, SWBT-AR, and/or SWBT-TX local or mandatory exchanges. The Parties agree to apply the Optional Area Transit rate to traffic terminating to third party Independent LEC that shares a common mandatory local calling area with all SWBT-MO, SWBT-KS, SWBT-AR, and SWBT-TX exchanges included in a specific metropolitan exchange area. The Optional Area Transit Traffic rates that will be billed are outlined in Appendix Pricing. The specific NXXs and associated calling scopes can be located in the applicable state Local Exchange tariff.

11. INTRALATA 800 TRAFFIC

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

12. MEET-POINT-BILLING (MPB) and SWITCHED ACCESS TRAFFIC COMPENSATION

- 12.1 Intercarrier compensation for Switched Access Traffic shall be on a MPB basis as described below.
- 12.2 The Parties will establish MPB arrangements in order to provide Switched Access Services to IXC and ESPs via the respective carrier's Tandem Office Switch switches in accordance with the MPB guidelines adopted by and either contained in, or upon approval to be added in future to the Ordering and Billing Forum's MECOD and MECAB documents.
- 12.3 Billing to Interexchange Carriers (IXCs) and ESPs for the Switched Exchange Access Services jointly provided by the Parties via MPB arrangements shall be according to the multiple bill/single tariff method. As described in the MECAB document, each Party will render a bill in accordance with its own tariff for that portion of the service it provides. Each Party will bill its own network access service rates to the IXC. The residual interconnection charge (RIC), if any, will be billed by the Party providing the end office function. For the purpose of this Appendix, SPRINT is the Initial Billing Company (IBC) and SBC-13STATE is the Subsequent Billing Company.
- 12.4 The Parties will maintain provisions in their respective federal and state access tariffs, or provisions within the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff No. 4, or any successor tariff, sufficient to reflect this MPB arrangement, including MPB percentages.
- 12.5 As detailed in the MECAB document, the Parties will, in accordance with appropriate billing cycle intervals defined herein, exchange all information

necessary to accurately, reliably and promptly bill third parties for Switched Access Services traffic jointly handled by the Parties via the Meet Point arrangement. Information shall be exchanged in a mutually acceptable electronic file transfer protocol. Where the EMI records cannot be transferred due to a transmission failure, records can be provided via a mutually acceptable medium. The initial billing company (IBC) will provide the information to the subsequent billing company within ten (10) working days of sending the IBC's bills. The exchange of records to accommodate MPB will be on a reciprocal, no charge basis.

- 12.6 MPB shall also apply to all jointly provided MOU traffic bearing the 900, or toll free NPAs (e.g., 800, 877, 866, 888 NPAs, or any other non-geographic NPAs) which may likewise be designated for such traffic in the future where the responsible party is an IXC or ESP. When SBC-13STATE performs 800 database queries, SBC-13STATE will charge the end office provider for the database query in accordance with standard industry practices.
- 12.7 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 if the level of billing or other BAR/BACR elements change, resulting in a new BAR/BACR number.
- 12.8 For purposes of this Appendix the Party to whom the End Office Switch belongs is the IBC and the Party to whom the Tandem Office Switch belongs is the secondary billing company. The secondary billing company will provide the IBC with the Exchange Access detailed usage data within thirty (30) days of the recording date. The IBC will provide to the secondary billing company the Exchange Access summary usage data within ten (10) working days of the IBC's bill date to the IXC and/or ESP. SBC-13STATE acknowledges that currently there is no charge for Summary Usage Data Records but that such a charge may be appropriate. At SPRINT's request, SBC-13STATE will negotiate a mutual and reciprocal charge for provision of Summary Usage Data Records.
- 12.9 SBC-13STATE and SPRINT agree to provide the other Party with notification of any discovered errors within ten (10) business days of the discovery.
- 12.10 In the event of a loss of data, both Parties shall cooperate to reconstruct the lost data within sixty (60) days of notification and if such reconstruction is not possible, shall accept a reasonable estimate of the lost data, based upon no more than three (3) to twelve (12) consecutive months of prior usage data.

13. INTRALATA TOLL TRAFFIC COMPENSATION

- 13.1 For intrastate intraLATA toll traffic, compensation for termination of intercompany traffic will be at terminating access rates for Message Telephone

Service (MTS) and originating access rates for 800 Service, including the Carrier Common Line (CCL) charge where applicable, as set forth in each Party's Intrastate Access Service Tariff, but not to exceed the compensation contained in an SBC-13STATE's tariff in whose exchange area the End User is located. For interstate intraLATA intercompany service traffic, compensation for termination of intercompany traffic will be at terminating access rates for MTS and originating access rates for 800 Service including the CCL charge, as set forth in each Party's interstate Access Service Tariff, but not to exceed the compensation contained in the SBC-13STATE's tariff in whose exchange area the End User is located. Common transport, (both fixed and variable), as well as tandem switching and end office rates apply only in those cases where a Party's tandem is used to terminate traffic.

14. BILLING FOR MUTUAL COMPENSATION -- SBC-SWBT

- 14.1 In SBC-SWBT other than for traffic described in Section 6.0 above, each Party shall deliver monthly settlement statements for terminating the other Party's traffic based on the following:
- 14.2 Each Party shall, unless otherwise agreed, adhere to the detailed technical descriptions and requirements for the recording, record exchange, and billing of traffic using the guidelines as set forth in the Technical Exhibit Settlement Procedures (TESP). Each Party will transmit the summarized originating minutes of usage within fifteen (15) business days following the prior month's close of business for all traffic including local, transiting, and optional EAS via the 92-type record process to the transiting and/or terminating Party for subsequent monthly intercompany settlement billing. This information will also be utilized by the Parties for use in verifying and auditing to confirm the jurisdictional nature of Local Calls and is required from the originating Party under the terms of this Appendix.
- 14.3 If originating records are not received within sixty (60) days, upon written notification the Party not receiving the originating records will bill all MOU for that month at Switched Access rates based upon a seven (7) day traffic study.
- 14.4 The Parties will not render invoice nor payment to each other for the transport and termination of calls for a particular month's usage until both Parties have received the originating 92-type summary records for that same month's usage.
- 14.5 On a monthly basis, each Party will record its originating MOU including identification of the originating and terminating NXX for all intercompany calls.
- 14.6 Each Party will transmit the summarized originating MOU above to the transiting and/or terminating Party for subsequent monthly intercompany settlement billing.

- 14.7 MOUs for the rates contained herein will be measured in seconds by call type, and accumulated each billing period into one (1) minute increments for billing purposes in accordance with industry rounding standards.
- 14.8 Where **SPRINT** has direct End Office Switch and Tandem Office Switch interconnection arrangements with **SBC-13STATEs**, **SBC-13STATEs** will multiply the Tandem Office Switch routed terminating MOU and End Office Switch routed terminating MOUs by the appropriate rates in order to determine the total monthly billing to each Party.

15. BILLING FOR MUTUAL COMPENSATION -- SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA, PACIFIC, SNET

- 15.1 In **SBC-AMERITECH**, **NEVADA**, **PACIFIC**, and **SNET**, each Party will calculate terminating interconnection minutes of use based on standard Automatic Message Accounting (AMA) recordings made within each Party's network. These recordings are the basis for each Party to generate bills to the other Party. For purposes of reciprocal compensation only, measurement of minutes of use over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups shall be in actual conversation seconds. The total conversation seconds over each individual Local Interconnection Trunk Group will be totaled for the entire monthly bill and then rounded to the next whole minute.
- 15.2 Each Party will provide to the other, within fifteen (15) calendar days, after the end of each quarter, a usage report with the following information regarding traffic terminated over the Local Interconnection Trunks:
- 15.2.1 Total traffic volume described in terms of minutes and messages and by call type (local, toll, and other) terminated to each other over the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups, and
- 15.2.1.1 Percent Local Usage (PLU) is calculated by dividing the Local MOU delivered to a party for termination by the total MOU delivered to a Party for termination.
- 15.2.2 Upon thirty (30) days written notice, each Party must provide the other the ability and opportunity to conduct an annual audit to ensure the proper billing of traffic between the Parties' networks. The Parties agree to retain records of call detail for six (6) months from when the calls were initially reported to the other Party. The audit will be conducted during normal business hours at an office designated by the Party being audited. Audit requests shall not be submitted more frequently than once per calendar year for each call detail type unless a subsequent audit is required. Audits shall be performed by a mutually acceptable independent auditor paid for by the Party requesting the audit. Based upon the audit, previous

compensation, billing and/or settlements will be adjusted for the past twelve (12) months. Also, if the PLU is adjusted based upon the audit results, the adjusted PLU will apply for the nine (9) month period following the completion of the audit. If, as a result of the audit, either Party has overstated the PLU or underreported the call detail usage by twenty percent (20%) or more, that Party shall reimburse the auditing Party for the cost of the audit and will pay for the cost of a subsequent audit which is to happen within nine (9) months of the initial audit.

16. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND SPECIFIC INTERVENING LAW TERMS

- 16.1 The Parties acknowledge that on April 27, 2001, the FCC released its Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68, *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-bound Traffic* (the "ISP Compensation Order.") The Parties agree that by executing this Appendix and carrying out the intercarrier compensation rates, terms and conditions herein, neither Party waives any of its rights, and expressly reserves all of its rights, under the ISP Compensation Order, including but not limited to the SBC-13STATE's option to invoke on a date specified by SBC-13STATE the FCC's ISP terminating compensation plan, after which date ISP-bound traffic will be subject to the FCC's prescribed terminating compensation rates, and other terms and conditions.
- 16.2 SBC-13STATE agrees to provide 20 days advance written notice to the person designated to receive official contract notices in the underlying Interconnection Agreement of the date upon which the SBC-13STATE designates that the FCC's ISP terminating compensation plan shall begin in this state. SPRINT agrees that on the date designated by SBC-13STATE, the Parties will begin billing Reciprocal Compensation to each other at the rates, terms and conditions specified in the FCC's terminating compensation plan.
- 16.3 SBC-13STATE and SPRINT agree to carry out the FCC terminating compensation plan on the date designated by SBC-13STATE without waiving, and expressly reserving, all appellate rights to contest FCC, judicial, legislative, or other regulatory rulings regarding ISP and Internet-bound traffic, including but not limited to, appeals of the FCC's ISP Compensation Order. By agreeing to this Appendix, both Parties reserve the right to advocate their respective positions before courts, state or federal commissions, or legislative bodies.
- 16.4 Should a regulatory agency, court or legislature change or nullify the SBC-13STATE's designated date to begin billing under the FCC's ISP terminating compensation plan, then the Parties also agree that any necessary billing true ups, reimbursements, or other accounting adjustments shall be made symmetrically and to the same date that the FCC terminating compensation plan was deemed applicable to all traffic in that state exchanged under section 251(b)(5) of the Act.

By way of interpretation, and without limiting the application of the foregoing, the Parties intend for retroactive compensation adjustments, to the extent they are ordered by Intervening Law, to apply uniformly to all traffic among SBC-13STATE, SPRINT and Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) carriers in the state where traffic is exchanged as Local Calls within the meaning of this Appendix.

- 16.5 The Parties further acknowledge that federal or state court challenges could be sustained against the FCC's ISP Compensation Order in particular, or against ISP intercarrier compensation generally. In particular, a court could order an injunction, stay or other retroactive ruling on ISP compensation back to the effective date of the FCC's ISP Compensation Order. Alternatively, a court could vacate the underlying Order upon which the compensation was based, and the FCC (either on remand or on its own motion) could rule that past traffic should be paid at different rates, terms or conditions.
- 16.6 Because of the possibilities in section 16.5, the Parties agree that should the ISP Compensation Order be modified or reversed in such a manner that prior intercarrier compensation was paid under rates, terms or conditions later found to be null and void, then the Parties agree that, in addition to negotiating appropriate amendments to conform to such modification or reversal, the Parties will also agree that any billing true ups, reimbursements, or other accounting adjustments on past traffic shall be made uniformly and on the same date as for all traffic exchanged under section 251(b)(5) of the Act. By way of interpretation, and without limiting the application of the foregoing, the Parties intend for retroactive compensation adjustments, to apply to all traffic among SBC-13STATE, SPRINT, and CMRS carriers in the state where traffic is exchanged as Local Calls within the meaning of this Appendix.
- 16.7 The Parties further acknowledge that the FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the topic of Intercarrier Compensation generally. *See, In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket 01-92; established in Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Order No. 01-132, April 27, 2001. In the event that a final, legally binding FCC Order is issued upon the conclusion of that NPRM proceeding and during the term of this Appendix, the Parties agree to conform this Agreement to the compensation procedures set forth in that Order.
- 16.8 The parties agree to that the foregoing rates, terms, and conditions for the exchange of ISP-bound and Internet-bound traffic are subject to all rules, regulations, and interpretations of that traffic as Information Access pursuant to section 201 of the Act and FCC implementing orders, as opposed to sections 251 and 252 of the Act.

16.9 The Parties reserve the right to raise the appropriate treatment of Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) or other Internet Telephony traffic under the Dispute Resolution provisions of this Interconnection Agreement. The Parties further agree that this Appendix shall not be construed against either Party as a "meeting of the minds" that VOIP or Internet Telephony traffic is or is not local traffic subject to reciprocal compensation. By entering into the Appendix, both Parties reserve the right to advocate their respective positions before state or federal commissions whether in bilateral complaint dockets, arbitrations under Sec. 252 of the Act, commission established rulemaking dockets, or in any legal challenges stemming from such proceedings.

17. **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

17.1 Legitimately Related Terms. Every interconnection, service and network element provided here shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in the underlying Interconnection Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element as provided in Section 2.9 of General Terms and Conditions.

17.2 Entire Agreement. This Reciprocal Compensation Appendix is intended to be read in conjunction with the underlying Interconnection Agreement between **SBC-13STATE** and **SPRINT**, but that as to the Reciprocal Compensation rates, terms and conditions, this Appendix constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties on these issues, and there are no other oral agreements or understandings between them on Reciprocal Compensation that are not incorporated into this Appendix.

APPENDIX RECORDING

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**APPENDIX RECORDING
(Recording, Message Processing And
Provision Of Interexchange Carrier Transported
Message Detail Appendix)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions under which SBC-13STATE will provide recording, message processing and message detail services as described in **Exhibit I** and **Exhibit II**, Exhibits I and II are part of this Appendix by reference.
- 1.2 Definitions of terms used in this Appendix are contained in the General Terms and Conditions, except as specifically identified herein. The following definitions from the General Terms and Conditions are legitimately related to this Appendix: SBC-13STATE, SBC-SWBT, PACIFIC, NEVADA, SNET, SBC-AMERITECH.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 “**Access Usage Record (AUR)**” - a message record which contains the usage measurement reflecting the service feature group, duration and time of day for a message and is subsequently used to bill access to Interexchange Carriers (IXCs).
- 2.2 “**Assembly and Editing**” - the aggregation of recorded customer message details to create individual message records and the verification that all necessary information required ensuring all individual message records meet industry specifications is present.
- 2.3 “**Billing Company**” - the company that bills End Users for the charges incurred in originating and terminating IXC transported calls.
- 2.4 “**Billable Message**” - a message record containing details of a completed IXC transported call which is used to bill an end user.
- 2.5 “**Centralized Message Distribution System (CMDS)**” - the national network of private line facilities used to exchange Exchange Message Records (EMR) formatted billing data between SBC-13STATE and the Billing Company.
- 2.6 “**Data Transmission**” - the forwarding by SBC-13STATE of IXC transported toll message detail and/or access usage record detail in EMR format over data lines or on magnetic tapes to the appropriate Billing Company.

- 2.7 **“Exchange Message Record (EMR)”** - Industry standard message format as described in accordance with the Telcordia Practice BR010-200-010 developed for the interexchange of telecommunications message information.
- 2.8 **“Interexchange Carrier (IXC)”** - A third party transmission provider that carries long distance voice and non-voice traffic between user locations for a related recurring fee. IXCs provide service interstate and intrastate. In some states IXCs are permitted to operate within a LATA.
- 2.9 **“Interexchange Carrier Transported”** - telecommunications services provided by an IXC or traffic transported by facilities belonging to an IXC.
- 2.10 **“Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)”** - service areas defined in FCC Docket 78-72.
- 2.11 **“Message Processing”** - the creation of individual EMR formatted billable message detail records from individual recordings that reflect specific billing detail for use in billing the End User and/or access usage records from individual recordings that reflect the service feature group, duration and time of day for a message, Carrier Identification Code, among other fields, for use in billing access to the Interexchange Carriers. Message Processing includes performing CMDS online edits required to ensure message detail and access usage records are consistent with CMDS specifications.
- 2.12 **“Originating Local Exchange Carrier Company”** - the company whose local exchange telephone network is used to originate calls thereby providing originating exchange access to IXCs.
- 2.13 **“Provision of Message Detail”** - the sorting of all billable message detail and access usage record detail by Revenue Accounting Office, Operating Company Number or Service Bureau, splitting of data into packs for invoicing, and loading of data into files for data transmission to CLEC for those records created internally or received from other Local Exchange Carrier Companies or Interexchange Carriers through SBC-13STATE's internal network or national CMDS.
- 2.14 **“Record”** - a logical grouping of information as described in the programs that process information and create the magnetic tapes or data files.
- 2.15 **“Recording”** - the creation and storage on magnetic tape or other medium of the basic billing details of a message in Automatic Message Accounting (AMA) format.

- 2.16 “**Service Switching Point (SSP)**” - a signaling point that can launch queries to databases and receive/interpret responses used to provide specific customer services.
- 2.17 “**Recording Company**” - the company that performs the functions of recording and message processing of Interexchange Carrier (IXC) transported messages and the provision of message detail.
- 2.18 “**Switching Control Point (SCP)**” - the real time database system that contains routing instructions for 800 calls. In addition to basic routing instructions, the SCP may also provide vertical feature translations, i.e., time of day, day of week routing, out of area screening and/or translation of the dialed 800 number to its assigned working telephone number.
- 2.19 “**800 SCP Carrier Access Usage Summary Record (SCP Record)**” - a summary record which contains information concerning the quantity and types of queries launched to an SBC-13STATE SCP. In those situations where charges are applicable for the production and delivery of SCP records, such charges will be those specified in **Exhibit II** pertaining to the production and forwarding of AUR data.
- 2.20 “**Terminating Local Exchange Carrier Company**” - the company whose local exchange telephone network is used to terminate calls thereby providing terminating exchange access to IXCs.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 3.1 SBC-13STATE will record all IXC transported messages for SPRINT carried over all Feature Group Switched Access Services that are available to SBC-13STATE provided recording equipment or operators. Unavailable messages (i.e., certain operator messages that are not accessible by SBC-13STATE - provided equipment or operators) will not be recorded. The recording equipment will be provided at locations selected by SBC-13STATE.
- 3.2 SBC-13STATE will perform assembly and editing, message processing and provision of applicable access usage record detail for IXC transported messages if the messages are recorded by SBC-13STATE.
- 3.3 SBC-13STATE will provide access usage records that are generated by SBC-13STATE.
- 3.4 Assembly and editing will be performed on all IXC transported messages recorded by SBC-13STATE, during the billing period established by SBC-13STATE and selected by SPRINT.

- 3.5 Standard EMR record formats for the provision of billable message detail and access usage record detail will be established by **SBC-13STATE** and provided to **SPRINT**.
- 3.6 Recorded billable message detail and access usage record detail will not be sorted to furnish detail by specific end users, by specific groups of end users, by office, by feature group or by location.
- 3.7 **SBC-13STATE** will provide message detail to **SPRINT** in data files, via data lines (normally a File Transfer Protocol), utilizing an 800 dial up or the Internet to receive and deliver messages or a network data mover facility, using software and hardware acceptable to both parties.
- 3.8 In **Exhibit II**, **SPRINT** will identify separately the location where the data transmissions should be sent (as applicable) and the number of times each month the information should be provided. **SBC-13STATE** reserves the right to limit the frequency of transmission to existing **SBC-13STATE** processing and work schedules, holidays, etc.
- 3.9 **SBC-13STATE** will determine the number data files required to provide the access usage record detail to **SPRINT**.
- 3.10 Recorded billable message detail and/or access usage record detail previously provided **SPRINT** and lost or destroyed through no fault of **SBC-13STATE** will not be recovered and made available to **SPRINT** except on an individual case basis at a cost determined by **SBC-13STATE**.
- 3.11 When **SBC-13STATE** receives rated billable messages from an IXC or another Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) that are to be billed by **SPRINT**, **SBC-13STATE** will forward those messages to **SPRINT**.
- 3.12 **SBC-13STATE** will record the applicable detail necessary to generate access usage records and forward them to **SPRINT** for its use in billing access to the IXC.

4. BASIS OF COMPENSATION

- 4.1 **SBC-13STATE** as the Recording Company, agrees to provide recording, assembly and editing, message processing and provision of message detail for Access Usage Records (AURs) ordered/required by **SPRINT** in accordance with this agreement on a reciprocal, no-charge basis. **SPRINT** agrees to provide any and all Summary Usage Records (SURs) required by **SBC-13STATE** on a reciprocal, no-charge basis. The parties agree that this mutual exchange of

records at no charge to either party shall otherwise be conducted according to the guidelines and specifications contained in the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) document.

5. LIABILITY

- 5.1 Except as otherwise provided herein, neither Party shall be liable to the other for any special, indirect, or consequential damage of any kind whatsoever. A Party shall not be liable for its inability to meet the terms of this Agreement where such inability is caused by failure of the first Party to comply with the obligations stated herein. Each Party is obliged to use its best efforts to mitigate damages.
- 5.2 When SBC-13STATE is notified that, due to error or omission, incomplete data has been provided to SPRINT, SBC-13STATE will make reasonable efforts to locate and/or recover the data and provide it to SPRINT at no additional charge. Such requests to recover the data must be made within thirty (30) calendar days from the date the details initially were made available to SPRINT. If written notification is not received within thirty (30) calendar days, SBC-13STATE shall have no further obligation to recover the data and shall have no further liability to SPRINT.
- 5.3 If, despite timely notification by SPRINT, message detail is lost and unrecoverable as a direct result of SBC-13STATE having lost or damaged tapes or incurred system outages while performing recording, assembly and editing, rating, message processing, and/or transmission of message detail, SBC-13STATE will estimate the volume of lost messages and associated revenue based on information available to it concerning the average revenue per minute for the average interstate and/or intrastate call. In such events, SBC-13STATE's liability to SPRINT shall be limited to the granting of a credit adjusting amounts otherwise due from it equal to the estimated net lost revenue associated with the lost message detail.
- 5.4 SBC-13STATE will not be liable for any costs incurred by SPRINT when SPRINT is transmitting data files via data lines and a transmission failure results in the non-receipt of data by SBC-13STATE.
- 5.5 SPRINT agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless SBC-13STATE from any and all losses, damages, or other liability, including attorney fees, that it may incur as a result of claims, demands, or other suits brought by any party that arise out of the use of this service by SPRINT, its customers or end users. Except for SBC-13STATE's sole negligence, SPRINT shall defend against all End Users' claims just as if SPRINT had provided such service to its End Users with its own employees.

- 5.6 **SPRINT** also agrees to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless **SBC-13STATE** from any claim, demand or suit that asserts any infringement or invasion of privacy or confidentiality of any person(s), caused or claimed to be caused, directly or indirectly, by **SBC-13STATE** employees and equipment associated with provision of this service. This includes, but is not limited to suits arising from disclosure of any customer specific information associated with either the originating or terminating numbers used to provision this service.
- 5.7 **SPRINT** also agrees to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Recording Company from any claim, demand or suit to perform under this contract should any regulatory body or any State or Federal Court find the existing terms of this contract to either be illegal, unenforceable, against public policy, or improper for the Recording Company.
- 5.8 **SBC-13STATE** makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to any warranty as to merchantability or fitness for intended or particular purpose with respect to services provided hereunder. Additionally, **SBC-13STATE** assumes no responsibility with regard to the correctness of the data supplied by **SPRINT** when this data is accessed and used by a third party.

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 as provided in Section 2.9 of the General Terms and Conditions.

**EXHIBIT I
SERVICES**

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

EXPLANATION OF SERVICE OPTIONS**ORIGINATING 1+ DDD RECORDINGS - IXC TRANSPORTED MESSAGE DETAIL
AND ACCESS USAGE RECORDS**

- Option #1:** This option has been withdrawn.
- Option #2:** The Recording Company performs recording, assembly and editing of the billable message detail and extracts that detail to the IXC for all 1+ IXC transported messages originating from SPRINT end office. The Recording Company creates Access Usage Records for this traffic and forwards those AUR records to SPRINT.
- Option #3:** The Interexchange Carriers do own billable message recording for their 1+ IXC transported messages originating from SPRINT end office. The Recording Company performs recording for Access purposes only, assembles and edits this data, creates AURs and forwards the AUR records to SPRINT.

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

- Option #4:** SPRINT Non-Equal Access End Office - The Interexchange Carriers do own billable message recording. The Recording Company performs local and intraLATA operator services for SPRINT. The Recording Company performs recording at the operator switch for all 0+, 0-, Coin Sent Paid, CAMA and International IXC transported messages. The Recording Company assembles and edits this data, creates AURs and forwards the AUR records to SPRINT.
- Option #5:** SPRINT Equal Access End Office - The Interexchange Carriers do own billable message recording. The Recording Company performs local and intraLATA operator services for SPRINT. The Recording Company performs recording at the operator switch for 0- only IXC transported messages. The Recording Company assembles and edits this data, creates AURs and forwards the AUR records to SPRINT.
- Option #6:** This option has been withdrawn.
- Option #7:** This option has been withdrawn.

800 RECORDINGS - IXC TRANSPORTED MESSAGE DETAIL

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

800 RECORDINGS - IXC TRANSPORTED MESSAGE DETAIL (Continued)

Option #9: This option has been withdrawn.

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

TERMINATING RECORDINGS - IXC TRANSPORTED ACCESS USAGE RECORDS

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

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

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

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

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

MESSAGE PROVISIONING

Option 16: The Recording Company will forward all IXC transported message detail records or access usage records to SPRINT generated internally within the Recording Company system or received via CMDS from an Interexchange Carrier or another Local Exchange Carrier telephone company. SPRINT forwards rated IXC transported message detail or access usage detail to Recording Company for distribution to the appropriate billing company through 13STATE's internal network or using the CMDS network.

Form SW-1773-I

EXHIBIT II

INVOICE DESIGNATION

Effective January 1, 1999

COMPANY NAME:

EXCHANGE COMPANY I.D. NUMBER (OCN):

BILLABLE INVOICE INTERVAL:

Check One:

Daily (Full Status RAO Companies will receive billable messages daily.)

Bill period (A maximum of five dates may be chosen.) A file is created five workdays from each bill period date, and three additional days should be allowed for distribution. Circle a maximum of five bill period dates:

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

Form SW-1733-III-B

AUR INVOICE INTERVAL:

Check One:

Daily (Full Status RAO Companies will receive AURs daily.)

Bill period (A maximum of five dates may be chosen.) A file is created five workdays from each bill period date, and three additional days should be allowed for distribution. Circle a maximum of five bill period dates:

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

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APPENDIX RESALE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix set forth terms and conditions for Resale Services provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and SPRINT.
- 1.2 Definitions of terms used in this Appendix are contained in the General Terms and Conditions, except as specifically identified herein. The following definitions from the General Terms and Conditions are legitimately related to this Appendix: SBC-13STATE, SBC-SWBT, PACIFIC, NEVADA, SNET, SBC-AMERITECH.
- 1.3 The prices at which SBC agrees to provide SPRINT with Resale Services are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commission ordered tariff where stated.

2. DESCRIPTION AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES

- 2.1 A list of Telecommunications Services currently available for resale at the wholesale discount rate for each service determined by the appropriate Commission is set forth in Appendix Pricing. Except as otherwise expressed herein, consistent with SBC-13STATE's obligation under Section 251(c)(4)(A) of the Act and any other applicable limitations or restrictions and any other applicable limitation or restriction that has been approved subject to 3.1 below. SPRINT may resell other Telecommunications Services offered at retail by SBC-13STATE at the discount set forth in Appendix Pricing.
 - 2.1.1 This section applies only to SWBT-KS:
 - 2.1.1.1 SPRINT shall select either (1) a uniform rate structure or (2) a three-tier discount structure based on lines, vertical features and toll. The three-tier discount structure will be made available upon written request from SPRINT.
- 2.2 SBC-13STATE will offer products and services to SPRINT for resale pursuant to relevant decisions of the appropriate Commission.
- 2.3 Telecommunications Services will be offered by SBC-13STATE to SPRINT for resale on terms and conditions that are reasonable and nondiscriminatory.
- 2.4 Grandfathered services are available per appropriate state specific tariff to SPRINT for resale at the applicable discount only to the same End User, at the

existing End User's location, to which SBC-13STATE provides the service, either at retail or through resale.

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3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

3.1 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, for Telecommunications Services included within this Appendix that are offered by SBC-13STATE to SBC-13STATE's End Users through tariff(s), the rules and regulations associated with SBC-13STATE's retail tariff(s) shall apply when the services are resold by SPRINT, with the exception of any tariff resale restrictions; provided, however, any tariff restrictions on further resale by the End User shall continue to apply. Use limitations shall be in parity with services offered by SBC-13STATE to its End Users. Sprint does not waive and, by executing this Agreement, is not estopped from arguing, before an appropriate forum, that any such resale restriction contained in SBC-13STATE end user tariffs, but not specifically and explicitly set forth herein as to a particular Telecommunications Service, is unreasonable, contrary to applicable law, and should not apply.

3.2 SPRINT 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 corresponding SBC-13STATE retail tariff(s) applicable within that state.

3.3 Except where otherwise explicitly permitted in SBC-13STATE's corresponding retail tariff(s), SPRINT shall not permit the sharing of a service by multiple End User(s) or the aggregation of traffic from multiple End User(s) onto a single service.

3.3.1 This section applies only to SWBT-TX:

3.3.1.1 Within the State of Texas, based upon the Texas Commission's arbitration order, SWBT-TX will permit aggregation for purposes of the resale of volume discount offers. Volume discount offers include such items as intraLATA toll, but do not include such items as packages of vertical features.

3.4 SPRINT shall only resell services furnished under this Appendix to the same category of End User(s) to whom SBC-13STATE offers such services (for example, residence service shall not be resold to business End Users).

3.4.1 SPRINT may only resell special needs services" as identified in associated state specific tariffs to persons who are eligible for each such

service. As used herein, the term "special needs services" means services for the physically disabled where the disability is related to vision, speech, hearing or motion. Further, to the extent **SPRINT** resells services that require certification on the part of the End User, **SPRINT** shall ensure that the End User has obtained proper certification and complies with all rules and regulations as established by the appropriate Commission.

3.4.1.1 If the existing retail Customer Service Record ("CSR") for an End User's account currently provisioned at retail by **SBC-13STATE** contains an indicator that the same telephone number for the same named Person at the same address is currently being billed by **SBC-13STATE** retail for the same "special needs service," the End User has previously been certified as eligible for that "special needs service."

3.4.1.2 If the indicator described in Section 3.4.1.1 is present on the End User's current retail account with an **SBC-13STATE** company, **SPRINT** must make the determination whether the End User continues to be eligible for the program(s) specified in Section 3.4.1. **SPRINT** is responsible for obtaining any End User certification or re-certification required by the terms of the state specific **SBC-13STATE** tariff for any "special needs service" it resells to any End User beginning on the date that **SPRINT** submits any order relating to that "special needs service." This responsibility includes obtaining and retaining any documentary evidence of each such End User's eligibility, in accordance with the applicable **SBC-13STATE** retail tariff requirements.

3.4.1.3 If the indicator described in Section 3.4.1.1 is not present on the End User's current retail account with an **SBC-13STATE** company, or if the applicant does not currently have local telephone service, **SPRINT** is responsible for ensuring that the End User is eligible for any "special needs service" in accordance with applicable **SBC-13STATE** retail tariff requirements, for obtaining and retaining any documentary evidence of such eligibility and for designating such End User or applicant as eligible to participate in such program(s).

3.4.2 This section applies only to **SBC-SWBT: AM-WI, AM-OH and AM-IN**

3.4.2.1 **SPRINT** may only resell **SBC-SWBT, AM-WI, AM-OH and AM-IN** low income assistance services, e.g. LifeLine and Link-Up services, where available for resale, according to associated retail state specific tariffs to persons who are eligible for each such service. Further, to the extent **SPRINT** resells services that

require certification on the part of the End User, **SPRINT** shall ensure that the End User meets all associated tariff eligibility requirements, has obtained proper certification and complies with all rules and regulations as established by the appropriate Commission.

3.4.2.2 When the End User is currently receiving **SBC-SWBT, AM-WI, AM-OH and AM-IN** LifeLine and/or Link-Up benefit, the existing **SBC-SWBT, AM-WI, AM-OH and AM-IN** CSR will carry the appropriate service indicator. **SPRINT** may view this indicator on the **SBC-SWBT, AM-WI, AM-OH and AM-IN** CSR.

3.4.2.3 If the indicator described in Section 3.4.2.2 is present on the End User's current retail **SBC-SWBT, AM-WI, AM-OH and AM-IN** CSR, **SPRINT** must make the determination whether the End User continues to be eligible for the program(s) specified in Section 3.4.2.1. **SPRINT** is responsible for obtaining any End User certification or re-certification required by the terms of the state specific **SBC-SWBT, AM-WI, AM-OH and AM-IN** tariff for LifeLine or Link-Up service it resells to any End User beginning on the date that **SPRINT** submits any order relating to that service. This responsibility includes obtaining and retaining any documentary evidence of each such End User's eligibility, in accordance with the applicable **SBC-SWBT, AM-WI, AM-OH and AM-IN** retail tariff requirements.

3.4.2.4 If the indicator described in Section 3.4.2.2 is not present on the CSR for the End User's current retail account with **SBC-SWBT, AM-WI, AM-OH and AM-IN** or if the applicant does not currently have local telephone service, **SPRINT** is responsible for ensuring that the End User is eligible for any LifeLine or Link-Up service in accordance with applicable **SBC-SWBT, AM-WI, AM-OH and AM-IN** retail tariff requirements, for obtaining and retaining any documentary evidence of such eligibility and for designating such End User or applicant as eligible to participate in such program(s).

3.4.3 This section applies only to **PACIFIC, SNET and SBC- AM-IL**:

3.4.3.1 **PACIFIC, SNET and SBC-AM-IL** LifeLine and Link-Up services are not available for resale.

3.4.3.2 When an End User is currently receiving **PACIFIC**, **SNET** or **SBC-AM-IL** LifeLine or Link-Up service, the existing **PACIFIC**, **SNET** or **SBC-AM-IL** Customer Service Record (CSR) will carry the appropriate service indicator. **SPRINT** may view this indicator on the CSR.

3.4.3.3 **SPRINT** may obtain LifeLine or Link-Up indicator data from **PACIFIC**, **SNET** or **SBC-AM-IL** 's existing retail CSR for the End User for the sole purpose of enabling **SPRINT** to determine whether the End User may be eligible for any similar program(s) **SPRINT** may offer.

3.4.3.3.1 **SPRINT** is exclusively responsible for all aspects of any similar **SPRINT**-offered program, including ensuring that any similar **SPRINT**-offered program(s) complies with all applicable federal and state requirements, obtaining all necessary End User certifications and re-certifications, submitting written designation that any of **SPRINT**'s End User or applicants are eligible to participate in such programs, submitting **SPRINT**'s claims for reimbursement to any applicable governmental authority and any other activities required by any applicable governmental authority.

3.4.3.4 If no **PACIFIC**, **SNET** or **SBC-AM-IL** LifeLine and/or Link-Up indicator is present on the CSR for the End User's current retail account, such End User is not currently certified as eligible to participate in any LifeLine or Link-Up program offered by **PACIFIC**, **SNET** or **SBC-AM-IL**.

3.4.4 This section applies only to **NEVADA**:

3.4.4.1 **NEVADA** low income assistance services, e.g., LifeLine and Link-Up services are available for resale for a maximum period of 90 days from contract approval date. **SPRINT** has 90 days from the contract approval date to coordinate with the appropriate federal and state government agencies to establish **SPRINT**'s own low income assistance service(s). At the end of the 90 day period, **SPRINT** is responsible for initiating Local Service Requests (LSR) to the ILEC for converting any existing ILEC Customer Service Records (CSR) from low income designated services to normal residential service. **SPRINT** will be responsible for designating its own billing records

and establishing and administering its low income assistance services internally.

3.4.4.2 When an End User is currently receiving NEVADA LifeLine or Link-Up service, the existing NEVADA Customer Service Record (CSR) will carry the appropriate service indicator. SPRINT may view this indicator on the CSR.

3.4.4.3 SPRINT may obtain LifeLine or Link-Up indicator data from NEVADA's existing retail CSR for the End User for the sole purpose of enabling SPRINT to determine whether the End User may be eligible for any similar program(s) SPRINT may offer.

3.4.4.4 SPRINT is exclusively responsible for all aspects of any similar SPRINT-offered program, including ensuring that any similar SPRINT-offered program(s) complies with all applicable federal and state requirements, obtaining all necessary End User certifications and re-certifications, submitting written designation that any of SPRINT's End User or applicants are eligible to participate in such programs, submitting SPRINT's claims for reimbursement to any applicable governmental authority and any other activities required by any applicable governmental authority.

3.4.4.5 If no NEVADA LifeLine and/or Link-Up indicator is present on the CSR for the End User's current retail account, such End User is not currently certified as eligible to participate in any LifeLine or Link-Up program offered by NEVADA.

3.5 Promotions

3.5.1 Promotions are available for the Telecommunications Services outlined in Appendix Pricing in the "Resale" category and in accordance with state specific Commission requirements.

3.5.2 This section applies only to NEVADA and SWBT-MO:

3.5.2.1 NEVADA and SWBT-MO promotions of eighty-nine (89) days or less are not available to SPRINT for resale.

3.5.3 This section applies only to PACIFIC, SBC-AMERITECH, SNET, SWBT-AR and SWBT-OK:

3.5.3.1 PACIFIC, SBC-AMERITECH, SNET, SWBT-AR and SWBT-OK promotions of ninety (90) days or less are not available to SPRINT for resale.

3.5.4 This section applies only to SWBT-KS:

3.5.4.1 Promotions on Telecommunications Services are available to SPRINT for resale. A wholesale discount (21.6%, 19.5%, 30.5% or 19.0%) will be applied to those promotions of ninety-one (91) days or more.

3.5.5 This section applies only to SWBT-TX:

3.5.5.1 Promotions on Telecommunications Services are available to SPRINT for resale. A wholesale discount will be applied to those promotions of ninety-one (91) days or more.

3.6 SPRINT shall not use a resold service to avoid the rates, terms and conditions of SBC-13STATE's corresponding retail tariff(s).

3.7 SPRINT shall not use resold local Telecommunications Services to provide access or interconnection services to itself, interexchange carriers (IXCs), wireless carriers, competitive access providers (CAPs), or other telecommunications providers; provided, however, that SPRINT may permit its End Users to use resold local exchange telephone service to access IXCs, wireless carriers, CAPs, or other retail telecommunications providers.

3.8 A Federal End User Common Line charge and any other appropriate Commission-approved charges, as set forth in the appropriate SBC-13STATE federal and applicable state tariff(s) will apply to each local exchange line furnished to SPRINT under this Appendix for resale.

3.9 To the extent allowable by law, SPRINT shall be responsible for Primary Interexchange Carrier (both PIC and LPIC) change charges associated with each local exchange line furnished to SPRINT for resale. SPRINT shall pay all charges for PIC and LPIC changes at the tariffed rate(s).

3.10 SBC-13STATE shall provide the services covered by this Appendix subject to availability of existing facilities and on a nondiscriminatory basis with its other customers. SPRINT shall resell the services provided herein only in those service areas in which such resale services or any feature or capability thereof are

offered to End Users at retail by SBC-13STATE as the incumbent local exchange carrier.

- 3.11 When an End User converts existing service to SPRINT resold service of the same type without any additions or changes, charges for such conversion will apply as set forth in Appendix Pricing in the "OTHER (Resale)" category, listed as "conversion charges," and are applied per billable telephone number.
- 3.11.1 When an End User(s) subscribes to SPRINT resold service, recurring charges for the service shall apply at the wholesale discount set forth in Appendix Pricing. The tariff rates for such resold service shall continue to be subject to orders of the appropriate Commission.
- 3.11.2 When SPRINT converts an End User(s) existing service and additions or changes are made to the service at the time of the conversion, the normal service order charges and/or non-recurring charges associated with said additions and/or changes will be applied in addition to the conversion charge. SPRINT will receive a wholesale discount on all non-recurring service order charges for the services listed in Appendix Pricing under the heading "Resale;" no wholesale discount is available for the non-recurring service order charges for those services listed in Appendix Pricing under the heading "OTHER (Resale)."
- 3.11.3 For the purposes of ordering service furnished under this Appendix, each request for new service (that is, service not currently being provided to the End User on SBC-13STATE's network, without regard to the identity of that End User's non-facilities based local service provider of record) shall be handled as a separate initial request for service and shall be charged per billable telephone number.
- 3.11.4 Where available, the tariff retail additional line rate for Service Order Charges shall apply only to those requests for additional residential service to be provided at the same End User premises to which a residential line is currently provided on SBC-13STATE's network, without regard to the identity of that End User's non-facilities based local service provider of record.
- 3.12 If SPRINT is in violation of a provision of this Attachment, SBC 13-STATE will notify SPRINT of the violation in writing. Such notice must describe the violation and refer to the specific provision being violated. At such time, SPRINT will have thirty (30) days to correct the violation and notify SBC-13STATE in writing that the violation has been corrected. SBC-13STATE will then bill SPRINT for the charges, if any, which should have been collected by SBC 13STATE. Should SPRINT dispute the violations, it must notify SBC 13-STATE in writing within fourteen (14) days of receipt of notice from SBC 13-

STATE. Disputes will be resolved as outlined in the Dispute Resolution Section of the Interconnection Agreement.

- 3.13 **SBC-13STATE**'s services are not available at wholesale rates to **SPRINT** for its own use or for the use of any of **SPRINT**'s affiliates and/or subsidiaries or the use of **SPRINT**'s parent or any affiliate and/or subsidiary of **SPRINT**'s parent company, if any.
- 3.14 This section applies only to **SWBT-KS** and **SWBT-TX**:
- 3.14.1 **SPRINT** may convert current **SWBT-KS** and **SWBT-TX** End User(s) that have existing term, volume, termination liability or any customer specific pricing contracts (collectively referred to hereinafter as "CSP Contracts") for services offered within the State of Kansas or Texas, and
- 3.14.2 **SWBT-KS** and **SWBT-TX** and any other reseller of **SWBT-KS** or **SWBT-TX** local service may convert current **SPRINT** End User(s) that have existing CSP Contracts for services offered within the State of Kansas or Texas.
- 3.14.3 In the event of a conversion under either Section 3.14.1 or 3.14.2, **SPRINT** and **SWBT-KS** or **SWBT-TX** shall comply with all of the terms and conditions set forth in Sections 3.14.4 and 3.14.5.
- 3.14.4 Responsibilities of **SPRINT** in connection with CSP Contract Conversions
- 3.14.4.1 **SPRINT** shall sign an "Assumption of Existing Agreement" assuming the balance of the terms, including volume, term and termination liability remaining on any current retail **SWBT-KS** or **SWBT-TX** or resold End User CSP Contract at the time of conversion. **SPRINT** may assume the CSP Contract at the wholesale discount of 5.0% in Kansas and 5.62% in Texas for customer specific pricing plan contracts and at the wholesale discount of 8.0% in the State of Kansas and 8.04% in the State of Texas for tariffed volume and term contracts.
- 3.14.4.2 **SPRINT** shall not charge **SPRINT**'s End User termination liability when an existing CSP contract between **SPRINT** and its End User is converted to **SWBT-KS** or **SWBT-TX** or any other local service provider reselling **SWBT-KS** or **SWBT-TX** local service.

- 3.14.4.3 If another reseller of SWBT-KS or SWBT-TX local service converts a current SPRINT End User(s) that has an existing CSP Contract, it is SPRINT's responsibility to address assumption of the CSP contact and termination liability with the other reseller. SPRINT agrees that SWBT-KS or SBC-TX has no responsibilities in such a situation, and SPRINT further agrees that it will not make any Claim against SWBT-KS or SWBT-TX in connection with any conversion by another reseller of SWBT-KS or SWBT-TX local service of any SPRINT End User(s) that has an existing CSP contract.
- 3.14.5 Responsibilities of SWBT-KS and SWBT-TX in connection with CSP Contract Conversions
- 3.14.5.1 SWBT-KS or SWBT-TX will not charge its retail End User termination liability when an existing CSP contract is converted to SPRINT for resale.
- 3.14.5.2 SWBT-KS or SWBT-TX will assume in writing the balance of the terms, including volume, term and termination liability remaining on a current CSP contract between SPRINT and its End User at the time that SPRINT's End User is converted to SWBT-KS or SWBT-TX.
- 3.15 This section applies only to SBC-AMERITECH:
- 3.15.1 SBC-AMERITECH retail contracts may be assumed unless expressly prohibited by the contract. Contracts for grandfathered and/or sunsetted services may not be assumed.
- 3.15.2 Subject to the provisions of Section 3.15.1, the following shall apply:
- 3.15.2.1 AM-IL tariffed and Individual Case Basis (ICB) contracts that are assumed receive a wholesale discount of 3.16%.
- 3.15.2.2 AM-MI tariffed and Individual Case Basis (ICB) contracts that are assumed receive a wholesale discount of 3.39%.
- 3.15.2.3 AM-IN, AM-OH, and AM-WI tariffed and Individual Case Basis (ICB) contracts may be assumed, but receive no wholesale discount.
- 3.15.2.4 SBC-AMERITECH Non-Standard Service contracts may be assumed, but receive no wholesale discount.

3.15.3 If SPRINT elects to terminate a SBC-AMERITECH retail contract which SPRINT had previously assumed, SPRINT will be assessed the applicable termination charges remaining unless SPRINT elects to simultaneously replace the existing contract with a contract of greater term and/or volume at the same discount SPRINT receives for the previously assumed but now terminated contract.

4. ANCILLARY SERVICES

4.1 Where available, SBC-13STATE will afford SPRINT's End Users the ability to make 911 calls. SPRINT shall be responsible 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. When requested by SWBT, SPRINT shall provide SBC-13STATE with accurate and complete information regarding SPRINT's End User(s) in a format and time frame prescribed by SBC-13STATE for purposes of E911 administration.

4.1.1 Should any SPRINT End User assert any Claim that relates to access to 911, the limitations of liability set forth in Appendix 911, which is attached to the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, shall govern all Claims that may be asserted against any Party to this Appendix relating to access to 911, whether such assertion is made by the other Party or any Third Party, and such provisions are incorporated herein for all purposes as though set forth herein.

4.2 Subject to SBC-13STATE's practices, as well as the rules and regulations applicable to the provision of White Pages directories, SBC-13STATE will include in appropriate White Pages directories the primary alphabetical listings of all SPRINT End Users located within the local directory scope. The rules, regulations and SBC-13STATE practices are subject to change from time to time. SBC-13STATE will include the listing information for SPRINT's customers for Resale services in SWBT's White Pages directory data base in the same manner as it includes listing information for SWBT's end user customers.

4.3 Additional Listing services, as set forth in Appendix Pricing, may be purchased by SPRINT for its End Users on a per listing basis.

4.4 Liability relating to End User Listings

4.4.1 SPRINT hereby releases SBC-13STATE from any and all liability for damages due to errors or omissions in SPRINT's End User listing information as provided to SBC-13STATE under this Appendix, and/or SPRINT's End User listing information as it appears in the White Pages directory, including, but not limited to, special, indirect, consequential, punitive or incidental damages.

4.4.2 In addition to any other indemnity obligations in this Appendix or the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, SPRINT shall indemnify, protect, save harmless and defend SBC-13STATE and SBC-13STATE's officers, employees, agents, representatives and assigns from and against any and all losses, liability, damages and expense arising out of any demand, claim, suit or judgment by a Third Party in any way related to any error or omission in SPRINT's End User listing information, including any error or omission related to non-published or non-listed End User listing information. SPRINT shall so indemnify regardless of whether the demand, claim or suit by the third party is brought jointly against SPRINT and SBC-13STATE, and/or against SBC-13STATE alone. However, if such demand, claim or suit specifically alleges that an error or omission appears in SPRINT's End User listing information in the White Pages directory, SBC-13STATE may, at its option, assume and undertake its own defense, or assist in the defense of SPRINT, in which event SPRINT shall reimburse SBC-13STATE for reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses incurred by SBC-13STATE in handling and defending such demand, claim and/or suit.

4.5 Each SPRINT subscriber will receive one copy per primary End User listing of SBC-13STATE's White Pages directory in the same manner and at the same time that they are delivered to SBC-13STATE's subscribers during the annual delivery of newly published directories. For White Page directories and/or White Page directories that are co-bound with Yellow Pages, SPRINT may provide to SBC-13STATE written specifications of the total number of directories that it will require, at least sixty (60) days prior to the directory close. In that event, SBC-13STATE will deliver the remaining directories included in SPRINT's order in bulk to an address specified by SPRINT.

4.5.1 If SPRINT's End User already has a current SBC-13STATE local White Pages directory, SBC-13STATE shall not be required to deliver a directory to that End User until new White Pages directories are published for that End User's location.

- 4.6 Subject to any blocking that may be ordered by SPRINT for its End Users', to the extent Directory Assistance (DA) services are provided to SBC-13STATE End Users, SBC-13STATE shall provide SPRINT's End Users access to SBC-13STATE Directory Assistance services. SPRINT shall pay SBC-13STATE the charges attributable to Directory Assistance services utilized by SPRINT's End Users. Discounts associated with utilization of Directory Assistance Services are set forth in Appendix Pricing.
- 4.7 SBC-8STATE will provide SPRINT with 1/8th page in each directory (where SPRINT has or plans to have local telephone exchange customers) for SPRINT to include SPRINT specific-information (i.e., business office, residence office, repair bureau, etc.) in the White Pages directory on an "index-type" informational page. No advertising will be permitted on such informational page. This page will also include specific information pertaining to other SPRINTs. At its option, SPRINT shall provide SBC-8STATE with its logo and information in the form of a camera-ready copy, sized at 1/8th of a page. The content of SPRINT's camera-ready copy shall be subject to SBC-8STATE approval. In those directories in which SBC-13STATE includes Spanish Customer Guide Pages, this informational page will also be provided in Spanish at SPRINT's request, subject to the guidelines set forth above.
- 4.8 At its request, SPRINT may purchase "Informational Page(s)" in the informational section of the White Pages directory covering a geographic area where SPRINT provides local telecommunications exchange service. Such page(s) shall be no different in style, size, color and format than SBC-8STATE "Informational Pages". Sixty (60) calendar days prior to the directory close date, the SPRINT shall provide to SBC-8STATE the "Informational Page" in the form of camera-ready copy.
- 4.9 Except where expressly stated the terms and conditions for including SPRINT End User listings in SBC-AMERITECH White Page directories as well as distribution of such directories to SPRINT and/or SPRINT End User's is a product offering available through a non-regulated subsidiary of. SBC-AMERITECH.
- 4.10 Subject to any blocking that may be ordered by SPRINT for its End Users', SBC-13STATE will provide access to Operator Services ("OS") to SPRINT's End Users to the same extent it provides OS to its own End Users. SPRINT shall pay the charges associated with the utilization of OS by SPRINT's End Users. Discounts associated with the utilization of OS are set forth in Appendix Pricing.
- 4.11 SBC-13STATE shall also offer SPRINT the opportunity to customize route its End Users' DA/OS calls where technically feasible. SPRINT must have dedicated transport at each End Office where customized routing is requested.

SPRINT agrees to pay **SBC-13STATE** appropriate charges associated with customized routing on an ICB basis.

4.12 Payphone Services

4.12.1 **SPRINT** may provide certain local Telecommunications Services to payphone service providers (“PSPs”) for PSPs’ use in providing payphone service. Local Telecommunications Services which PSPs use in providing payphone service that are provided to PSPs by **SPRINT** by means of reselling **SBC-13STATE**’s services offered pursuant to the appropriate payphone section(s) of **SBC-13STATE**’s state specific tariff(s) applicable in each state covered by this Appendix are referred to in this Appendix as “Payphone Lines.” In its Common Carrier Docket No. 96-128, the FCC ordered **SBC-13STATE** to compensate PSP customers of **SPRINT**s that resell **SBC-13STATE**’s services for certain calls originated from pay telephones and received by the resale-based carriers. (Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, FCC Docket No. 96-128, Report and Order, para. 86 (1996)). This compensation is referred to in this Agreement as “Payphone Compensation.”

4.12.2 The Parties desire that **SBC-13STATE** satisfy the obligation to pay Payphone Compensation to PSPs that are customers of **SPRINT** by paying the Payphone Compensation to **SPRINT**, who will then forward the Payphone Compensation directly to the PSPs.

4.12.3 **SBC-13STATE** will pay Payphone Compensation due with respect to Payphone Lines in compliance with the current or any future order of the FCC consistent with the change in laws provision of GT&C’s. **SBC-13STATE** will pay Payphone Compensation to **SPRINT** only for:

4.12.3.1 IntraLATA subscriber 800 calls for which **SBC-13STATE** provides the 800 service to the subscriber and carries the call; and

4.12.3.2 IntraLATA calls placed using **SBC-13STATE**’s prepaid calling card platform and carried by **SBC-13STATE**.

4.12.4 **SBC-13STATE** will not pay any Payphone Compensation for non-sent paid calls.

4.12.5 **SBC-13STATE** will pay **SPRINT** the Payphone Compensation due to **SPRINT**’s PSP customer(s) within sixty (60) calendar days after the close of the calendar quarter during which the call(s) for which Payphone

Compensation is due were made. However, payment may be made later than sixty (60) calendar days if SBC-13STATE deems it necessary to investigate a call or calls for possible fraud.

- 4.12.6 SBC-13STATE will make payment of any Payphone Compensation due to SPRINT under this Appendix by crediting SPRINT's bill for the Payphone Line over which the call that gives rise to the Payphone Compensation was placed. SBC-13STATE will not issue a check to SPRINT if the credit for Payphone Compensation exceeds the balance due to SBC-13STATE on the bill.
- 4.12.7 Nothing in this Appendix entitles SPRINT to receive or obligates SBC-13STATE to provide any call detail or other call record for any call that gives rise to Payphone Compensation.
- 4.12.8 SPRINT represents and warrants that the only SBC-13STATE services that SPRINT will make available to PSPs as Payphone Lines are the payphone services that SBC-13STATE offers pursuant to the appropriate payphone section(s) of SBC-13STATE's state specific tariff(s) applicable in each state covered by this Appendix.
- 4.12.9 Except as provided otherwise in this Section 4.9.9, SPRINT shall pay the entire amount of the Payphone Compensation due with respect to each Payphone Line to the PSP that is the SPRINT's customer for that Payphone Line. SPRINT shall make such payment on or before the last business day of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter during which the call(s) for which Payphone Compensation is due to the PSP were made. If SBC-13STATE pays any Payphone Compensation to SPRINT later than sixty (60) calendar days after the close of the calendar quarter during which the call(s) for which Payphone Compensation is due were made, then SPRINT shall pay the entire amount of such Payphone Compensation to the PSP that is SPRINT's customer for that Payphone Line within ten (10) calendar days after receiving such Payphone Compensation from SBC-13STATE.
- 4.12.10 In addition to any other indemnity obligations in this Appendix or in the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, SPRINT shall indemnify, protect, save harmless and defend SBC-13STATE and SBC-13STATE's officers, employees, agents, representatives and assigns from and against any and all losses, costs, liability, damages and expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of any demand, claim, suit or judgment by any Third Party, including a PSP, in any way relating to or arising from any of the following:

- 4.12.10.1 SPRINT's failure to comply with all the terms and conditions of this Appendix; or
- 4.12.10.2 Use by a PSP customer of SPRINT of any service other than a Payphone Line to provide pay telephone service; or
- 4.12.10.3 False representation by SPRINT.

4.13 Suspension of Service

- 4.13.1 SPRINT may offer to resell Customer Initiated Suspension and Restoral Service to its End Users at the associated state specific retail tariff rates, terms and conditions for suspension of service at the request of the End User.
- 4.13.2 SBC-13STATE will offer SPRINT local service provider initiated suspension service for SPRINT's purposes at the associated SBC-13STATE state specific retail tariff rate for company initiated suspension of service. Service specifics may be obtained in state specific SPRINT Handbooks.
 - 4.13.2.1 SPRINT shall be exclusively responsible for placing valid orders for the suspension and the subsequent disconnection or restoral of service to each of its End Users.
 - 4.13.2.2 Should SPRINT suspend service for one of its End Users and fail to submit a subsequent disconnection order within the maximum number of calendar days permitted for a company initiated suspension pursuant to the state specific retail tariff, SPRINT shall be charged and shall be responsible for all appropriate monthly service charges for the End User's service from the suspension date through the disconnection date.
 - 4.13.2.3 Should SPRINT suspend service for one of its End Users and subsequently issue a restoral order, SPRINT shall be charged the state specific tariff rate for the restoral plus all appropriate monthly service charges for the End User's service from the suspension date through the restoral date.

5. BRANDING

- 5.1 Except where otherwise required by law, SPRINT shall not, without SBC-13STATE's prior written authorization, offer the services covered by this Appendix using the trademarks, service marks, trade names, brand names, logos, insignia, symbols or decorative designs of SBC-13STATE or its Affiliates, nor

shall SPRINT state or imply that there is any joint business association or similar arrangement with SBC-13STATE in the provision of Telecommunications Services to SPRINT's customers.

5.2 Branding Requirements

5.2.1 Where technically feasible and/or available, SBC-13STATE will brand Operator Services (OS) and/or Directory Assistance (DA) in SPRINT's name as outlined below:

5.2.1.1 Provide its brand at the beginning of each telephone call and before the consumer incurs any charge for the call; and

5.2.1.2 Disclose immediately to the consumer, upon request, a quote of its rates or charges for the call.

5.2.2 Where SBC-13STATE provides SPRINT OS and DA services via the same trunk, both OS and DA calls will be branded with the same brand. Since SBC-13STATE's DA and OS utilize the same trunk group, SPRINT will receive the same brand for both DA and OS.

5.2.3 SPRINT agrees and warrants that it will provide to SBC-13STATE a name to be used for branding covered by this Appendix that matches the name in which SPRINT is certified to provide local Telecommunications Services by the applicable state Commission.

5.3 Call Branding

5.3.1 SBC-13STATE will brand OS/DA in SPRINT's name based upon the information provided by SPRINT and as outlined below:

5.3.1.1 SBC-SWBT and SNET - SPRINT will provide written specifications of its company name to be used by SBC-SWBT or SNET to create SPRINT specific branding announcements for its OS/DA calls in accordance with the process outlined in the Operator Services OS/DA Questionnaire (OSQ). SPRINT attests that it has been provided a copy of the OSQ.

5.3.1.2 PACIFIC/NEVADA - SPRINT will provide recorded announcement(s) of its company name to be used to brand SPRINT's OS/DA calls in accordance with the process outlined in the OSQ. SPRINT attests that it has been provided a copy of the OSQ.

5.3.1.3 **SBC-AMERITECH** – **SPRINT** will provide written specifications of its company name to be used by **SBC-AMERITECH** to brand **SPRINT** OS/DA calls, when technically feasible and available, in accordance with the process outlined in the OSQ. **SPRINT** attests that it has been provided a copy of the OSQ.

5.4 Branding Load Charges:

5.4.1 **SBC-SWBT** - An initial non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for the establishment of **SPRINT** specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement. In addition, a per call charge applies for every OS/DA call handled by **SBC-SWBT** on behalf of **SPRINT** when multiple brands are required on a single Operator Services trunk. This charge is set forth in Appendix Pricing under the “OTHER (Resale)” category.

5.4.2 **SBC-AMERITECH** - An initial non-recurring charge applies per brand, per Operator Assistance Switch, per trunk group for the establishment of **SPRINT** specific branding. In addition, a per call charge applies for every OS call handled by **SBC-AMERITECH** on behalf of **SPRINT** when such services are provided in conjunction with the purchase of **SBC-AMERITECH** unbundled local switching. An additional non-recurring charge applies per brand, per Operator assistance switch, per trunk group for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

5.4.3 **SBC-2STATE** (California and Nevada) - An initial non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch, for the establishment of **SPRINT** specific branding. An additional non-recurring charge applies per state, per brand, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to the branding announcement.

6. **OS/DA RATE/REFERENCE INFORMATION**

6.1 **SPRINT** will furnish OS/DA Rate and Reference Information in a mutually agreed to format or media thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the date when the OS/DA Services are to be undertaken.

6.2 **SPRINT** will inform **SBC-13STATE**, in writing, of any changes to be made to such Rate/Reference Information fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the effective Rate/Reference change date. **SPRINT** acknowledges that it is responsible to provide **SBC-13STATE** updated Rate/Reference Information in advance of when the Rate/Reference Information is to become effective.

- 6.3 An initial non-recurring charge will apply per state, per Operator assistance switch for loading of SPRINT's OS/DA Rate/Reference Information. An additional non-recurring charge will apply per state, per Operator assistance switch for each subsequent change to either SPRINT's OS/DA Services Rate or Reference Information. This charge is set forth in Appendix Pricing under the "OTHER (Resale)" category.
- 6.4 When an SBC-13STATE Operator receives a rate request from a SPRINT End User, where technically feasible and available, SBC-13STATE will quote the applicable OS/DA rates as provided by the SPRINT.
- 6.4.1 PACIFIC/NEVADA/SBC-AMERITECH – Until technically feasible, when a Operator receives a rate request from a SPRINT End User, PACIFIC/NEVADA/SBC-AMERITECH will transfer the SPRINT End User to a customer care number specified by SPRINT on the OSQ. When PACIFIC/NEVADA/SBC-AMERITECH has the capability to quote specific SPRINT rates and reference information, the Parties agree that the transfer option will be eliminated.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SBC-13STATE

- 7.1 SBC-13STATE shall allow SPRINT to place service orders and receive phone number assignments (for new lines). These activities shall be accomplished by facsimile or electronic interface. SBC-13STATE shall provide interface specifications for electronic access for these functions to SPRINT. However, SPRINT shall be responsible for modifying and connecting any of its systems with SBC-13STATE-provided interfaces, as outlined in Appendix OSS.
- 7.2.1 Methods and procedures for ordering are outlined in the SPRINT Handbook, available on-line, as amended by SBC-13STATE. All Parties agree to abide by the procedures contained therein.
- 7.3 SPRINT will have the ability to report trouble for its End Users to the appropriate SBC-13STATE trouble reporting center(s) twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. SPRINT will be assigned customer contact center(s) when initial service agreements are made. SPRINT End Users calling SBC-13STATE will be referred to SPRINT at the number provided by SPRINT. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to authorize SPRINT to repair, maintain, or in any way touch SBC-13STATE's network facilities, including those on End User premises.

- 7.3.1 Methods and procedures for trouble reporting are outlined in the SPRINT Handbook, available on-line, as amended by SBC-13STATE. All Parties agree to abide by the procedures contained therein.
- 7.4 SBC-13STATE will provide SPRINT with detailed billing information necessary for SPRINT to issue bill(s) to its End User(s). SPRINT has the option of receiving a daily usage file ("DUF") in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Section 8.8 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached. Should SPRINT elect to subscribe to the DUF, SPRINT agrees to pay SBC-13STATE the charges specified in Appendix Pricing under the "OTHER (Resale)" category listed as "Electronic Billing Information Data (daily usage) (per message)."
- 7.5 SBC-13STATE shall make Telecommunications Services that SBC-13STATE provides at retail to subscribers who are not Telecommunications Carriers available for resale consistent with the obligation under Section 251(c)(4)(A) of the Act and other applicable limitations. SBC-13STATE will notify SPRINT of any changes in the terms and conditions under which SBC-13STATE offers Telecommunications Services at retail to subscribers who are not Telecommunications Carriers, including but not limited to, the introduction of any new features, functions, services, promotions, grandfathering or the discontinuance of current features or services at the time a tariff filing is transmitted to the appropriate State Commission, or, in situations where a tariff filing is not so transmitted, within sixty (60) calendar days of the expected effective date of such change.
- 7.5.1 SBC-13STATE currently makes such notification as described in Section 17.2 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached. Notification of any new service available to SPRINT for resale shall advise SPRINT of the category in which such new service shall be placed, and the same discount already applicable to SPRINT in that category shall apply to the new service.
- 7.6 SPRINT's End User's activation of Call Trace shall be handled by the SBC-13STATE operations centers responsible for handling such requests. SBC-13STATE shall notify SPRINT of requests by its End Users to provide call records to the proper authorities. Subsequent communication and resolution of each case involving one of SPRINT's End Users (whether that End User is the victim or the suspect) will be coordinated through SPRINT.
- 7.6.1 SPRINT acknowledges that for services where reports are provided to law enforcement agencies (for example, Call Trace) only billing number and address information shall be provided. It shall be SPRINT's

responsibility to provide additional information necessary for any police investigation.

7.6.1.1 In addition to any other indemnity obligations in this Appendix or the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, SPRINT shall indemnify SBC-13STATE against any Claim that insufficient information led to inadequate prosecution.

7.6.2 SBC-13STATE shall handle law enforcement requests consistent with the Law Enforcement Section of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached.

7.7 This section applies only to PACIFIC:

7.7.1 Cooperation on Fraud

7.7.1.1 Traffic Alert Referral Service

7.7.1.1.1 Traffic Alert Referral Service (“TARS”) is a service that monitors traffic patterns associated with SPRINT’s resold lines. On no less than thirty (30) calendar days written notice, SPRINT may order PACIFIC’s TARS. In providing TARS to SPRINT, PACIFIC notifies SPRINT of traffic abnormalities that indicate the possible occurrence of intraLATA fraud and furnishes to SPRINT information on all 1+ alerts. SPRINT understands and agrees that PACIFIC will use electronic mail to provide such information and that such information will only be available via electronic mail at the present time. It is the responsibility of SPRINT to provide PACIFIC with the correct email address. Information will be provided on a per-alert basis and will be priced on a per-alert basis. PACIFIC grants to SPRINT a non-exclusive right to use the information provided by PACIFIC. LEC will not permit anyone but its duly authorized employees or agents to inspect or use this information. SPRINT agrees to pay PACIFIC a recurring usage rate as set forth in Appendix Pricing in the “OTHER (Resale)” category listed as “Traffic Alert Referral Service.”

7.7.1.2 SPRINT shall be liable for all fraud associated with any resale service to which it subscribes. PACIFIC takes no responsibility,

will not investigate, and will make no adjustments to SPRINT's account(s) in cases of fraud or any other related End User dispute.

7.7.1.3 In addition to any other indemnity obligations in this Appendix or in the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, PACIFIC shall not be liable for any damages to SPRINT or to any other person or entity for PACIFIC's actions or the conduct of its employees in providing TARS to SPRINT. SPRINT shall indemnify, defend, and hold PACIFIC harmless from any and all claims, lawsuits, costs, damages, liabilities, losses, and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, resulting from or in connection with SPRINT's use of PACIFIC's TARS, except when such claims, lawsuits, costs, damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses are proximately caused by the willful misconduct or gross negligence of PACIFIC or its employees.

7.8 This section applies only to PACIFIC:

7.8.1 PACIFIC will make available to SPRINT an optional service, Repair Transfer Service ("RTS"). In the event a SPRINT's End User dials 611 (811-8081 for Priority Business customers) for repair, PACIFIC will provide a recorded announcement of the SPRINT name and number and PACIFIC will automatically transfer the caller to the SPRINT designated 800/888 number for repair service. SPRINT must provide written notification to PACIFIC at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the implementation of RTS. Written notification must include the SPRINT name and 800/888 numbers for RTS to the SPRINT repair bureau and business office. There will be no charges associated with the initial set-up for RTS, however, charges will apply to any subsequent changes to the recorded name announcement and telephone number. Rates for subsequent changes are set forth in the Appendix Pricing in the "OTHER (Resale)" category listed as "Repair Transfer Service." Subsequent charges include: Recorded Name Announcement, 800/888 Telephone Number and Name Announcement & Telephone Number.

8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPRINT

8.1 Prior to submitting an order under this Appendix, SPRINT 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. SBC-13STATE shall abide by the same applicable laws and regulations.

8.2 Only an End User can initiate a challenge to a change in its local service provider. If an End User notifies SBC-13STATE or SPRINT that the End User requests

local exchange service, the Party receiving such request shall be free to provide service to such End User, except in those instances where the End User's account is local PIC protected. It is the responsibility of the End User to provide authorization in an FCC approved format to the current provider of record to remove local service provider protection before any changes in local service provider are processed.

8.2.1 SBC-13STATE shall be free to connect an End User to any competitive local exchange carrier based upon that competitive local exchange carrier's request and that competitive local exchange carrier's assurance that proper End User authorization has been obtained. SPRINT shall make any such authorization it has obtained available to SBC-13STATE upon request and at no charge.

8.2.2.1 The following applies to AM-MI only: The Parties will adhere to the requirements adopted by the Commission in its Case No. U-11900 with respect to the selection of primary local exchange carriers and primary interexchange carriers.

8.3 When an End User changes or withdraws authorization, each Party shall release customer-specific facilities in accordance with the End User's direction or the direction of the End User's authorized agent. Further, when an End User abandons its premise, SBC-13STATE is free to reclaim the facilities for use by another customer and is free to issue service orders required to reclaim such facilities.

8.4 Neither Party shall be obligated by this Appendix to investigate any allegations of unauthorized changes in local exchange service (slamming) on behalf of the other Party or a Third Party. If SBC-13STATE, on behalf of SPRINT, agrees to investigate an alleged incidence of slamming, SBC-13STATE shall charge SPRINT an investigation fee as set forth in Appendix Pricing in the "OTHER (Resale)" category, listed as "Slamming Investigation Fee."

8.5 Should SBC-13STATE receive an order from SPRINT for services under this Appendix, and SBC-13STATE is currently providing the same services to another local service provider for the same End User, SPRINT agrees that SBC-13STATE may notify the local service provider from whom the End User is being converted of SPRINT's order coincident with or following processing SPRINT's order. It shall then be the responsibility of the former local service provider of record and SPRINT to resolve any issues related to the End User. This Section 8.5 shall not apply to new or additional lines and services purchased by the End User from multiple SPRINTs or from SBC-13STATE.

8.5.1 If SBC-13STATE receives an order from another local service provider to convert services for an End User for whom SPRINT is the current local

service provider of record, and if SPRINT already subscribes to the Local Disconnect Report (“LDR”), covered in Section 8.5.2, then SBC-13STATE shall notify SPRINT of such order coincident with or following processing such order. It shall be the responsibility of SPRINT and the other local service provider to resolve any issues related to the End User. This Section 8.5.1 shall not apply to new or additional lines and services purchased by an End User from multiple SPRINTs or from SBC-13STATE.

8.5.2 On no less than sixty (60) calendar days advance written notice, SPRINT may, at its option, subscribe to the LDR. SBC-13STATE will furnish the following information via the LDR: the Billing Telephone Number (“BTN”), Working Telephone Number (“WTN”), and terminal number of all End Users who have disconnected SPRINT’s service. Information furnished electronically will be provided daily on a per WTN basis and priced on a per WTN basis. SPRINT shall pay SBC-13STATE for the LDR per WTN plus any applicable transmission charges for the LDR; current WTN prices are as set forth in Appendix Pricing in the “OTHER (Resale)” category, listed as “Local Disconnect Report.” SPRINT agrees that SBC-13STATE may change the per WTN charge, at SBC-13STATE’s sole discretion, so long as SBC-13STATE provides SPRINT no less than thirty (30) calendar days notice prior to any change in the per WTN charge. SBC-13STATE grants to SPRINT a non-exclusive right to use the LDR information provided by SBC-13STATE. SPRINT will not permit anyone but its duly authorized employees or agents to inspect or use this information.

8.6 SPRINT is solely responsible for the payment of all charges for all services furnished under this Appendix, including but not limited to, calls originated or accepted at SPRINT’s location and its End Users’ service locations; provided, however, SPRINT shall not be responsible for payment of charges for any retail services furnished by SBC-13STATE directly to End Users and billed by SBC-13STATE directly to End Users.

8.6.1 Interexchange carried traffic (for example, sent-paid, information services and alternate operator services messages) received by SBC-13STATE for billing to resold End User accounts will be returned as unbillable and will not be passed to SPRINT for billing. An unbillable code will be returned with those messages to the carrier indicating that the messages originated from a resold account and will not be billed by SBC-13STATE.

8.7 SBC-13STATE shall not be responsible for the manner in which utilization of resold services or the associated charges are allocated to End Users or others by SPRINT. All applicable rates and charges for services provided to SPRINT

under this Appendix will be billed directly to SPRINT and shall be the responsibility of SPRINT; provided, however, that SPRINT shall not be responsible for payment of charges for any retail services furnished by SBC-13STATE directly to End Users and billed by SBC-13STATE directly to End Users.

- 8.7.1 Charges billed to SPRINT for all services provided under this Appendix shall be paid by SPRINT regardless of SPRINT's ability or inability to collect from its End Users for such services.
- 8.8 If SPRINT does not wish to be responsible for payment of charges for collect, third number billed, toll and information services (for example, 900) calls, it must order the appropriate blocking for lines provided under this Appendix and pay any applicable charges. It is the responsibility of SPRINT to order the appropriate toll restriction or blocking on lines resold to End Users. SPRINT acknowledges that blocking is not available for certain types of calls, including 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. SPRINT 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.
- 8.9 SPRINT shall be responsible for modifying and connecting any of its systems with SBC-13STATE-provided interfaces as described in this Appendix and Appendix OSS.
- 8.10 SPRINT shall be responsible for providing to its End Users and to SBC-13STATE a telephone number or numbers that SPRINT's End Users may use to contact SPRINT in the event that the End User desires a repair/service call.
- 8.10.1 In the event that SPRINT's End Users contact SBC-13STATE with regard to repair requests, SBC-13STATE shall inform such End Users to call SPRINT and may provide SPRINT's contact number.
- 8.11 SPRINT acknowledges and agrees that, in the event SPRINT makes any "SPRINT Change" as that term is defined in Section 4.10 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached, SPRINT shall comply with the provisions set forth in Section 4.10 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix is attached as though set forth herein.
- 8.12 SPRINT will provide forecasts to SBC-13STATE every January and July using the SBC-13STATE network information form, or a format mutually agreed to by the Parties. These written forecasts will be based on SPRINT's best estimates

and will include all resale products SPRINT will be ordering within the forecast period.

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 as provided in Section 2.9 of General Terms and Conditions.

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APPENDIX SS7
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 **SPRINT**. 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 Definitions of terms used in this Appendix are contained in the General Terms and Conditions, except as specifically identified herein. The following definitions from the General Terms and Conditions are legitimately related to this Appendix: **SBC-13STATE**, **SBC-SWBT**, **PACIFIC**, **NEVADA**, **SNET**, **SBC-AMERITECH**.

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 **SPRINT** will be on an individual case basis (ICB) due to the individual architectures of both **SPRINT** 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-13STATE** 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-8STATE** 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 **SPRINT** designation of signaling points associated with **SPRINT** and controls which messages may be allowed by the **SBC-13STATE** 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-13STATE**'s STP.

2.3 Dedicated Signaling Links

- 2.3.1 Dedicated Signaling Links provide interconnection to **SBC-13STATE**'s signaling network. Each signaling link is a set of dedicated 56Kbps (or higher speed) transmission paths between **SPRINT** STPs or switches and the **SBC-13STATE** STP mated pair. The **SPRINT** designated Signaling Points of Interconnection (SPOI) are at **SBC-7STATE**'s STP, an **SBC-7STATE** serving wire center or are collocated in an **SBC-13STATE** 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 **SPRINT** and provide the screening and routing usage for the **SBC-13STATE** STP to which the link is connected. Dedicated Signaling Links are available to **SPRINT** 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-13STATE** STP building and connects the STP Port Termination to the **SPRINT** 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-13STATE** STP. A STP Port Termination is used for each 56 kbps SS7 Link Cross Connect terminated at a **SBC-13STATE** STP.

2.4.3 **STP Access Link**

2.4.3.1 The STP Access Link provides a 56-kilobit per second digital facility when **SPRINT** requires an interoffice facility to connect from the **SPRINT** SPOI to the STP building location.

- 2.5 **SPRINT** shall provide the portion of the signaling link from the **SPRINT** premises within the LATA to the **SBC-13STATE** STP location or the **SPRINT** SPOI. **SPRINT** shall identify the DS1 or channel of a DS1 that will be used for the signaling link.
- 2.6 **SPRINT** shall identify to **SBC-13STATE** the facility and channel to which the SS7 Link Cross Connect shall connect. If the facility does not terminate in the STP location **SBC-13STATE** 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 **SPRINT** 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, **SPRINT** 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-13STATE** compatibility testing and certification requirements pursuant to the Network Operations Forum Reference Document, GR-905-CORE and **SBC-13STATE** 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** (California and Nevada) PUB L-780023-**SBC-2STATE** (California and Nevada) may be substituted for TP76638 and first interconnections to **PACIFIC**'s signaling network per **SPRINT** and per signaling point type of equipment will require completion of **PACIFIC**'s CCS/SS7 interconnection questionnaire. Each individual set of links from **SPRINT** switch to **SBC-13STATE** STP will require a pre ordering meeting to exchange information and schedule testing for certification by **SBC-13STATE**.

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 **SPRINT** provides its own switch or STP, **SPRINT** will provide DS1 (1.544 Mbps) interfaces at the **SPRINT**-designated SPOIs. DS1 transport to the SPOI can be provided for, as previously indicated, via existing transport facilities or through **SPRINT** purchase of an **SBC-13STATE** 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 **SPRINT** desires Dedicated Signaling Links for interconnection to the **SBC-13STATE** SS7 Signaling Network, **SPRINT** must purchase dedicated signaling links to each STP of a mated pair of STPs.

2.9.4 **SPRINT** assumes the responsibility to ensure diverse routing of **SPRINT** signaling links from **SPRINT** switch to **SPRINT** SPOI. **SBC-13STATE** 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 **SPRINT** requests that **SBC-13STATE** add a Signaling Point Code (SPC), **SPRINT** will identify to **SBC-13STATE** the SPCs associated with the **SPRINT** 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** (California and Nevada).

2.9.6 **SPRINT** will notify **SBC-13STATE** in writing thirty (30) days in advance of any material change in **SPRINT**'s use of such SS7 signaling network, including but not limited to any change in **SPRINT** 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 **SPRINT** 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 **SPRINT** set of links will be routed to **SPRINT**.
- 2.10.3 SS7 Transport will apply to SS7 messages transported on behalf of **SPRINT** from a **SBC-12STATE** designated STP pair 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** (California and Nevada), SS7 transport is not available. However, transit signaling provides the ability for an interconnecting network (ICN) to pass signaling information through the **SBC-2STATE** (California and Nevada) network to a third party without requiring a trunking connection by a third party with **SBC-2STATE** (California and Nevada).
- 2.10.4 In such instance as **SPRINT** utilizes **SBC-13STATE**'s Local Switching Network Element, **SPRINT** does not separately order SS7 signaling under this method. **SPRINT** will be charged for the use of the **SBC-13STATE** 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-13STATE** SS7 network: **SBC-13STATE** Local Switching or Tandem Switching; **SBC-13STATE** 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 **SPRINT**

at the **SBC-13STATE** STPs, and where technically feasible, each Party will provision such link set in accordance with these parameters. **SPRINT** may specify screening parameters so as to allow transient messages to cross the **SBC-13STATE** SS7 Network. The Parties will identify to each other the GTT type information for message routing. **SPRINT** will pay a non-recurring charge when **SPRINT** requests **SBC-13STATE** add GTT type information for message routing, in connection with its use of unbundled signaling.

2.12 Interface Requirements

2.12.1 **SBC-13STATE** will provide STP interfaces to terminate A-links, B-links, and D-links.

2.12.2 **SPRINT** will designate the SPOI for each link. **SPRINT** will provide a DS1 or higher rate transport interface at each SPOI.

2.12.3 **SBC-13STATE** 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 **SPRINT** shall use SS7 Transport subject to the screening and routing information of the **SBC-13STATE** STPs. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide information to **SPRINT** on the routes and signaling point codes served by the **SBC-13STATE** 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-13STATE** “regional” STP pair that directly serves the database of TCAP message. SS7 Transport shall route TCAP responses from a **SBC-13STATE** “regional” STP pair to another **SBC-13STATE** STP pair.

3.2.3 SS7 Transport provides a signaling route for messages only to signaling points to which **SBC-13STATE** has a route. SS7 Transport does not include the provision of a signaling route to every possible signaling point.

When **SBC-13STATE** does establish a route to a signaling point in a mated pair of STPs, the route may not be available to other **SBC-13STATE** pairs of STPs, until ordered. When **SBC-13STATE** or **SPRINT**, 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-13STATE** 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-13STATE** 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 **SPRINT** shall designate the signaling points and signaling point codes associated with **SPRINT**. **SPRINT** shall provide such information to **SBC-13STATE** to allow **SBC-13STATE** to translate **SBC-13STATE** STPs. The information shall define the screening and routing information for the signaling point codes of **SPRINT** and may include global title address, translation type and subsystem designations as needed.
- 3.4.2 Signaling links from **SBC-13STATE** mated pairs of STPs shall connect to **SPRINT** premises (including collocation locations) within the same LATA. A set of links can be either:
- 3.4.2.1 "A" Link Sets from **SPRINT**'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 **SPRINT**'s STPs that are connected to **SBC-13STATE**'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-13STATE** facility availability and the degree of diversity in both the **SBC-13STATE** physical network

and the **SPRINT** physical network from signaling point to signaling point for the link.

- 3.4.5 When **SPRINT** requires a STP Access Link, **SPRINT** and **SBC-13STATE** 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-13STATE**'s interconnecting STPs.
- 3.4.7 Call set-up times may be adversely affected when **SPRINT**, using SS7 signaling, employs Intermediate Access Tandems (IATs) in its network. **SBC-13STATE** 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-13STATE** 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** (California and Nevada) PUB L780023-**SBC-2STATE** (California and Nevada).

3.5 Use of the STP

- 3.5.1 When **SPRINT** orders **SBC-13STATE** unbundled Local Switching, the use of the STP shall apply. No order or provisioning by **SPRINT** is needed. The **SBC-13STATE** Local Switch will use the **SBC-13STATE** SS7 signaling network.

4. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF SBC-13STATE**

- 4.1 **SBC-13STATE** 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-13STATE** or **SPRINT** facilities, natural disasters, mass calling or national security demands.
- 4.2 **SBC-13STATE** shall determine the GTT route for messages routed to GTT, which are associated with **SBC-13STATE** signaling points.
- 4.3 **SBC-13STATE** shall define regional functions and local functions of its STPs. **SBC-13STATE** will route ISUP messages within the **SBC-13STATE** signaling

network, subject to technical feasibility. Capacity limitations shall define a temporary technical infeasibility until the capacity limit can be resolved.

- 4.4 SBC-13STATE shall route messages generated by the action of SPRINT throughout the SBC-13STATE signaling network as specified within this Appendix. The content of the messages is for the use of signaling points of origination and destination. SBC-13STATE will not use any information within messages for any purpose not required by or related to the use of the SBC-13STATE signaling network. SBC-13STATE will not divulge any message or any part of messages generated by SPRINT to any other party, except as required to manage the SBC-13STATE signaling network or as may be required by law.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPRINT

- 5.1 SPRINT shall provision the signaling links at SPRINT's premises and from SPRINT's premises to SBC-7STATE's STP location in a diverse, reliable and technically feasible manner. SPRINT shall identify to SBC-13STATE the SPC(s) associated with the SPRINT set of links.
- 5.2 SPRINT shall identify to SBC-13STATE the GTT information for messages that route to SPRINT.
- 5.3 When routing messages addressed to an SBC-13STATE Subsystem Number (SSN), SPRINT shall use the SBC-13STATE defined SSN designation of the SBC-13STATE mated STP pair to which the message is routed.
- 5.4 SPRINT shall transfer Calling Party Number Parameter information unchanged, including the "privacy indicator" information, when ISUP Initial Address Messages are interchanged with the SBC-13STATE signaling network.
- 5.5 SPRINT shall furnish to SBC-13STATE, 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-13STATE shall utilize the forecast in its own efforts to project further facility requirements.
- 5.6 SPRINT shall inform SBC-13STATE in writing thirty (30) days in advance of any change in SPRINT'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 SPRINT to be forwarded to SBC-13STATE's network. SPRINT 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-13STATE** 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 **SPRINT** 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 by **SBC-7STATE's** STP.

8.2.2 **SPRINT** 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 **SPRINT**.

8.2.3 SS7 Transport is not available in the **SBC-2STATE** (California and Nevada).

8.3 **Dedicated Signaling Links**

8.3.1 **SS7 Link Cross Connect**

8.3.1.1 **SPRINT** 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 **SPRINT** 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 **SPRINT** 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 **SPRINT** 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. **SPRINT** shall pay a nonrecurring charge per SPC established at each STP.

8.5 Global Title Translation (GTT) Addition

8.5.1 **SPRINT** shall pay the GTT Addition rate element for the establishment of **SPRINT**'s GTA, translation type or subsystem information in the **SBC-7STATE** STP translations. **SPRINT** shall pay a nonrecurring charge per GTT established at each STP.

8.6 Use of the STP Per Call

8.6.1 **SPRINT** 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 **SPRINT** 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 **SPRINT** 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 as provided in Section 2.9 of General Terms and Conditions.

APPENDIX FOR ACCESS
TO SBC COMMUNICATION INC.'S STRUCTURE
(POLES, CONDUITS, AND RIGHTS OF WAYS)

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13-STATE STRUCTURE ACCESS AGREEMENT
TO POLES, CONDUITS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY

This Agreement dated _____, 2002, is made by and between the “Parties,” identified as SBC Communications Inc. (covering 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, L.P. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin), hereinafter referred to as “SBC,” and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (CLEC), a limited partnership, hereinafter referred to as “Attaching Party”.

This Agreement shall apply to the state of Illinois.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for Rights of Way (ROW), Conduits and Poles 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, L.P. d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.
- 1.3 As used herein, **SBC-13STATE** means the above listed ILECs doing business in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indian, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin. SBC will be used throughout this document in lieu of **SBC-13STATE**.
- 1.4 As used herein, **PACIFIC** means the ILEC doing business in California.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Definitions in general. As used in this Agreement, the terms defined in this article shall have the meanings set forth below in Sections 2.1 to 2.14 except as the context otherwise requires.
- 2.2 Conduit. The term “conduit” refers to tubes or structures, usually underground or on bridges, containing one or more ducts used to enclose cables, wires, and associated transmission equipment. As used in this Agreement, the term “conduit” refers only to conduit structures (including ducts, manholes and handholes) and space within those structures and does not include (a) cables and other telecommunications equipment located within conduit structures or (b) central office vaults, controlled environment vaults, or other **SBC-13STATE** structures (such as huts and cabinets) which branch off from or are connected to **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit.
- 2.3 Conduit system. The term “conduit system” refers to any combination of ducts, conduits, manholes, and handholes joined to form an integrated whole. As used in this Agreement, the term “conduit system” does not include (a) cables and other telecommunications equipment located within conduit structures or (b) central office vaults, controlled environment vaults, or other **SBC-13STATE** structures (such as huts and cabinets) which branch off from or are connected to **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit.
- 2.4 Duct. The term “duct” refers to a single enclosed tube, pipe, or channel for enclosing and carrying cables, wires, and other equipment. As used in this Agreement, the term “duct” includes “inner ducts” created by subdividing a duct into smaller channels, but does not include cables and other telecommunications equipment located within such ducts.
- 2.5 Handhole. The term “handhole” refers to a structure similar in function to a manhole, but which is too small for personnel to enter. As used in this Agreement, the term “handhole” refers only to handholes which are part of **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit system and does not refer to handholes which provide access to buried cables not housed within **SBC-13STATE** ducts or conduits. As used in this Agreement, the term “handhole” refers only to handhole structures owned or controlled by **SBC-13STATE** and does not include cables and other telecommunications equipment located within handhole structures.

- 2.6 **Occupancy Permit.** The term “occupancy permit” refers to a written instrument confirming that **SBC-13STATE** has granted the structure access request of Attaching Party or a third party for access to pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way space.
- 2.7 **Maintenance Duct.** The term “maintenance duct” generally refers to a full-sized duct (typically three inches in diameter or larger) for use, on a short-term basis, for maintenance, repair, or emergency restoration activities. The term “maintenance duct” does not include ducts and conduits extending from an **SBC-13STATE** manhole to customer premises. When only one usable full-sized duct remains in a conduit section, that duct shall be deemed to be the maintenance duct.
- 2.8 **Make-ready work.** The term “make-ready work” refers to all work performed or to be performed to prepare **SBC-13STATE**’s poles, ducts, conduits, rights-of-way, and related facilities for the requested occupancy or attachment of Attaching Party’s facilities.
- 2.9 **Manhole.** The term “manhole” refers to an enclosure, usually below ground level and entered through a hole on the surface, which personnel may enter and use for the purpose of installing, operating, and maintaining facilities in ducts or conduits which are parts of **SBC-13STATE**’s conduit system. As used in this Agreement, the term “manhole” does not include cables and other telecommunications equipment located within manhole structures.
- 2.10 **Other User.** The term “Other User” refers to entities, other than the Attaching Party, with facilities on an **SBC-13STATE** pole, duct, conduit or right-of-way to which the Attaching Party has obtained access. Other Users may include **SBC-13STATE**, other attaching parties, municipalities or other governmental entities, and electric utilities (which may own interests in **SBC-13STATE**’s poles, ducts, conduits or rights-of-ways).
- 2.11 **Overlashing.** The term “Overlashing” refers to the practice of placing an additional cable by lashing such cable with spinning wire over an existing cable and strand.
- 2.12 **Pole.** The term “pole” refers to poles (and associated anchors) which are owned or controlled by **SBC-13STATE** and does not include cables and other telecommunications equipment attached to pole structures.
- 2.13 **Rights-of-way.** The term “rights-of-way” refers to **SBC-13STATE** owned or controlled legal rights to pass over or through property of

another party and used by SBC-13STATE for its telecommunications distribution system. For purposes of this Agreement, “rights-of-way” includes property owned by SBC-13STATE and used by SBC-13STATE for its telecommunications distribution facilities. Rights-of-way does not include:

- 2.13.1 cables and other telecommunications equipment buried or located on such rights-of-way,
 - 2.13.2 public rights of way (which are owned by and subject to the control of governmental entities), or
 - 2.13.2 any space which is owned and controlled by a third-party property owner and occupied by SBC-13STATE with permission from such owner rather than as a matter of legal right.
- 2.14 Structure. The term “Structure” refers collectively to poles, ducts, conduits and rights-of-way.

3. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- 3.1 This Agreement establishes the rates, terms, conditions, and procedures by which SBC-13STATE shall provide non-discriminatory access to SBC-13STATE's Structure. Separate tariffs, appendix, or agreements shall govern Attaching Party's access, if any, to the following facilities which require special security, technical, and construction arrangements outside the scope of this Agreement:
- 3.1.1 SBC-13STATE's central office vaults and ducts and conduits which serve no purpose other than to provide a means of entry to and exit from SBC-13STATE's central offices;
 - 3.1.2 controlled environment vaults (CEVs), huts, cabinets, and other similar outside plant structures and ducts and conduits which serve no purpose other than to provide a means of entry to and exit from such vaults, huts, cabinets, and structures;
 - 3.1.3 ducts and conduits located within buildings owned by SBC-13STATE; and
 - 3.1.4 ducts, conduits, equipment rooms, and similar spaces located in space leased by SBC-13STATE from third-party property owners for purposes other than to house cables and other

equipment in active service as part of **SBC-13STATE**'s network distribution operations.

- 3.2 No Transfer of Property Rights to Attaching Party. Nothing contained in this Agreement, or any occupancy permit subject to this Agreement, shall create or vest (or be construed as creating or vesting) in either party any right, title, or interest in or to any real or personal property owned by the other.
- 3.3 No Effect on **SBC-13STATE**'s Right to Abandon, Convey or Transfer Structure Nothing contained in this Agreement, or any occupancy permit subject to this Agreement, shall in any way affect **SBC-13STATE**'s right to abandon, convey, or transfer to any other person or entity **SBC-13STATE**'S interest in any of **SBC-13STATE**'S Structure. **SBC-13STATE** shall give Attaching Party at least 60 days written notice prior to abandoning, conveying, or transferring any Structure to which Attaching Party has already attached its facilities, or any Structure on which Attaching Party has already been assigned space. The notice shall identify the transferee, if any, to whom any such pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way is to be conveyed or transferred.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE, TERM, AND ELECTIVE TERMINATION

- 4.1 Effective Date. This Agreement shall be effective as of the _____ day of _____, 2002, or, if this Agreement has been entered into as an appendix, attachment, or exhibit to an interconnection agreement between the parties, the date of approval by the State Commission of the interconnection agreement, whichever date first occurs.
- 4.2 Initial Term. Unless sooner terminated as herein provided, the initial term of this Agreement shall run from the effective date until the end of the calendar year which includes the effective date. In the event this Agreement is entered into as a part of an Interconnection Agreement, this Agreement shall terminate upon the termination of the Interconnection Agreement of which this is apart.
- 4.3 Automatic Renewal. Unless sooner terminated as herein provided, this Agreement shall be automatically renewed for successive one-year terms beginning on the first day of each calendar year after the effective date, or in the same fashion as the Interconnection Agreement renews, if a part of the Interconnection Agreement.

- 4.4 Elective Termination. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving the other party at least six months prior written notice as provided in this section. The notice of termination shall state the effective date of termination, which date shall be no earlier than the last to occur of the following dates: the last day of the current term of this Agreement or six months after the date the notice is given.
- 4.5 Elective Termination by SBC-13STATE . Attaching Party shall, within 60 days after the effective date of the elective termination by **SBC-13STATE**, either initiate negotiations for continued access to **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way or remove its facilities in accordance with the provisions of Section 28 of this Agreement.
- 4.6 Effect of Elective Termination. Elective termination of this Agreement by Attaching Party, as permitted under Section 4 of this Agreement, shall not affect Attaching Party's liabilities and obligations incurred under this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination and shall not entitle Attaching Party to the refund of any advance payment made to **SBC-13STATE** under this Agreement. Elective termination of this Agreement by **SBC-13STATE** shall not affect **SBC-13STATE**'s obligations to afford access to **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way owned or controlled by **SBC-13STATE** as required by the Pole Attachment Act, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and other applicable laws, regulations, and commission orders.

5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 5.1 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with the interconnection agreement, if any, of which this Agreement is a part, and the Guidelines for Access to **SBC-13STATE** Structure, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, sets forth the entire understanding and agreement of the parties.
- 5.2 Prior Agreements Superseded. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, between Attaching Party and **SBC-13STATE** relating to the placement and maintenance of Attaching Party's facilities on and within **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, and conduits within this State.
- 5.3 Amendments Shall Be in Writing. Except as otherwise specifically provided to the contrary by other provisions of this Agreement, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be amended, changed

or altered except in writing and with approval by authorized representatives of both parties.

- 5.4 Survival of Obligations. Any liabilities or obligations of either party for acts or omissions prior to the termination of this Agreement, any obligations of either party under provisions of this Agreement relating to confidential and proprietary information, indemnification, limitations of liability, and any other provisions of this Agreement which, by their terms, are contemplated to survive (or be performed after) termination of this Agreement, will survive the termination of this Agreement.
- 5.5 Multiple Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts.
- 5.6 Effect on Licenses or Occupancy Permits Issued Under Prior Agreements. All currently effective pole attachment and conduit occupancy permits granted to Attaching Party shall, on the effective date of this Agreement, be subject to the rates, terms, conditions, and procedures set forth in this Agreement.
- 5.7 Force Majeure. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, neither party will be liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Agreement caused by a Force Majeure condition, including acts of the United States of America or any state, territory, or political subdivision thereof, acts of God or a public enemy, fires, floods, disputes, freight embargoes, earthquakes, volcanic actions, wars, civil disturbances, cable cuts, or other causes beyond the reasonable control of the party claiming excusable delay or other failure to perform; provided, however, that Force Majeure will not include acts of any governmental authority relating to environmental, health, or safety conditions at work locations. If any Force Majeure condition occurs, the party whose performance fails or is delayed because of such Force Majeure condition will give prompt notice to the other party, and, upon cessation of such Force Majeure condition, will give like notice and commence performance hereunder as promptly as reasonably practicable.
- 5.8 Severability. If any article, section, subsection, or other provision or portion of this Agreement is or becomes invalid under any applicable statute or rule of law, and such invalidity does not materially alter the essence of this Agreement as to either party, the invalidity of such provision shall not render this entire Agreement unenforceable and this Agreement shall be administered as if it did not contain the invalid provision.

- 5.9 Choice of Law. Except to the extent that federal law controls any aspect of this Agreement, the validity of this Agreement, the construction and enforcement of its terms, and the interpretation of the rights and duties of the parties will be governed by the laws of this State, applied without regard to the provisions of this State's laws relating to conflicts-of-laws.
- 5.10 Changes in the Law. The parties agree to negotiate in good faith changes to this Agreement to conform to changes applicable law pertaining to access to poles, ducts, conduits and rights-of-way, including the Pole Attachment Act.
- 5.11 The parties shall at all times observe and comply with, and the provisions of this Agreement are subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations which in any manner affect the rights and obligations of the parties.

6. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES

SBC-13STATE MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS AND DISCLAIMS ANY WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, THAT SBC-13STATE'S POLES, DUCTS, CONDUITS AND WARRANTIES ARE SUITABLE FOR THE ATTACHING PARTY'S INTENDED USES OR ARE FREE FROM DEFECTS. THE ATTACHING PARTY SHALL IN EVERY INSTANCE BE RESPONSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE ADEQUACY OF SBC-13STATE'S POLES, DUCTS, CONDUITS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE ATTACHING PARTY'S INTENDED USE.

7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event that this agreement is a part of an Interconnect Agreement between the parties, the dispute resolution provisions of the Interconnection Agreement shall apply to disputes under this agreement.

8. INDEMNIFICATION

- 8.1 Definitions. The term "Claims" as used in Section 8 shall mean any suit, claim, demand, loss, damage, liability, fee, fine, penalty, or expense, of every kind and character.
- 8.2 Indemnities Excluded. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this article, neither party (as an "indemnifying party") shall be required to indemnify or defend the other party (as an "indemnified party")

against, or hold the indemnified party harmless from, any Claims arising out of:

- 8.2.1 any breach by the indemnified party of any provision of this Agreement or any breach by the indemnified party of the parties' interconnection agreement, if any;
 - 8.2.2 the violation of any law by any employee of the indemnified party or other person acting on the indemnified party's behalf;
 - 8.2.3 willful or intentional misconduct or gross negligence committed by any employee of the indemnified party or by any other person acting on the indemnified party's behalf; or
 - 8.2.4 any negligent act or acts committed by any employee of the indemnified party or other person acting on the indemnified party's behalf, if such negligent act or acts are the sole producing cause of the injury, loss, or damage giving rise to the Claim for which indemnity is requested.
- 8.3 Workplace Injuries. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement to the contrary, each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any injury, loss, or damage suffered by any person, which arises out of or in connection with the personal injury or death of any employee of the indemnifying party (or other person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf) if such injury or death results, in whole or in part, from any occurrence or condition on, within, or in the vicinity of **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure.
- 8.4 Other Claims Brought Against Either Party by Employees and Other Persons Acting on the Other Party's Behalf. Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims (other than workplace injury claims subject to Section 8.3 above) made, brought, or sought against the indemnified party by any employee, contractor, or subcontractor of the indemnifying party or by any other person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf.
- 8.5 THE INDEMNIFYING PARTY'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS UNDER SECTIONS 8.3-8.4 SHALL ARISE EVEN IF THE INJURY, SICKNESS, DISEASE, OR DEATH WAS ATTRIBUTABLE IN PART TO NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE INDEMNIFIED PARTY.

- 8.6 Claims Brought Against Either Party by Vendors, Suppliers and Customers of the Other Party. Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims (other than workplace injury claims subject to Section 8.3, or other claims subject to Section 8.4) made, brought, or sought against the indemnified party by any vendor, supplier, or customer of the indemnifying party.
- 8.7 Injuries to Third Parties and Third party Property Owners Resulting from the Parties' Conduct. Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with the personal injury or death of any third party or physical damage to real or personal property owned by a third party, arising, in whole or in part, out of or in connection with the conduct of employees of the indemnifying party or other persons acting on the indemnifying party's behalf.
- 8.6 Indemnification for Environmental Claims.
- 8.6.1 Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with the violation or breach, by any employee of the indemnifying party or other person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf, of
- 8.6.1.1 any federal, state, or local environmental statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or other law or
- 8.6.1.2 any provision or requirement of this Agreement dealing with hazardous substances or protection of the environment.
- 8.6.2 Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with the release or discharge, onto any public or private property, of any hazardous substances, regardless of the source of such hazardous substances, by any employee of the indemnifying party, or by any person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf, while present on, within, or in

the vicinity of any **SBC-13STATE** pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way.

- 8.6.3 Each party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold the other party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with the removal or disposal of any hazardous substances by the indemnifying party or by any person acting on the indemnifying party's behalf, or arising out of or in connection with the subsequent storage, processing or other handling of such hazardous substances by any person or entity after they have been removed by the indemnifying party or persons acting on the indemnifying party's behalf from the site of any **SBC-13STATE** pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way.
- 8.6.4 Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, neither party shall be required to indemnify or defend the other party against, or hold the other party harmless from any Claims for which the other party may be liable under any federal, state, or local environmental statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or other law.
- 8.7 Miscellaneous Claims. Attaching Party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold **SBC-13STATE** harmless from any and all Claims, of every kind and character, made, brought, or sought against **SBC-13STATE** by any person or entity, arising out of or in connection with the subject matter of this Agreement and based on either:
- 8.7.1 claims for taxes, municipal fees, franchise fees, right-to-use fees, and other special charges assessed on **SBC-13STATE** due to the placement or presence of Attaching Party's facilities on or within **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way; or
- 8.7.2 claims based on the violation by Attaching Party of any third party's intellectual property rights, including but not limited to claims for copyright infringement, patent infringement, or unauthorized use or transmission of television or radio broadcast programs or other program material.
- 8.8 Attaching Party's General Indemnity Obligations to **SBC-13STATE**. This section applies only in those situations not expressly covered by Sections 8.3-8.10 and does not apply to any Claims resulting from

Attaching Party's enforcement of its rights against SBC-13STATE pursuant to this Agreement or other provisions in the parties' interconnection agreement, if any. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the exclusions set forth in Section 8.2, Attaching Party shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold SBC-13STATE harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with Attaching Party's access to or use of SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way, Attaching Party's performance of any acts authorized under this Agreement, or the presence or activities of Attaching Party's employees or other personnel acting on Attaching Party's behalf on, within, or in the vicinity of SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way.

- 8.9 SBC-13STATE's General Indemnity Obligations to Attaching Party. This section applies only in those situations not expressly covered by Sections 8.3-8.9 and does not apply to any Claims resulting from SBC-13STATE's enforcement of its rights against Attaching Party pursuant to this Agreement or other provisions in the parties' interconnection agreement, if any. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement to the contrary, SBC-13STATE shall indemnify, on request defend, and hold Attaching Party harmless from any and all Claims, on account of or in connection with any death of person or injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, or to the environment, arising out of or in connection with SBC-13STATE's access to or use of SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way, SBC-13STATE's performance of any acts authorized under this Agreement, or the presence or activities of SBC-13STATE's employees or other personnel acting on SBC-13STATE's behalf on, within, or in the vicinity of SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way.

9. LIABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

- 9.1 EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY FOR SPECIAL, INDIRECT, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LOSS OF ANTICIPATED PROFITS OR REVENUE OR OTHER ECONOMIC LOSS IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING FROM ANY ACT OR FAILURE TO ACT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT, EVEN IF THE OTHER PARTY HAS ADVISED SUCH PARTY OF THE

POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. THIS SECTION LIMITS EACH PARTY'S LIABILITY FOR INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH NEGLIGENT (INCLUDING GROSSLY NEGLIGENT) ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF SUCH PARTY BUT DOES NOT LIMIT EITHER PARTY'S LIABILITY FOR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT.

9.2 SBC-13STATE Not Liable to Attaching Party for Acts of Third Parties or Acts of God. By affording Attaching Party access to SBC-13STATE Structure SBC-13STATE does not warrant, guarantee, or insure the uninterrupted use of such facilities by Attaching Party. Except as specifically provided in Section 9.5 of this Agreement, Attaching Party assumes all risks of injury, loss, or damage (and the consequences of any such injury, loss, or damage) to Attaching Party's facilities attached to SBC-13STATE's poles or placed in SBC-13STATE's Structure and SBC-13STATE shall not be liable to Attaching Party for any damages to Attaching Party's facilities other than as provided in Section 9.5. In no event shall SBC-13STATE be liable to Attaching Party under this Agreement for any death of person or injury, loss, or damage resulting from the acts or omissions of (1) any Other User or any person acting on behalf of an Other User, (2) any governmental body or governmental employee, (3) any third-party property owner or persons acting on behalf of such property owner, or (4) any permit, invitee, trespasser, or other person present at the site or in the vicinity of any SBC-13STATE pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way in any capacity other than as a SBC-13STATE employee or person acting on SBC-13STATE's behalf. In no event shall SBC-13STATE be liable to Attaching Party under this Agreement for injuries, losses, or damages resulting from acts of God (including but not limited to storms, floods, fires, and earthquakes), wars, civil disturbances, espionage or other criminal acts committed by persons or entities not acting on SBC-13STATE's behalf, cable cuts by persons other than SBC-13STATE's employees or persons acting on SBC-13STATE's behalf, or other causes beyond SBC-13STATE's control which occur at sites subject to this Agreement.

9.3 Damage to Facilities. Each party shall exercise due care to avoid damaging the facilities of the other or of Other Users and hereby assumes all responsibility for any and all loss from damage caused by the party and persons acting on the party's behalf. A party shall make an immediate report to the other of the occurrence of any damage and hereby agrees to reimburse the other party, and/or Other Users for any

property damaged caused by the party or persons acting on the party's behalf.

- 9.4 No Limitations of Liability in Contravention of Federal or State Law. Nothing contained in this article shall be construed as exempting either party from any liability, or limiting such party's liability, in contravention of federal law or in contravention of the laws of this State.

10. INSURANCE

- 10.1 At all times in which the Attaching Party has attachments to SBC-13STATE poles, or is occupying SBC-13STATE conduit or right-of-way, Attaching Party shall keep and maintain in force, at its own expense, the minimum insurance coverage and limits set for below. Such insurance and coverage shall not only cover the Attaching Party, but it must cover all contractors, subcontractors and/or any other person acting on Attaching Party's behalf, that are providing services under this Agreement.
- 10.1.1 Workers' Compensation insurance with benefits afforded under the laws of each state covered by this Agreement and Employers Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 for Bodily Injury-each accident, \$500,000 for Bodily Injury by disease-policy limits and \$1,000,000 for Bodily Injury by disease-each employee.
- 10.1.2 Commercial General Liability insurance with minimum limits of: \$10,000,000 General Aggregate limit; \$5,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for all bodily injury or property damage incurred in any one occurrence; \$1,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for Personal Injury and Advertising; \$10,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate limit, with a \$5,000,000 each occurrence sub-limit for Products/Completed Operations.
- 10.1.3 Automobile Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limits per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, with coverage extending to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles.
- 10.2 Attaching Party agrees to name SBC-13STATE as an Additional Insured on the Commercial General Liability policy and Commercial Automobile Liability Policy.

- 10.3 **SBC-13STATE** agrees to accept the Attaching Party's program of self-insurance in lieu of insurance coverage if certain requirements are met. These requirements are as follows:
- 10.3.1 Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability: Attaching Party submit to **SBC-13STATE** its Certificate of Authority to Self-Insure its Workers' Compensation obligations issued by each state covered by this Agreement or the employer's state of hire; and
- 10.3.2 Automobile liability: Attaching Party shall submit to **SBC-13STATE** a copy of the state-issued letter approving self-insurance for automobile liability issued by each state covered by this Agreement; and
- 10.3.3 General liability: Attaching Party must provide evidence acceptable to **SBC-13STATE** that it maintains at least an investment grade (e.g., B+ or higher) debt or credit rating as determined by a nationally recognized debt or credit rating agency such as Moody's, Standard and Poor's or Duff and Phelps.
- 10.4 All insurance required in accordance with this section must be in effect before **SBC-13STATE** will issue pole attachment or conduit occupancy permits under this Agreement.
- 10.5 Attaching Party agrees to provide **SBC-13STATE** with at least thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice of cancellation, material reduction or non-renewal of any of the insurance policies required herein.

11. ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

- 11.1 Assignment Permitted. Neither party may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement except as provided in this section.
- 11.1.1 **SBC-13STATE** may assign its rights, delegate its benefits, and delegate its duties and obligations under this Agreement, without Attaching Party's consent, to any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with **SBC-13STATE** or which acquires or succeeds to ownership of substantially all of **SBC-13STATE**'s assets.

- 11.1.2 Overlapping of Attaching Party's facilities on **SBC-13STATE** poles by a third party will be allowed under the following conditions:
- 11.1.2.1 The Overlapping entity must enter into an agreement with **SBC-13STATE** for access to **SBC-13STATE** Structures and abide by the terms and conditions of such an Occupancy Permit.
 - 11.1.2.2 The Overlapping entity must obtain written approval from the Attaching Party and provide a copy to **SBC-13STATE** prior to submitting a request for access to structure.
 - 11.1.2.3 The Overlapping party must submit a written request for access to structure, and indicate on the request that the request is for Overlapping of an existing attachment of the Attaching Party.
 - 11.1.2.4 The Overlapping entity is responsible for paying the fees for Overlapping in APPENDIX I and/or APPENDIX PRICING which are separate and in addition to the fees paid by the Attaching Party.
- 11.1.3 Attaching Party may, ancillary to a bona fide loan transaction between Attaching Party and any lender, and without **SBC-13STATE**'s consent, grant security interests or make collateral assignments in substantially all of Attaching Party's assets, including Attaching Party's rights under this Agreement, subject to the express terms of this Agreement. In the event Attaching Party's lender, in the bona fide exercise of its rights as a secured lender, forecloses on its security interest or arranges for a third party to acquire Attaching Party's assets through public or private sale or through an Agreement with Attaching Party, Attaching Party's lender or the third party acquiring Attaching Party's rights under this Agreement shall assume all outstanding obligations of Attaching Party under the agreement and provide proof satisfactory to **SBC-13STATE** that such lender or third party has complied or will comply with all requirements established under this Agreement. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, such foreclosure by Attaching Party's lender or acquisition of assets by such third party shall not constitute a

breach of this Agreement and, upon such foreclosure or acquisition, Attaching Party's lender or such third party shall succeed to all rights and remedies of Attaching Party under this Agreement (other than those rights and remedies, if any, which have not been transferred and, if Attaching Party is a debtor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code, those rights, if any, which remain a part of the debtor's estate notwithstanding an attempted foreclosure or transfer) and to all duties and obligations of Attaching Party under the Agreement, including liability to **SBC-13STATE** for any act, omission, default, or obligation that arose or occurred under the Agreement prior to the date on which such lender or third party succeeds to the rights of Attaching Party under the Agreement, as applicable.

- 11.1.4 No assignment or transfer by Attaching Party of rights under this Agreement, occupancy permit subject to this Agreement, or authorizations granted under this Agreement shall be effective until Attaching Party, its successors, and assigns have complied with the provisions of this article, secured **SBC-13STATE**'s prior written consent to the assignment or transfer, if necessary, and given **SBC-13STATE** notice of the assignment or transfer pursuant to Section 11.3.
- 11.2 Incorporations, Mergers, Acquisitions, and Other Changes in Attaching Party's Legal Identity. When the legal identity or status of Attaching Party changes, whether by incorporation, reincorporation, merger, acquisition, or otherwise, such change shall be treated as an assignment subject to the provisions of this article.
- 11.3 Assignment Shall Not Relieve Attaching Party of Prior Obligations. Except as otherwise expressly agreed by **SBC-13STATE** in writing, no assignment permitted by **SBC-13STATE** under this Agreement shall relieve Attaching Party of any obligations arising under or in connection with this Agreement, including but not limited to indemnity obligations under Section 8 of this Agreement or the interconnection agreement, if any.
- 11.4 Satisfaction of Existing Obligations and Assumption of Contingent Liabilities. **SBC-13STATE** may condition its approval of any requested assignment or transfer on the assignee's or successor's payment or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations of Attaching Party under this Agreement and the assignee's or successor's assumption of any liabilities, or contingent liabilities, of Attaching Party arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

11.5 Sub-Permits Prohibited. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as granting Attaching Party the right to sublease, sublicense, or otherwise transfer any rights under this Agreement or occupancy permits subject to this Agreement to any third party. Except as otherwise expressly permitted in this Agreement, Attaching Party shall not allow third party to attach or place facilities to or in pole or conduit space occupied by or assigned to Attaching Party or to utilize such space.

12. **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT OR OCCUPANCY PERMITS; REMEDIES FOR BREACHES**

12.1 Termination Due to Non-Use of Facilities or Loss of Required Authority. This Agreement and all occupancy permits subject to this Agreement shall terminate if Attaching Party ceases to have authority to do business or ceases to do business in this State, ceases to have authority to provide or ceases to provide cable television services in this State (if Attaching Party is cable television system having access to **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits or rights-of-way solely to provide cable television service), ceases to have authority to provide or ceases to provide telecommunications services in this State (if Attaching Party is a telecommunications carrier which does not also have authority to provide cable television service in this State), or ceases to make active use of **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way.

12.2 Individual occupancy permits subject to this Agreement shall terminate if (a) Attaching Party ceases to utilize the pole attachment or conduit or right of way space subject to such occupancy permit or (b) Attaching Party's permission to use or have access to particular poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way has been revoked, denied, or terminated, or local governmental authority or third-party property owner having authority to revoke, deny, or terminate such use or access.

12.3 Limitation, Termination, or Refusal of Access for Certain Material Breaches. Attaching Party's access to **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure shall not materially interfere with or impair service over any facilities of **SBC-13STATE** or any Other User, cause material damage to **SBC-13STATE**'s plant or the plant of any Other User, impair the privacy of communications carried over the facilities of **SBC-13STATE** or any Other User, or create serious hazards to the health or safety of any persons working on, within, or in the vicinity of **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, rights-of-way or to the public. Upon reasonable notice

and opportunity to cure, SBC-13STATE may limit, terminate or refuse access if Attaching Party violates this provision.

12.4 Notice and Opportunity to Cure Breach. In the event of any claimed breach of this Agreement by either party, the aggrieved party may give written notice of such claimed breach.

12.5 The complaining party shall not be entitled to pursue any remedies available under this Agreement or relevant law unless such notice is given, and

12.5.1 the breaching party fails to cure the breach within 30 days of such notice, if the breach is one which can be cured within 30 days, or

12.5.2 the breaching party fails to commence promptly and pursue diligently a cure of the breach, if the required cure is such that more than 30 days will be required to effect such cure.

12.6 Remedies for Breach. Subject to the provisions of this article, either party may terminate this Agreement in the event of a material breach by the other party or exercise any other legal or equitable right which such party may have to enforce the provisions of this Agreement. In any action based on an alleged breach of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs and expenses incurred by such party, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees.

13. FAILURE TO ENFORCE

13.1 No Waiver. The failure by either party to take action to enforce compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, to give notice of any breach, or to terminate this Agreement or any occupancy permit or authorization subject to this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver or relinquishment of any term or condition of this Agreement, a waiver or relinquishment of the right to give notice of breach, or waiver or relinquishment of any right to terminate this Agreement.

14. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

14.1 Information Provided by Attaching Party to SBC-13STATE. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, all company-specific and customer-specific information submitted by Attaching

Party to SBC-13STATE in connection with this Agreement (including but not limited to information submitted in connection with Attaching Party's applications for occupancy permit shall be deemed to be "confidential" or "proprietary" information of Attaching Party and shall be subject to the terms set forth in this article. Confidential or proprietary information specifically includes information or knowledge related to Attaching Party's review of records regarding a particular market area, or relating to assignment of space to Attaching Party in a particular market area, and further includes knowledge or information about the timing of Attaching Party's request for or review of records or its inquiry about SBC-13STATE facilities. This article does not limit the use by SBC-13STATE of aggregate information relating to the occupancy and use of SBC-13STATE's Structure by firms other than SBC-13STATE (that is, information submitted by Attaching Party and aggregated by SBC-13STATE in a manner that does not directly or indirectly identify Attaching Party).

- 14.2 Access Limited to Persons with a Need to Know. Confidential or proprietary information provided by Attaching Party to SBC-13STATE in connection with this Agreement shall not be disclosed to, shared with, or accessed by any person or persons other than those who have a need to know such information for the limited purposes set forth in Sections 14.3-14.6.
- 14.3 Permitted Uses of Attaching Party's Confidential Information. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 14.1 and 14.2 above, SBC-13STATE and persons acting on SBC-13STATE's behalf may utilize Attaching Party's confidential or proprietary information for the following purposes:
- 14.3.1 posting information, as necessary, to SBC-13STATE's outside plant records;
- 14.3.2 placing, constructing, installing, operating, utilizing, maintaining, monitoring, inspecting, repairing, relocating, transferring, conveying, removing, or managing SBC-13STATE's Structure and any SBC-13STATE facilities located on, within, or in the vicinity of such Structure;
- 14.3.3 performing SBC-13STATE's obligations under this Agreement and similar agreements with third parties;
- 14.3.4 determining which of SBC-13STATE's Structure are (or may in the future be) available for SBC-13STATE's own use, and

making planning, engineering, construction, and budgeting decisions relating to SBC-13STATE's Structure;

14.3.5 preparing cost studies;

14.3.6 responding to regulatory requests for information;

14.3.7 maintaining SBC-13STATE's financial accounting records; and

14.3.8 complying with other legal requirements relating to Structure.

14.4 Defense of Claims. In the event of a dispute between SBC-13STATE and any person or entity, including Attaching Party, concerning SBC-13STATE's performance of this Agreement, satisfaction of obligations under similar agreements with third parties, compliance with the Pole Attachment Act, compliance with the Telecommunications Act of 1996, or compliance with other federal, state, or local laws, regulations, commission orders, and the like, SBC-13STATE may utilize confidential or proprietary information submitted by Attaching Party in connection with this Agreement as may be reasonable or necessary to demonstrate compliance, protect itself from allegations of wrongdoing, or comply with subpoenas, court orders, or reasonable discovery requests; provided, however, that SBC-13STATE shall not disclose Attaching Party's proprietary or confidential information without first, at SBC-13STATE's option:

14.4.1 obtaining an agreed protective order or nondisclosure agreement that preserves the confidential and proprietary nature of Attaching Party's information;

14.4.2 seeking such a protective order as provided by law if no agreed protective order or nondisclosure agreement can be obtained; or

14.4.3 providing Attaching Party notice of the subpoena, demand, or order and an opportunity to take affirmative steps of its own to protect such proprietary or confidential information.

14.4 Response to Subpoenas, Court Orders, and Agency Orders. Nothing contained in this article shall be construed as precluding SBC-13STATE from complying with any subpoena, civil or criminal investigative demand, or other order issued or entered by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction; provided, however, that SBC-

13STATE shall not disclose Attaching Party's proprietary or confidential information without first, at **SBC-13STATE**'s option:

- 14.4.1 obtaining an agreed protective order or nondisclosure agreement that preserves the confidential and proprietary nature of Attaching Party's information;
- 14.4.2 seeking such a protective order as provided by law if no agreed protective order or nondisclosure agreement can be obtained; or
- 14.4.3 providing Attaching Party notice of the subpoena, demand, or order and an opportunity to take affirmative steps of its own to protect such proprietary or confidential information.

15. ACCESS TO RIGHTS-OF-WAY

- 15.1 To the extent **SBC-13STATE** has the authority to do so, **SBC-13STATE** grants Attaching Party a right to use any right-of-way for **SBC-13STATE** poles, ducts, or conduits to which Attaching Party may attach its facilities for the purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining such Attaching Party's facilities on **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts or conduits. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Attaching Party shall be responsible for determining the necessity of and obtaining from private and/or public authority any necessary consent, easement, right of way, license, permit, permission, certification or franchise to construct, operate and/or maintain its facilities on private and public property at the location of the **SBC-13STATE** pole, duct or conduit to which Attaching Party seeks to attach its facilities. Attaching Party shall furnish proof of any such easement, right of way, license, permit, permission, certification, or franchise within thirty (30) days of request by **SBC-13STATE**. **SBC-13STATE** does not warrant the validity or apportionability of any rights it may hold to place facilities on private property.
- 15.2 Private Rights-of-Way Not Owned or Controlled by Either Party. Neither party shall restrict or interfere with the other party's access to or right to occupy property owned by third-parties which is not subject to the other party's control, including property as to which either party has access subject to non-exclusive rights-of-way. Each party shall make its own, independent legal assessment of its right to enter upon or use the property of third-party property owners and shall bear all expenses, including legal expenses, involved in making such determinations.

- 15.3 Access to Rights-of-Way Generally. At locations where SBC-13STATE has access to third-party property pursuant to non-exclusive rights-of-way, SBC-13STATE shall not interfere with Attaching Party's negotiations with third-party property owners for similar access or with Attaching Party's access to such property pursuant to easements or other rights-of-ways obtained by Attaching Party from the property owner. At locations where SBC-13STATE has obtained exclusive rights-of-way from third-party property owners or otherwise controls the right-of-way, SBC-13STATE shall, to the extent space is available, and subject to reasonable safety, reliability, and engineering conditions, provide access to Attaching Party on a nondiscriminatory basis, provided that the underlying agreement with the property owner permits SBC-13STATE to provide such access, and provided further that SBC-13STATE's charges for such access shall include Attaching Party's pro rata portion of the charges, if any, paid by SBC-13STATE to obtain the right-of-way, plus any other documented legal, administrative, and engineering costs incurred by SBC-13STATE in obtaining the right-of-way and processing Attaching Party's request for access.

16. SPECIFICATIONS

- 16.1 Compliance with Requirements, Specifications, and Standards. Attaching Party's facilities attached to SBC-13STATE's poles or occupying space in SBC-13STATE's ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way shall be attached, placed, constructed, maintained, repaired, and removed in full compliance with the requirements, specifications, and standards specified in this Agreement and the Administrative Guide.
- 16.1.1 SBC-PACIFIC ONLY- In addition to the terms and conditions included in this Appendix, SBC-PACIFIC shall comply with any requirements set forth in California Public Utility Commission Decision 98-10-058.
- 16.2 Published Standards. Attaching Party's facilities shall be placed, constructed, maintained, repaired, and removed in accordance with current (as of the date when such work is performed) editions of the following publications:
- 16.2.1 the Blue Book Manual of Construction Procedures, Special Report SR-TAP-001421, published by Bell Communications Research, Inc. ("Bellcore"), and sometimes referred to as the "Blue Book";

- 16.2.2 the National Electrical Safety Code (“NESC”), published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc. (“IEEE”);
- 16.2.3 the National Electrical Code (“NEC”), published by the National Fire Protection Association (“NFPA”);
- 16.2.4 California Public Utility Commission’s General Orders 95 and 128 for attachments to Pacific Bell Telephone Company poles, ducts, conduits and rights of way; and,
- 16.2.5 the SBC-13STATE Structure Access Guidelines
- 16.6 Opening of Manholes and Access to Conduit. The following requirements apply to the opening of SBC-13STATE’s manholes and access to SBC-13STATE’s conduit system.
- 16.6.1 Attaching Party will notify SBC-13STATE not less than 5 business days in advance before entering SBC-13STATE’s conduit system to perform non-emergency work operations. Such operations shall be conducted during normal business hours except as otherwise agreed by the parties. The notice shall state the general nature of the work to be performed.
- 16.6.2 An authorized employee or representative of SBC-13STATE may be present any time when Attaching Party or personnel acting on Attaching Party’s behalf enter or perform work within SBC-13STATE’s conduit system. Attaching Party shall reimburse SBC-13STATE for costs associated with the presence of SBC-13STATE’s authorized employee or representative.
- 16.6.3 Each party must obtain any necessary authorization from appropriate authorities to open manholes.

17. ACCESS TO RECORDS

- 17.1 SBC-13STATE will, upon request and at the expense of the Attaching Party, provide Attaching Party access to and copies of redacted maps, records and additional information relating to the location, capacity and utilization of SBC-13STATE’s Structure. Upon request, SBC-13STATE will meet with the Attaching Party to clarify matters relating to maps, records or additional information. SBC-13STATE does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of information on any maps or records.

- 17.2 Maps, records or information are and remain the proprietary property of **SBC-13STATE**, are provided to the Attaching Party solely for the pursue of enabling the Attaching Party to obtain access to **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure, and may not be resold, reproduced or disseminated by the Attaching Party.
- 17.3 **SBC-13STATE** will provide information currently available on the **SBC-13STATE**'s maps and/or records regarding:
- 17.3.1 the location of Structure and street addresses for manholes and poles as shown on **SBC-13STATE**'s maps;
- 17.3.2 the footage between manholes or lateral ducts lengths, as shown on **SBC-13STATE**'s maps;
- 17.3.3 the footage between poles, if shown on **SBC-13STATE**'s maps;
- 17.3.4 the total capacity of the Structure
- 17.3.5 the existing utilization of the Structure.
- 17.4 **SBC-13STATE** will not acquire additional information or provide information in formats other than that in which it currently exists and is maintained by **SBC-13STATE**.
- 17.5 **SBC-13STATE** will expunge any confidential or proprietary information from its maps and records prior to providing access to the same to the Attaching Party.

18. APPLICATIONS AND PRE-OCCUPANCY PERMIT SURVEYS

- 18.1 Occupancy Permits Required. Attaching Party shall apply in writing for and receive an occupancy permit before attaching facilities to specified **SBC-13STATE** poles or placing facilities within specified **SBC-13STATE** ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way.
- 18.2 Structure Access Request Form. To apply for an occupancy permit under this Agreement, Attaching Party shall submit to **SBC-13STATE** the appropriate **SBC-13STATE** request forms. Attaching Party shall promptly withdraw or amend its request if, at any time prior to the 45th day, it has determined that it no longer seeks access to specific **SBC-13STATE** Structure.

- 18.3 Make-Ready Survey. A Make-Ready survey must be completed by SBC-13STATE or the Attaching Party before an occupancy permit is issued. The primary purposes of the make ready survey will be to enable SBC-13STATE to
- 18.3.1 confirm or determine the modifications, capacity expansion, and make-ready work, if any, necessary to accommodate Attaching Party's attachment of facilities to SBC-13STATE structures;
 - 18.3.2 plan and engineer the facilities modification, capacity expansion, and make-ready work, if any, required to prepare SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, rights-of-way, and associated facilities for Attaching Party's proposed attachments or occupancy; and
 - 18.3.3 estimate the costs associated with such facilities modification, capacity expansion, or make-ready work.

19. POLE, DUCT, AND CONDUIT SPACE ASSIGNMENTS

- 19.1 Selection of Space. SBC-13STATE will select or approve the Attaching Party's selection of the space Applicant will occupy on SBC-13STATE's poles or in SBC-13STATE's conduit systems. Maintenance ducts shall not be considered available for Attaching Party's use except as specifically provided elsewhere in this Agreement. Where required by law or franchise agreement, ducts and attachment space on poles reserved for municipal use shall not be considered available for the Attaching Party's use. All other ducts, inner ducts, space on poles or space in rights-of-ways which are not assigned or occupied shall be deemed available for use by SBC-13STATE, Attaching Party, and other parties entitled to access underapplicable law.
- 19.2 Pole, Duct, and Conduit Space Assignments.
- 19.2.1 After Attaching Party's application for a pole attachment or conduit occupancy permit has been approved by SBC-13STATE, the pole, duct, and conduit space selected and/or approved by SBC-13STATE in such application will be assigned to Attaching Party for a pre-occupancy period not to exceed twelve (12) months.
 - 19.2.2 **PACIFIC**: The pole, duct, and conduit space selected and/or approved by SBC-13STATE in such application will be

assigned to Attaching Party for a pre-occupancy period not to exceed nine (9) months in **PACIFIC** only as detailed by the California Public Utility Commission.

19.2.3 SBC-13STATE may assign space to itself by making appropriate entries in the same records used to log assignments to Attaching Party and third parties. If SBC-13STATE assigns pole, duct, or conduit space to itself, such assignment will automatically lapse 12 months after the date the assignment has been entered into the appropriate SBC-13STATE record if SBC-13STATE has not occupied such assigned space within such 12 month period.

19.2.4 **PACIFIC**: Space assignment is 9 months in California.

19.2.5 Notices and applications including assignment requests will be date-and time-stamped on receipt.

20. **ISSUANCE OF OCCUPANCY PERMITS (INCLUDING MAKE-READY WORK)**

20.1 Response Within 45 Days. Within 45 days of Attaching Party's submission of a request for access to SBC-13STATE Structure, SBC-13STATE shall provide a written response to the application. The response shall state whether the request is being granted or denied, and if the request is denied, provide the reasons why the request is being denied. If denial of access is proposed, SBC-13STATE will meet with the Attaching Party and explore in good faith reasonable alternatives to accommodate the proposed attachment. The Attaching Party must request such meeting within ten (10) business days of receipt of a notice of denial. SBC-13STATE will schedule the meeting within ten (10) business days of receipt of the Attaching Party's written request for a meeting.

20.2 If access is granted the response will further advise Attaching Party in writing of:

20.2.1 what modifications, capacity expansions, or make-ready work, if any, will be required to prepare SBC-13STATE's Structure, and

20.2.2 an estimate of charges for such modifications, capacity expansions, or make-ready work.

- 20.3 Make-ready Work. If it is determined that make ready work will be necessary to accommodate Attaching Party's facilities, Attaching Party shall have 45 days (the "acceptance period") to either
- 20.3.1 submit payment for the estimate authorizing **SBC-13STATE** or its contractor to complete the make-ready work; or
- 20.3.2 advise **SBC-13STATE** of its willingness to perform the proposed make-ready work itself if permissible in the application area.
- 20.4 Make-ready work performed by Attaching Party, or by an authorized contractor selected by Attaching Party, shall be performed in accordance with **SBC-13STATE**'s specifications and in accordance with the same standards and practices which would be followed if such work were being performed by **SBC-13STATE** or **SBC-13STATE**'s contractors. Neither Attaching Party nor authorized contractors selected by Attaching Party shall conduct such work in any manner which degrades the integrity of **SBC-13STATE**'s Structures or interferes with any existing use of **SBC-13STATE**'s facilities or the facilities of any Other User.
- 20.5 Payments to Others for Expenses Incurred in Transferring or Arranging Their Facilities. Attaching Party shall make arrangements with the Other Users with facilities attached to **SBC-13STATE**'s poles or occupying space in **SBC-13STATE**'s conduit system regarding reimbursement for any expenses incurred by the Other Users in transferring or rearranging the Other Users' facilities to accommodate the attachment or placement of Attaching Party's facilities to or in **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, ducts, conduits and rights of ways.
- 20.6 Reimbursement for the Creation or Use of Additional Capacity. If any additional capacity is created as a result of make-ready work performed to accommodate Attaching Party's facilities, Attaching Party shall not have a preferential right to utilize such additional capacity in the future and shall not be entitled to any fees subsequently paid to **SBC-13STATE** for the use of such additional capacity. If **SBC-13STATE** utilizes additional space or capacity created at Attaching Party's expense, **SBC-13STATE** will reimburse Attaching Party on a pro-rata basis for **SBC-13STATE**'s share, if any, of Attaching Party's capacity expansion costs, to the extent reimbursement is required by applicable rules, regulations, and commission orders. **SBC-13STATE** will notify the Attaching Party if any entity, including **SBC-13STATE**, attaches facilities to additional capacity on **SBC-13STATE**'s Structure created

at the Attaching Party's expense. SBC-13STATE shall not be required to collect or remit any such amounts to Attaching Party, to resolve or adjudicate disputes over reimbursement between Attaching Party and Other Users.

- 20.7 If Attaching Party utilizes space or capacity on any SBC-13STATE Structure created at SBC-13STATE's expense after February of 1996, the Attaching Party will reimburse Attaching Party on a pro-rata basis for the Attaching Party's share, if any, of SBC-13STATE's capacity creation costs.
- 20.8 Occupancy Permit and Attachment. After all required make-ready work is completed, SBC-13STATE will issue an occupancy permit confirming that Attaching Party may attach specified facilities to SBC-13STATE's Structure.
- 20.9 The Attaching Party must occupy the assigned space within a period not to exceed twelve (12) months from the issuance of the occupancy permit. If the Attaching Party does not occupy the assigned space within the twelve (12) month period, the Occupancy Permit will lapse and the space will be considered available for use by SBC-13STATE or Other User.
- *PACIFIC only: Space assignment shall not exceed nine (9) months in California.
- 20.10 The Attaching Party's obligation to pay semiannual pole attachment or conduit occupancy fees will commence on the date the Occupancy Permit is provided by SBC-13STATE to the Attaching Party.

21. CONSTRUCTION OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

- 21.1 Responsibility for Attaching and Placing Facilities. The Attaching Party shall be responsible for the actual attachment of its facilities to SBC-13STATE's poles and the placement of such facilities in SBC-13STATE's ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way and shall be solely responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by it or on its behalf in connection with such activities.
- 21.2 Construction Schedule. After the issuance of an occupancy permit, Attaching Party shall provide SBC-13STATE with a construction schedule and thereafter keep SBC-13STATE informed of anticipated changes in the construction schedule.

22. USE AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

- 22.1 Routine Maintenance of Attaching Party's Facilities. Each occupancy permit subject to this Agreement authorizes Attaching Party to engage in routine maintenance of facilities located on or within SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, and conduits. Routine maintenance does not include the replacement or modification of Attaching Party's facilities in any manner which results in Attaching Party's facilities differing substantially in size, weight, or physical characteristics from the facilities described in Attaching Party's occupancy permit.
- 22.2 Short-term Use of Maintenance Ducts for Repair and Maintenance Activities. Maintenance ducts shall be available, on a nondiscriminatory basis, for short-term (not to exceed 30 days) non-emergency maintenance or repair activities by any entity with facilities in the conduit section in which the maintenance duct is located; provided, however, that use of the maintenance duct for non-emergency maintenance and repair activities must be scheduled by SBC-13STATE. A person or entity using the maintenance duct for non-emergency maintenance or repair activities shall immediately notify SBC-13STATE of such use and must either vacate the maintenance duct within 30 days or, with SBC-13STATE's consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, rearrange its facilities to ensure that at least one full-sized replacement maintenance duct (or, if the designated maintenance duct was an inner duct, a suitable replacement inner duct) is available for use by all occupants in the conduit section within 30 days after such person or entity occupies the maintenance duct. Cables temporarily placed in the maintenance duct on a non-emergency basis shall be subject to such accommodations as may be necessary to rectify emergencies which may occur while the maintenance duct is occupied.

23. MODIFICATION OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

- 23.1 Notification of Planned Modifications. Attaching Party shall notify SBC-13STATE in writing at least 30 days before adding to, relocating, replacing or otherwise modifying its facilities already attached to a SBC-13STATE Structure. The notice shall contain sufficient information to enable SBC-13STATE to determine whether the proposed addition, relocation, replacement, or modification is within the scope of Attaching Party's present occupancy permit or requires a new or amended occupancy permit.

23.2 Replacement of Facilities and Overlapping Additional Cables. Attaching Party may replace existing facilities with new facilities occupying the same SBC-13STATE Structure, and may overlap additional cables to its own existing facilities; provided, however, that such activities shall not be considered to be routine maintenance and shall be subject to the requirements of this article.

24. REQUIRED REARRANGEMENTS OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

24.1 Required Rearrangement of Attaching Party's Facilities. Attaching Party agrees that Attaching Party will cooperate with SBC-13STATE and other users in making rearrangements to SBC-13STATE Structure as may be necessary, and that costs incurred by Attaching Party in making such rearrangements shall, in the absence of a specific agreement to the contrary, be borne by the parties in accordance with then applicable law.

24.2 Whenever feasible, SBC-13STATE shall give Attaching Party not less than 60 days prior written notice of the need for Attaching Party to rearrange its facilities pursuant to this section. The notice shall state the date by which such rearrangements are to be completed. Attaching Party shall complete such rearrangements within the time prescribed in the notice. If Attaching Party does not rearrange facilities within noted time, SBC-13STATE will rearrange at Attaching Party's expense.

25. EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND POLE REPLACEMENTS

25.1 Responsibility for Emergency Repairs; Access to Maintenance Duct. In general, each party shall be responsible for making emergency repairs to its own facilities and for formulating appropriate plans and practices enabling such party to make such repairs.

25.1.1 Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring either party to perform any repair or service restoration work of any kind with respect to the other party's facilities or the facilities of joint users.

25.1.2 Maintenance ducts shall be available, on a nondiscriminatory basis, for emergency repair activities by any entity with facilities in the conduit section in which the maintenance duct is located; provided, however, that an entity using the maintenance duct for emergency repair activities will notify

SBC-13STATE within 12 hours of the current business day (or first business day following a non-business day) that such entity is entering the **SBC-13STATE** conduit system and using the maintenance duct for emergency restoral purposes. The notice will include a description of the emergency and non-emergency services involved and an estimate of the completion time. Maintenance ducts will be used to restore the highest priority services, as defined in Section 2.7, first. Existing spare ducts may be used for restoration purposes providing the spare ducts are restored after restoration work is complete. Any spare ducts not returned will be included be assigned to the user of the duct and an occupancy permit issued.

- 25.1.3 The Attaching Party shall either vacate the maintenance duct within 30 days or, with **SBC-13STATE**'s consent, rearrange its facilities to ensure that at least one full-sized replacement maintenance duct (or, if the designated maintenance duct was an inner-duct, a suitable replacement inner-duct) is available for use by all occupants in the conduit section within 30 days after such person or entity occupies the maintenance ducts. Entities not vacating the maintenance duct must provide an immediate maintenance duct at the entity's cost.
- 25.2 Designation of Emergency Repair Coordinators and Other Information. For each **SBC-13STATE** construction district, Attaching Party shall provide **SBC-13STATE** with the emergency contact number of Attaching Party's designated point of contact for coordinating the handling of emergency repairs of Attaching Party's facilities and shall thereafter notify **SBC-13STATE** of changes to such information.
- 25.3 Order of Precedence of Work Operations; Access to Maintenance Duct and Other Unoccupied Ducts in Emergency Situations. When notice and coordination are practicable, **SBC-13STATE**, Attaching Party, and other affected parties shall coordinate repair and other work operations in emergency situations involving service disruptions. Disputes will be immediately resolved at the site by the affected parties present in accordance with the following principles.
- 25.3.1 Emergency service restoration work requirements shall take precedence over other work operations.
- 25.3.2 Except as otherwise agreed upon by the parties, restoration of lines for emergency services providers (e.g., 911, fire, police, national security and hospital lines) shall be given the highest

priority and temporary occupancy of the maintenance duct (and, if necessary, other unoccupied ducts) shall be assigned in a manner consistent with this priority. Secondary priority shall be given to restoring services to the local service providers with the greatest numbers of local lines out of service due to the emergency being rectified. The parties shall exercise good faith in assigning priorities, shall base their decisions on the best information then available to them at the site in question, and may, by mutual agreement at the site, take other factors into consideration in assigning priorities and sequencing service restoration activities.

- 25.3.3 **SBC-13STATE** shall determine the order of precedence of work operations and assignment of duct space in the maintenance duct (and other unoccupied ducts) only if the affected parties present are unable to reach prompt agreement; provided, however, that these decisions shall be made by **SBC-13STATE** on a nondiscriminatory basis in accordance with the principles set forth in this section.
- 25.4 Emergency Pole Replacements.
- 25.4.1 When emergency pole replacements are required, **SBC-13STATE** shall promptly make a good faith effort to contact Attaching Party to notify Attaching Party of the emergency and to determine whether Attaching Party will respond to the emergency in a timely manner.
- 25.4.2 If notified by **SBC-13STATE** that an emergency exists which will require the replacement of a pole, Attaching Party shall transfer its facilities immediately, provided such transfer is necessary to rectify the emergency. If the transfer is to an **SBC-13STATE** replacement pole, the transfer shall be in accordance with **SBC-13STATE**'s placement instructions.
- 25.4.3 If Attaching Party is unable to respond to the emergency situation immediately, Attaching Party shall so advise **SBC-13STATE** and thereby authorize **SBC-13STATE** (or any Other User sharing the pole with **SBC-13STATE**) to perform such emergency-necessitated transfers (and associated facilities rearrangements) on Attaching Party's behalf.
- 25.5 Expenses Associated with Emergency Repairs. Each party shall bear all reasonable expenses arising out of or in connection with emergency

repairs of its own facilities and transfers or rearrangements of such facilities associated with emergency pole replacements made in accordance with the provisions of this article.

25.5.1 Each party shall be solely responsible for paying all persons and entities who provide materials, labor, access to real or personal property, or other goods or services in connection with any such repair, transfer, or rearrangement of such party's facilities.

25.5.2 Attaching Party shall reimburse SBC-13STATE for the costs incurred by SBC-13STATE for work performed by SBC-13STATE on Attaching Party's behalf in accordance with the provisions of this article.

26. INSPECTION BY SBC OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

26.1 Post-Construction Inspections. SBC-13STATE will, at the Attaching Party's expense, conduct a post-construction inspection of the Attaching Party's attachment of facilities to SBC-13STATE's Structures for the purpose of determining the conformance of the attachments to the occupancy permit. SBC-13STATE will provide the Attaching Party advance written notice of proposed date and time of the post-construction inspection. The Attaching Party may accompany SBC-13STATE on the post-construction inspection.

26.2 Right to Make Periodic or Spot Inspections. SBC-13STATE shall have the right, but not the obligation, to make periodic or spot inspections of all facilities attached to SBC-13STATE's Structure. These inspections will not be made more often than once every 2 years unless in SBC-13STATE's judgement such inspections are required for reasons involving safety or because of an alleged violation of the terms of this Agreement.

26.3 If Attaching Party's facilities are in compliance with this Agreement, there will be no charges incurred by the Attaching Party for the periodic or spot inspection. If Attaching Party's facilities are not in compliance with this Agreement, SBC-13STATE may charge Attaching Party for the inspection. The costs of Periodic Inspections will be paid by those Attaching Parties with 2% or greater of their attachments in violation. The amount paid by the Attaching Party shall be the percentage that their violations bear to the total violations of all Attaching Parties found during the inspection.

26.4 If the inspection reflects that Attaching Party's facilities are not in compliance with the terms of this Agreement, Attaching Party shall bring its facilities into compliance within 30 days after being notified of such noncompliance. If any make ready or modification work to SBC-13STATE's Structures is required to bring Attaching Party's facilities into compliance, the Attaching Party shall provide notice to SBC-13STATE and the make ready work or modification will be treated in the same fashion as make ready work or modifications for a new request for attachment.

27. TAGGING OF FACILITIES AND UNAUTHORIZED ATTACHMENTS

27.1 Facilities to Be Marked. Attaching Party shall tag or otherwise mark all of Attaching Party's facilities placed on or in SBC-13STATE's Structure in a manner sufficient to identify the facilities as those belonging to the Attaching Party.

27.2 Removal of Untagged Facilities. SBC-13STATE may, without notice to any person or entity, remove from SBC-13STATE's poles or any part of SBC-13STATE's conduit system the Attaching Party's facilities, if SBC-13STATE determines that such facilities are not the subject of a current occupancy permit and are not otherwise lawfully present on SBC-13STATE's poles or in SBC-13STATE's conduit system.

27.3 Notice to Attaching Party. If any of Attaching Party's facilities for which no occupancy permit is presently in effect are found attached to SBC-13STATE's poles or anchors or within any part of SBC-13STATE's conduit system, SBC-13STATE, without prejudice to other rights or remedies available to SBC-13STATE under this Agreement, and without prejudice to any rights or remedies which may exist independent of this Agreement, shall send a written notice to Attaching Party advising Attaching Party that no occupancy permit is presently in effect with respect to the facilities and that Attaching Party must, within 30 days, respond to the notice as provided in Section 27.6 of this Agreement.

27.4 Attaching Party's Response. Within 60 days after receiving a notice under Section 27.5 of this Agreement, Attaching Party shall acknowledge receipt of the notice and submit to SBC-13STATE, in writing, an application for a new or amended occupancy permit with respect to such facilities.

- 27.5 Approval of Request and Retroactive Charges. If **SBC-13STATE** approves Attaching Party's application for a new or amended occupancy permit, Attaching Party shall be liable to **SBC-13STATE** for all fees and charges associated with the unauthorized attachments as specified in Section 27.10 of this Agreement. The issuance of a new or amended occupancy permit as provided by this article shall not operate retroactively or constitute a waiver by **SBC-13STATE** of any of its rights or privileges under this Agreement or otherwise.
- 27.6 Attachment and occupancy fees and charges shall continue to accrue until the unauthorized facilities are removed from **SBC-13STATE**'s poles, conduit system or rights of way or until a new or amended occupancy permit is issued and shall include, but not be limited to, all fees and charges which would have been due and payable if Attaching Party and its predecessors had continuously complied with all applicable **SBC-13STATE** licensing requirements. Such fees and charges shall be due and payable 30 days after the date of the bill or invoice stating such fees and charges. In addition, the Attaching Party shall be liable for an unauthorized attachment fee in the amount of 5 times the annual attachment and occupancy fees in effect on the date Attaching Party is notified by **SBC-13STATE** of the unauthorized attachment or occupancy. Payment of such fees shall be deemed liquidated damages and not a penalty. In addition, Attaching Party shall rearrange or remove its unauthorized facilities at **SBC-13STATE**'s request to comply with applicable placement standards, shall remove its facilities from any space occupied by or assigned to **SBC-13STATE** or another Other User, and shall pay **SBC-13STATE** for all costs incurred by **SBC-13STATE** in connection with any rearrangements, modifications, or replacements necessitated as a result of the presence of Attaching Party's unauthorized facilities.
- 27.7 Removal of Unauthorized Attachments. If Attaching Party does not obtain a new or amended occupancy permit with respect to unauthorized facilities within the specified period of time, **SBC-13STATE** shall by written notice advise Attaching Party to remove its unauthorized facilities not less than 60 days from the date of notice and Attaching Party shall remove the facilities within the time specified in the notice. If the facilities have not been removed within the time specified in the notice, **SBC-13STATE** may, at **SBC-13STATE**'s option, remove Attaching Party's facilities at Attaching Party's expense.
- 27.8 No Ratification of Unpermitted Attachments or Unauthorized Use of **SBC-13STATE**'s Facilities. No act or failure to act by **SBC-**

13STATE with regard to any unauthorized attachment or occupancy or unauthorized use of SBC-13STATE's Structure shall be deemed to constitute a ratification by SBC-13STATE of the unauthorized attachment or occupancy or use, nor shall the payment by Attaching Party of fees and charges for unauthorized pole attachments or conduit occupancy exonerate Attaching Party from liability for any trespass or other illegal or wrongful conduct in connection with the placement or use of such unauthorized facilities.

28. REMOVAL OF ATTACHING PARTY'S FACILITIES

- 28.1 When Applicant no longer intends to occupy space on a SBC-13STATE pole or in a SBC-13STATE duct or conduit, Applicant will provide written notification to SBC-13STATE that it wishes to terminate the occupancy permit with respect to such space and will remove its facilities from the space described in the notice. Upon removal of Applicant's facilities, the occupancy permit shall terminate and the space shall be available for reassignment.
- 28.1.1 Attaching Party shall be responsible for and shall bear all expenses arising out of or in connection with the removal of its facilities from SBC-13STATE's Structure.
- 28.1.2 Except as otherwise agreed upon in writing by the parties, Applicant must, after removing its facilities, plug all previously occupied ducts at the entrances to SBC-13STATE's manholes.
- 28.1.3 Applicant shall be solely responsible for the removal of its own facilities from SBC-13STATE's Structure.
- 28.2 At SBC-13STATE's request, Attaching Party shall remove from SBC-13STATE's Structure any of Attaching Party's facilities which are no longer in active use. Upon request, the Attaching Party will provide proof satisfactory to SBC-13STATE that an Attaching Party's facility is in active service. Attaching Party shall not abandon any of its facilities by leaving such facilities on or in SBC-13STATE's Structure.
- 28.3 Removal Following Termination of Occupancy permit. Attaching Party shall remove its facilities from SBC-13STATE's poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way within 60 days after termination of the occupancy permit.
- 28.4 Removal Following Replacement of Facilities. Attaching Party shall remove facilities no longer in service from SBC-13STATE's

Structures within 60 days after the date Attaching Party replaces existing facilities on a pole or in a conduit with substitute facilities on the same pole or in the same conduit.

- 28.5 Removal to Avoid Forfeiture. If the presence of Attaching Party's facilities on or in SBC-13STATE's Structure would cause a forfeiture of the rights of SBC-13STATE to occupy the property where such Structure is located, SBC-13STATE will promptly notify Attaching Party in writing and Attaching Party shall not, without due cause and justification, refuse to remove its facilities within such time as may be required to prevent such forfeiture. SBC-13STATE will give Attaching Party not less than 60 days from the date of notice to remove Attaching Party's facilities unless prior removal is required to prevent the forfeiture of SBC-13STATE's rights. At Attaching Party's request, the parties will engage in good faith negotiations with each other, with Other Users, and with third-party property owners and cooperatively take such other steps as may be necessary to avoid the unnecessary removal of Attaching Party's facilities.
- 28.6 Removal of Facilities by SBC-13STATE; Notice of Intent to Remove. If Attaching Party fails to remove its facilities from SBC-13STATE's Structure in accordance with the provisions of Sections 28.1-28.6 of this Agreement, SBC-13STATE may remove such facilities and store them at Attaching Party's expense in a public warehouse or elsewhere without being deemed guilty of trespass or conversion and without becoming liable to Attaching Party for any injury, loss, or damage resulting from such actions. SBC-13STATE shall give Attaching Party not less than 60 days prior written notice of its intent to remove Attaching Party's facilities pursuant to this section.
- 28.7 Removal of Facilities by SBC-13STATE. If SBC-13STATE removes any of Attaching Party's facilities pursuant to this article, Attaching Party shall reimburse SBC-13STATE for SBC-13STATE's costs in connection with the removal, storage, delivery, or other disposition of the removed facilities.

29. RATES, FEES, CHARGES, AND BILLING

- 29.1 Rates, Charges and Fees Subject to Applicable Laws, Regulations, Rules, and Commission Orders. All rates, charges and fees outlined in this Agreement will be set forth in APPENDIX PRICING as part of the Interconnection Agreement. All rates, charges and fees shall be subject to all applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and commission orders.

29.2 Changes to Rates, Charges and Fees. Subject to applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations and orders, SBC-13STATE shall have the right to change the rates, charges and fees outlined in this Agreement. SBC-13STATE will provide the Attaching Party 60 days written notice, advising the Attaching Party of the specific changes being made and the effective date of the change. If the changes outlined in the notice are not acceptable to the Attaching Party, Attaching Party may either (1) seek renegotiation of this Agreement, (2) terminate this Agreement, or (3) seek relief through the dispute resolution process in the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

30. PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

30.1 Bond May Be Required. SBC-13STATE may require Attaching Party, authorized contractors, and other persons acting on Attaching Party's behalf to execute performance and payment bonds (or provide other forms of security) in amounts and on terms sufficient to guarantee the performance of the Attaching Party's obligations arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

30.1.1 If a bond or similar form of assurance is required of Attaching Party, an authorized contractor, or other person acting on Attaching Party's behalf, Attaching Party shall promptly submit to SBC-13STATE adequate proof that the bond remains in full force and effect and provide certification from the company issuing the bond that the bond will not be cancelled, changed or materially altered without first providing SBC-13STATE 60 days written notice.

30.2 Payment and Performance Bonds in Favor of Contractors and Subcontractors. Attaching Party shall be responsible for paying all employees, contractors, subcontractors, mechanics, materialmen and other persons or entities performing work or providing materials in connection with Attaching Party's performance under this Agreement. In the event any lien, claim or demand is made on SBC-13STATE by any such employee, contractor, subcontractor, mechanic, materialman, or other person or entity providing such materials or performing such work, SBC-13STATE may require, in addition to any security provided under Section 30.1 of this Agreement, that Attaching Party execute payment or performance bonds, or provide such other security, as SBC-13STATE may deem reasonable or necessary to protect SBC-13STATE from any such lien, claim or demand.

31. NOTICES

31.1 Notices to Attaching Party. All written notices required to be given to a party shall be delivered or mailed to the party's duly authorized agent or attorney, as designated in this section.

31.1.1 Such notice may be delivered to the party's duly authorized agent or attorney in person or by agent or courier receipted delivery.

31.1.2 Such notice may be mailed to the party's duly authorized agent or attorney by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. When notice is given by mail, such notice shall be complete upon deposit of the notice, enclosed in a postpaid, properly addressed wrapper, in a post office or official depository under the care and control of the United States Postal Service and shall be deemed to have been given three days after the date of deposit.

31.1.3 Notices to a party shall be sent to the authorized agent or attorney designated below:

If to Attaching Party:

Vice President State External Affairs
Sprint Communications Company, L.P.
7301 College Boulevard
Mailstop KSOPKV0214
Overland Park, KS 66210

If to SBC:

Contract Administration
ATTN: Notices Manager
311 S. Akard, 9th Floor
Four Bell Plaza
Dallas, TX 75202

31.2 Changes in Notice Requirements. Either party may, from time to time, change notice addressees and addresses by giving written notice of such change to the other party. Such notice shall state, at a minimum, the name, title, firm, and full address of the new addressee.

32. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

32.1 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 General Terms and Conditions 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 permit; 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.

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

SBC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By:

Signature of SBC's Authorized Officer/Employee

Name of SBC's Authorized Officer/Employee (Printed or Typed)

Position/Title of SBC's Authorized Officer/Employee

Date

City and State of Execution by SBC

Attaching Party's Name (Printed or Typed)

Signature of Attaching Party's Authorized Officer/Employee

Name of Authorized Officer/Employee (Printed or Typed)

Position/Title of Authorized Officer/Employee

Date

City and State of Execution by Attaching Party

APPENDIX UNE

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**APPENDIX UNE
(UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Appendix, Unbundled Network Elements (UNE), sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) agrees to furnish SPRINT with access to UNEs. CLECs (including SPRINT) seeking to provide local exchange service to End Users through use of multiple SBC-13STATE UNEs are responsible for performing the functions necessary to combine the Unbundled Network Elements it requests from SPRINT 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 SBC-13STATE's network. SBC-13STATE has no obligation under the Act to combine UNEs. SBC-13STATE will provide access to UNEs under the terms and conditions described below. SBC-13STATE is prohibited by FCC Rule and shall not separate requested network elements that are currently combined. There is no effective rule requiring SBC-13STATE to combine network elements that are not already combined. However, this issue is pending before the US Supreme Court in Iowa Utilities Board v. FCC. The parties agree to the extent that an effective Order of the US Supreme Court results in a modification of existing law with respect to SBC-13STATE's obligation to combine network elements that are not already combined, the Parties shall incorporate such changes into this agreement within 30 days of the effective date. The Parties agree that throughout this agreement, the term UNE also refers to Combinations of UNEs as defined in this introductory paragraph.
- 1.2 For information regarding deposit, billing, payment, non-payment, disconnect, and dispute resolution, see the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

2. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 2.1 SBC-13STATE and SPRINT shall agree to connect SPRINT's facilities (or facilities not owned by SPRINT but under SPRINT's control) with SBC-13STATE's network at any technically feasible point for access to UNEs for the provision by SPRINT of a Telecommunications Service; provided, SPRINT shall certify to SBC-13STATE that the third party facility(ies) shall be used only for the purposes permitted by this Agreement, and SPRINT shall remain primarily obligated for all duties and responsibilities under this Agreement.
- 2.2 SBC-13STATE will provide SPRINT nondiscriminatory access to UNEs at any technically feasible point (Act, Section 251(c)(3); 47 CFR Section 51.307(a));

- 2.2.1 At the rates, terms, and conditions which are just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory (Act, Section 251(c)(3); 47 CFR Section 51.307(a));
- 2.2.2 In a manner that allows SPRINT to provide a Telecommunications Service that may be offered by means of that UNE (Act, Section 251(c)(3); 47 CFR Section 51.307 (c));
- 2.2.3 In a manner that allows access to the facility or functionality of a requested network element to be provided separately from access to other elements, and for a separate charge (47 CFR Section 51.307(d));
- 2.2.4 With technical information regarding SBC-13STATE's network facilities to enable SPRINT to achieve access to UNEs (47 CFR Section 51.307(e));
- 2.2.5 Without limitations, restrictions, or requirements on requests that would impair SPRINT's ability to provide a Telecommunications Service in a manner it intends (47 CFR Section 51.309(a));
- 2.2.6 In a manner that allows SPRINT purchasing access to UNEs to use such UNE to provide exchange access service to itself in order to provide interexchange services to subscribers (47 CFR Section 51.309(b));
- 2.2.7 Where applicable, terms and conditions of access to UNEs shall be no less favorable than terms and conditions under which SBC-13STATE provides such elements to itself (47 CFR Section 51.313(b));
- 2.2.8 Only to the extent it has been determined that these elements are required by the “necessary” and “impair” standards of the Act (Act, Section 251 (d)(2));
- 2.2.9 Except upon request, SBC-13STATE shall not separate requested network elements that SBC-13STATE currently combines. (47 CFR § 51.315 (b)).
- 2.3 As provided for herein, SBC-13STATE will permit SPRINT exclusive use of an unbundled network facility for a period of time, and when SPRINT is purchasing access to a feature, function, or capability of a facility, SBC-13STATE will provide use of that feature, function, or capability for a period of time. (47 CFR § 51.309 (c)).
- 2.4 SBC-13STATE will maintain, repair, or replace UNEs consistent with 47 CFR § 51.309 (c), and as provided for in this Agreement.

- 2.5 Except to the extent specifically allowed and provided for by Applicable Law, and where technically feasible, the quality of the UNE and access to such UNE shall be at least equal to what SBC-13STATE provides itself (47 CFR § 51.311 (a), (b)) or any subsidiary, affiliate, or other party that is a Telecommunications Carrier.
- 2.6 Each party shall be solely responsible for the services it provides to its End Users and to other Telecommunications Carriers.
- 2.7 UNEs provided to SPRINT under the provisions of this Appendix shall remain the property of SBC-13STATE.
- 2.8 Unbundled Network Elements may not be connected to or combined with SBC-13STATE access services or other SBC-13STATE tariffed service offerings with the exception of tariffed Collocation services where available.
- 2.9 SBC-13STATE will provide existing combinations of network elements to SPRINT consistent with SBC-13STATE's obligations in this Agreement at the applicable charges set forth in this Agreement. For preexisting combined elements, where no manual work is required by SBC-13STATE in order to establish connections between the requested elements at the central office, an outside plant location, or the customer premises, SBC-13STATE will not apply a Central Office Access Charge but will apply all other recurring and nonrecurring charges applicable to the elements included in the combination, and the appropriate service order charge. The pre-existing combined elements referred to in the preceding sentence include all orders included within the definition of "Contiguous Network Interconnection of Network Elements" in Sections 2.10 and 2.11 below.
- 2.10 When SPRINT orders Elements or Combinations that are currently interconnected and functional, such Elements and Combinations will remain interconnected and functional without any disconnection and without loss of feature capability and without loss of associated Ancillary Functions. This will be known as Contiguous Interconnection of Network Elements. There will be no charge for such interconnection, other than as specified in Section 2.9 above.
- 2.11 "Contiguous Network Interconnection of Network Elements" includes, without limitation, the situation when SPRINT orders all the SBC-13STATE Network Elements required to convert a SBC-13STATE end-user customer or a SPRINT resale customer to SPRINT unbundled Network Elements service (a) without any change in features or functionality that was being provided by SBC-13STATE (or by SPRINT on a resale basis) at the time of the order or (b) with only the change needed to route the customer's operator service and directory assistance calls to the SPRINT OS/DA platform via customized routing and/or changes

needed in order to change a local switching feature, e.g., call waiting. (This section only applies to orders involving customized routing after customized routing has been established to a SPRINT OS/DA platform from the relevant SBC-13STATE local switch, including SPRINT's payment of all applicable charges to establish that routing.). There will be no interruption of service to the end-user customer in connection with orders covered by this section, except for processing time that is technically necessary to execute the appropriate recent change order in the SBC-13STATE local switch. SBC-7STATE will treat recent change orders necessary to provision SPRINT orders under this section at parity with recent change orders executed to serve SBC-7STATE end-user customers, in terms of scheduling necessary service interruptions so as to minimize inconvenience to end-user customers.

3. ACCESS TO UNES

3.1 SBC will provide access to UNEs that are currently available within its network, as required by law.

3.2 This Section describes the connection methods under which SBC-13STATE agrees to provide SPRINT with access to UNEs and the conditions under which SBC-13STATE makes these methods available. These methods provide SPRINT access to multiple SBC-13STATE UNEs which SPRINT may then combine. The methods listed below provide SPRINT with access to UNEs without compromising the security, integrity, and reliability of the public switched network, as well as to minimize potential service disruptions.

3.2.1 Central Office Based UNEs. Subject to availability of space and equipment, SPRINT may use the methods listed below to access and combine UNEs within a requested SBC-13STATE Central Office. SPRINT's ability to access and combine UNEs include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following methods. Additional methods may be proposed by SPRINT via the BFR process set forth in this Agreement.

3.2.1.1(Method 1)

SBC-13STATE will extend SBC-13STATE UNEs requiring cross connection to SPRINT's Physical Collocation Point of Termination (POT) when SPRINT is Physically collocated, in a caged, cageless, or shared cage arrangement, within the same Central Office where the UNEs which are to be combined are located.

3.2.1.2 (Method 2)

SBC-13STATE will extend SBC-13STATE UNEs that require cross

connection to SPRINT's UNE frame located in the common room space, within the same Central Office where the UNEs which are to be combined are located.

3.2.1.3 (Method 3)

SBC-13STATE will extend SBC-13STATE UNEs to SPRINT's UNE frame that is located outside the SBC-13STATE Central Office where the UNEs are to be combined in a closure such as a cabinet provided by SBC-13STATE on SBC-13STATE property. Method 3 is only available when space is not available for Method 1 and 2.

3.2.2 Intentionally omitted.

3.2.3 Prior to SBC-13STATE providing access to UNEs under this Appendix, SPRINT and SBC-13STATE shall provide each other with a point of contact for overall coordination.

3.2.4 SPRINT shall provide all tools and materials required to place and remove the cross connects necessary to combine and disconnect UNEs.

3.2.5 SBC-13STATE identification cards will be issued for any SPRINT employees who are designated by SPRINT as meeting the necessary requirements for access. Entry to SBC-13STATE premises will be granted only to SPRINT employees with such identification.

3.2.6 SPRINT shall designate each network element being ordered from SBC-13STATE. SPRINT shall provide an interface to receive assignment information from SBC-13STATE regarding location of the extended UNEs. This interface may be manual or mechanized.

3.2.7 SBC-13STATE will provide SPRINT with contact numbers as necessary to resolve assignment conflicts encountered. All contact with SBC-13STATE shall be referred to such contact numbers.

3.2.8 SPRINT shall make arrangements for its own administrative telecommunication service (e.g. POTS service) at each facility and all materials needed by SPRINT at the work site. The use of cellular telephones is not permitted in SBC-13STATE equipment areas.

3.2.9 Certain construction and preparation activities may be required to modify a building or prepare the premises for access to UNEs via Method 2, above.

3.2.9.1 Where applicable, costs for modifying a building or preparing the premises for access to SBC-13STATE UNEs will be made on an individual case basis (ICB).

3.2.9.2 SBC-13STATE will provide Access to UNEs (floor space, floor space conditioning, cage common systems materials, and safety and security charges) in increments of one (1) square foot. For this reason, SBC-13STATE will ensure that the first CLEC obtaining Access to UNEs in a SBC-13STATE premises will not be responsible for the entire cost of site preparation and security.

3.2.9.3 SBC-13STATE will contract for and perform the construction and preparation activities using same or consistent practices that are used by SBC-13STATE for other construction and preparation work performed in the building.

4. BONA FIDE REQUEST

4.1 This Bona Fide Request process described in Item I of this Section 5 applies to each Bona Fide Request submitted in the SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH and NEVADA Territory. The Bona Fide Request process described in Item II of this Section 5 shall apply to each Bona Fide Request submitted in the SNET Territory and the Bona Fide Request Process described in Item III of this Section shall apply to each Bona Fide Request submitted in the PACIFIC Territory. If SPRINT submits the same Request in more than one Territory that requires such Request to be processed under more than one Item in this Section 5 (e.g., in Territories that have different processes), separate BFRs shall be required. For purposes of this Appendix, a “Business Day means Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays observed by SBC-13STATE.”

4.2 ITEM I

SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA Bona Fide Request Process

4.2.1 A Bona Fide Request (“BFR”) is the process by which SPRINT may request SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA to provide SPRINT access to an additional or new, undefined UNE, (a “Request”), that is required to be provided by SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA under the Act but is not available under this Agreement or defined in a generic appendix at the time of SPRINT’s request.

4.2.2 The BFR process set forth herein does not apply to those services requested pursuant to Report & Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

91-141 (rel. Oct. 19, 1992) paragraph 259 and n. 603 and subsequent rulings.

- 4.2.3 All BFRs must be submitted with a BFR Application Form in accordance with the specifications and processes set forth in the sections of the (i) CLEC Handbook. Included with the Application SPRINT shall provide a technical description of each requested UNE or combination of UNEs, drawings when applicable, the location(s) where needed, the date required, and the projected quantity to be ordered with a 3 year forecast.
- 4.2.4 SPRINT is responsible for all costs incurred by SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA to review, analyze and process a BFR. When submitting a BFR Application Form, SPRINT has two options to compensate SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA for its costs incurred to complete the Preliminary Analysis of the BFR:
- 4.2.4.1 Include with its BFR Application Form a \$2,000 deposit to cover SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA's preliminary evaluation costs, in which case SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA may not charge SPRINT in excess of \$2,000 to complete the Preliminary Analysis; or
- 4.2.4.2 Not make the \$2,000 deposit, in which case SPRINT shall be responsible for all preliminary evaluation costs incurred by SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA to complete the preliminary Analysis (regardless of whether such costs are greater or less than \$2,000).
- 4.2.5 If SPRINT submits a \$ 2,000 deposit with its BFR, and SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA is not able to process the Request or determines that the Request does not qualify for BFR treatment, then SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA will return the \$2,000 deposit to SPRINT. 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 SPRINT, either be refunded or credited toward additional developmental costs authorized by SPRINT.
- 4.2.6 Upon written notice, SPRINT may cancel a BFR at any time, but will pay SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA its reasonable and demonstrable costs of processing and/or implementing the BFR up to and including the date SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA received notice of cancellation. If cancellation occurs prior to completion of the preliminary evaluation, and a \$2,000 deposit has been made by SPRINT, and the reasonable and demonstrable costs are less than \$2,000,

the remaining balance of the deposit will be, at the option of SPRINT, either returned to SPRINT or credited toward additional developmental costs authorized by SPRINT.

- 4.2.7 SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA will promptly consider and analyze each BFR it receives. Within ten (10) Business Days of its receipt SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA will acknowledge receipt of the BFR and in such acknowledgement advise SPRINT of the need for any further information needed to process the Request. SPRINT acknowledges that the time intervals set forth in this Appendix begins once SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA has received a complete and accurate BFR Application Form and, if applicable, \$2,000 deposit.
- 4.2.8 Except under extraordinary circumstances, within thirty (30) calendar days of its receipt of a complete and accurate BFR, SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA will provide to SPRINT a preliminary analysis of such Request (the “**Preliminary Analysis**”). The Preliminary Analysis will (i) indicate that SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA will offer the Request to SPRINT or (ii) advise SPRINT that SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA will not offer the Request. If SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA indicates it will not offer the Request, SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA will provide a detailed explanation for the denial. Possible explanations may be, but are not limited to: i) access to the Request is not technically feasible, ii) that the Request is not required to be provided by SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA under the Act and/or, iii) that the BFR is not the correct process for the request.
- 4.2.9 If the Preliminary Analysis indicates that SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA will offer the Request, SPRINT may, at its discretion, provide written authorization for SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA to develop the Request and prepare a “BFR Quote”. The BFR Quote shall, as applicable, include (i) the first date of availability, (ii) installation intervals, (iii) applicable rates (recurring, nonrecurring and other), (iv) BFR development and processing costs and (v) terms and conditions by which the Request shall be made available. SPRINT’s written authorization to develop the BFR Quote must be received by SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA within thirty (30) calendar days of SPRINT’s receipt of the Preliminary Analysis. If no authorization to proceed is received within such thirty (30) calendar day period, the BFR will be deemed canceled and SPRINT will pay to SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA all demonstrable costs as set forth above. Any request by SPRINT for SBC-SWBT, SBC-

AMERITECH, NEVADA to proceed with a Request received after the thirty (30) calendar day window will require SPRINT to submit a new BFR.

- 4.2.10 As soon as feasible, but not more than ninety (90) calendar days after its receipt of authorization to develop the BFR Quote, SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA shall provide to SPRINT a BFR Quote.
- 4.2.11 Within thirty (30) calendar days of its receipt of the BFR Quote, SPRINT must either (i) confirm its order pursuant to the BFR Quote (ii) cancel its BFR and reimburse SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA for its costs incurred up to the date of cancellation, or (iii) if it believes the BFR Quote is inconsistent with the requirements of the Act and/or this Appendix, exercise its rights under Section 10 of the GTC. If SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA does not receive notice of any of the foregoing within such thirty (30) calendar day period, the BFR shall be deemed canceled. SPRINT shall be responsible to reimburse SBC-SWBT, SBC-AMERITECH, NEVADA for its costs incurred up to the date of cancellation (whether affirmatively canceled or deemed canceled by SPRINT).
- 4.2.12 Unless SPRINT agrees otherwise, all rates and costs quoted or invoiced herein shall be consistent with the pricing principles of the Act.
- 4.2.13 If a Party believes that the other Party is not requesting, negotiating or processing a BFR in good faith and/or as required by the Act, or if a Party disputes a determination, or price or cost quote, such Party may seek relief pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Process set forward in the General Terms and Conditions section of this agreement.

4.3* Item II
SNET Bona Fide Request Process

- 4.3.1 The Bona Fide Request provisions set forth in Item I of Section 5 shall apply to BFRs submitted to SNET, with the following exceptions:
- 4.3.2 Section 4.2.1 is amended to add the following: SPRINT may submit a BFR to request new UNEs or Combinations of UNEs provided the request is not covered by one of the following conditions:

* Section 4.3 is available only in the State of Connecticut. Refer to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, Paragraph 2.10.1.

- 4.3.2.1 The UNEs or combinations requested have not previously been identified or defined by the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC), the Federal Communications Commission, SPRINT's approved interconnection agreement, or in the listings of combinations in Docket No. 98-02-01, DPUC Investigation into Rebundling of Telephone Company Network Elements, August 17, 1998.
- 4.3.2.2 The UNEs or combinations requested are not currently deployed by an incumbent local exchange carrier in another jurisdiction or deemed acceptable for deployment by another state commission or an industry standards body.
- 4.3.2.3 The UNEs or combinations requested are not included in a Telco tariffed offering as an existing capability or functional equivalent.
- 4.3.2.4 If the request is covered by one of the conditions listed above, SNET will make these items generally available.
- 4.3.3 Section 4.2.4 and 4.2.5 are amended as follows: No charges apply for SNET to prepare the Preliminary Analysis.
- 4.3.4 Section 4.2.6 is amended as follows: Cancellation charges will not apply if the written notice of cancellation is received by SNET after SNET submits its Preliminary Analysis to SPRINT but before SPRINT's request for the BFR Quote. Cancellation charges will apply after SPRINT submits its request for SNET to provide a BFR Quote, but before the BFR Quote is provided to SPRINT. SPRINT shall be liable for reimbursement of all actual costs in connection with developing the BFR Quote incurred up to the time SNET receives the written notice of cancellation from SPRINT. However, if SNET receives notification from SPRINT for cancellation of the BFR after receipt by SPRINT of the BFR Quote, the cancellation charges shall not exceed the lesser of the actual costs incurred by SNET or the estimate in the BFR Quote plus twenty percent (20%).
- 4.3.5 Section 4.2.7 is amended as follows: SNET will promptly consider and analyze each BFR it receives. Within ten (10) Business Days of its receipt, SNET will acknowledge receipt of the BFR and in such acknowledgement advise SPRINT of the need for any further information needed to process the Request. SPRINT acknowledges that the time intervals set forth in this Appendix begin once SNET has received a complete and accurate BFR Application Form.
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- 4.3.6 SNET will apply standard tariffed Processing Fees (BFR development costs) according to the Connecticut Access Service Tariff 4.11.
- 4.3.7 For SNET, under the Dispute Resolution Process (DRP), either Party may petition the Department for relief pursuant to its own processes and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act regarding the issues raised during the BFR process. Upon request, a designated member of the Department staff may confer with both Parties orally or in person concerning the substance of the Parties' dispute, and may make such recommendations as he or she shall deem appropriate for consideration by both Parties to resolve expeditiously the issues in dispute. Any such participation by Department staff in such mediation shall not be construed in any subsequent proceeding as establishing precedent or any Formal position of Department on the matter in dispute .

4.4 **Item III** **Pacific Bona Fide Request Process**

- 4.4.1 The Bona Fide Request provisions set forth in Item I of Section 4 shall apply to BFRs submitted to PACIFIC, with the following exceptions:
- 4.4.2 Section 4.2.1 is amended as follows: A Bona Fide Request (“**BFR**”) is the process by which SPRINT may request PACIFIC to provide SPRINT access to an additional or new, undefined UNE, or a combination of UNEs, interconnection arrangement, or other (a “Request”), that is required to be provided by PACIFIC under the Act but is not available under this Agreement or defined in a generic appendix at the time of SPRINT's request.
- 4.4.3 Section 4.2.3 is amended as follows: All BFRs must be submitted with a BFR/Interconnection or Network Element Application Form in accordance with the specifications and processes set forth in the sections of the Handbook.
- 4.4.4 Section 4.2.8 is amended as follows: Except under extraordinary circumstances, within thirty (30) calendar days of its receipt of a complete and accurate BFR, PACIFIC will provide to SPRINT a Preliminary Analysis of such Request. The Preliminary Analysis will confirm that PACIFIC will offer the request. The Preliminary Analysis provided by

* Section 4.4 is available only in the State of California. Refer to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, Paragraph 2.10.1.

PACIFIC will include cost categories (material, labor and other) and high level costs for the request. **PACIFIC** will attempt to provide a “yes” response earlier than thirty (30) calendar days if possible. **SPRINT** acknowledges that an earlier “yes” response will not include high level costs. The costs will be sent by the 30th calendar day. When wholesale construction is required, costs will be provided within an additional twenty-four (24) calendar days (i.e., by the 54th calendar day).

- 4.4.5 If the BFR is denied, **PACIFIC** will notify **SPRINT** within fifteen (15) calendar days. The reason for denial will accompany the notification. Reasons for denial may include, but are not limited to: 1) not technically feasible, 2) the BFR is not the appropriate process for the Request and there is a referral to the appropriate process, and/or 3) the Request does not qualify as a new UNE, combination of UNEs, or interconnection arrangement required by law.
- 4.4.6 If **PACIFIC** refers **SPRINT** to an alternate process details the details of the provision of the alternate process will accompany the notification. The details may include an application form for the alternate process and other documentation required for **SPRINT** to submit the application for the alternate process.

5. ADJACENT LOCATION

- 5.1 This Section describes the Adjacent Location Method for accessing UNEs. This Section also provides the conditions under which **PACIFIC** offers the Adjacent Location Method.
- 5.2 The Adjacent Location Method allows **SPRINT** to access loops, switch ports, and dedicated transport for a **SPRINT** location adjacent to a **PACIFIC** Central Office as identified by **PACIFIC**. Under this method **PACIFIC** UNEs will be extended to the adjacent location, via copper cabling provided by **SPRINT**, which **SPRINT** can then utilize to provide Telecommunications Service.
- 5.3 This method requires **SPRINT** to provide copper cable, greater than 600 pairs, to the last manhole outside the **PACIFIC** Central Office. **SPRINT** shall provide enough slack for **PACIFIC** to pull the cable into the Central Office and terminate the cable on the Central Office Intermediate Distribution Frame (IDF).
- 5.4 **SPRINT** will obtain all necessary rights of way, easements, and other third party permissions.
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- 5.5 The following terms and conditions apply when PACIFIC provides the adjacent location:
- 5.5.1 SPRINT is responsible for Spectrum Interference and is aware that not all pairs may be ADSL or POTS capable.
- 5.6 The installation interval applies on an individual application basis. SPRINT is responsible for paying all up front charges (nonrecurring and case preparation costs) before work will begin. This assumes that all necessary permits will be issued in a timely manner.
- 5.7 SPRINT will provide the excess cable length necessary to reach the PACIFIC IDF in the PACIFIC Central Office where SPRINT requests connection.
- 5.8 SPRINT will be responsible for testing and sectionalization of facilities from the customer's location to the entrance manhole.
- 5.9 SPRINT should refer any sectionalized trouble determined to be in PACIFIC's facilities to PACIFIC.
- 5.10 SPRINT's employees, agents and contractors will be permitted to have access to SPRINT's cable where it is delivered to PACIFIC (outside the entrance manhole). SPRINT is only able to enter the entrance manhole to splice under a duct lease agreement. If SPRINT leases ducts to get to the Central Office then SPRINT has the right to splice the manholes on the route, including the entrance manhole.
- 5.11 In order for PACIFIC to identify the entrance manhole for SPRINT, SPRINT must specify the direction from which the cable originates. PACIFIC will verify that a vacant sleeve or riser duct exists at the entrance manhole. If none exists, construction of one will be required. If a vacant access sleeve or riser duct does not exist, and one must be constructed, SPRINT will pay for the construction on an Outside Plant Custom Work Order.
- 5.12 SPRINT will retain all assignment control. PACIFIC will maintain TIRKS records for cable appearance information on the horizontal and vertical appearance on the PACIFIC frame.
- 5.13 SPRINT will pay Time and Materials charges when PACIFIC dispatches personnel and failure is in SPRINT's facility.
- 5.14 PACIFIC will not assume responsibility for the quality of service provided over this special interconnection arrangement. Service quality is the responsibility of

SPRINT. **PACIFIC** limits each CLEC to two building entrances. Two entrances allow for CLEC growth or a diverse path.

- 5.15 Prior to **PACIFIC** providing the Adjacent Location Method in this Appendix, **SPRINT** and **PACIFIC** shall provide each other with a single point of contact for overall coordination.
- 5.16 The Adjacent Location Method of Accessing UNEs only allows for copper cable termination.

6. NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE

- 6.1 The Network Interface Device (NID) unbundled network element is defined as any means of interconnection of End User customer premises wiring to **SBC-13STATE**'s distribution loop facilities, such as a cross connect device used for that purpose. Fundamentally, the NID establishes the final (and official) network demarcation point between the loop and the End User's inside wire. Maintenance and control of the End User's inside wiring (on the End User's side of the NID) is under the control of the End User. Conflicts between telephone service providers for access to the End User's inside wire must be resolved by the End User. Pursuant to applicable FCC rules, **SBC-13STATE** offers nondiscriminatory access to the NID on an unbundled basis to any requesting telecommunications carrier for the provision of a telecommunications service. **SPRINT** access to the NID is offered as specified below (**SBC-12STATE**) or by tariff (**SNET**).
- 6.2 **SBC-12STATE** will permit **SPRINT** to connect its local loop to customers' inside wiring through **SBC-12STATE**'s NID. **SPRINT** must establish the connection to **SBC-12STATE**'s NID through an adjoining NID deployed by **SPRINT**. In this instance, **SPRINT** provides the cross-connect between the **SPRINT** NID and the customer's side of the **SBC-12STATE** NID and there is no charge to **SPRINT** by **SBC-12STATE**.
- 6.3 **SPRINT** may connect to the customer's inside wire at the **SBC-12STATE** NID, as is, at no charge to **SPRINT**. Any repairs, upgrade and rearrangements to the NID required by **SPRINT** will be performed by **SBC-12STATE** based on time and material charges. Such charges are reflected in the state specific Appendix PRICING. **SBC-12STATE**, at the request of **SPRINT**, will disconnect the **SBC-12STATE** local loop from the NID, at charges reflected in the state specific Appendix Pricing.
- 6.4 With respect to multiple dwelling units or multiple-unit business premises, **SPRINT** may provide its own NID, and
- (1) connect directly with the end user's inside wire, or

- (2) connect with the end user's inside wire via SBC-12STATE's NID where necessary.
- 6.5 Upon the request of SPRINT, SBC-13STATE will place a NID equipped with a half ringer device, if one is not present, and SPRINT will pay all costs associated with the placement except when SBC-13STATE is dispatched on a repair, maintenance, or installation visit to the premise by SPRINT. With regard to repair or maintenance, if the dispatch proves the trouble on the customer's side of the demarcation point, SBC 13STATE will charge SPRINT for the dispatch, but place the new NID equipped with a half ringer, if one is not present, at no charge. If the dispatch proves the trouble in SBC 13STATE network, SBC-13STATE will repair the line and place a NID equipped with a half ringer, if one is not present, at no charge to SPRINT.
- 6.6 Upon request, SBC-12STATE will dispatch a technician to tag an existing End User's inside wire facilities on the End User's side of the NID. In such cases, a NID "Premise Visit" charge shall apply at charges reflected on Appendix Pricing.
- 6.7 SPRINT shall not attach to or disconnect SBC-12STATE's ground. SPRINT shall not cut or disconnect SBC-12STATE's loop from the NID and/or its protector. SPRINT shall not cut any other leads in the NID.

7. LOCAL LOOP

- 7.1 Pursuant to the applicable FCC rule, the local loop network element is defined as a transmission facility between a distribution frame (or its equivalent) in an SBC-13STATE Central Office and the loop demarcation point at an End User customer premises, including inside wire owned by SBC-13STATE. The local loop Network Element includes all features, functions and capabilities of such transmission facility. Those features, functions, and capability include, but are not limited to, dark fiber, attached electronics (except those electronics used in the provision of advanced services, such as Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexers), and line conditioning. The local loop includes, but is not limited to, DS1, DS3, fiber, and other high capacity loops.
- 7.3 The loop network element includes all features, functions and capabilities of the transmission facilities, owned by SBC-13STATE, between SBC-13STATE's Main Distribution Frame or equivalent in the central office and the loop demarcation point at the customer premise.
- 7.4 Consistent with the requirements of the FCC's UNE Remand Order ¶167, in order for SPRINT to secure access to the loop's full functions and capabilities, SBC-13STATE shall, in certain instances, condition loops to attain such functionality and capabilities at the rates, terms, and conditions set forth in Appendix Pricing. The instances when loop conditioning is required are set forth in Appendix DSL.

7.5 ~~SBC-12STATE~~ will provide at the rates, terms, and conditions set out in this Appendix and in the state specific Appendix Pricing, on for the following:

7.5.1 2-Wire Analog Loop

7.5.1.1 A 2-Wire analog loop is a voice grade transmission facility that supports analog voice frequency, voice band services with loop start signaling within the frequency spectrum of approximately 300 Hz and 3000 Hz.

7.5.1.2 If ~~SPRINT~~ requests one or more unbundled Loops serviced by Integrated Digital Loop Carrier (IDLC) ~~SBC-12STATE~~ will, where available, move the requested unbundled Loop(s) to a spare, existing Physical loop or a universal digital loop carrier unbundled Loop at no additional charge to ~~SPRINT~~. If, however, no spare unbundled Loop is available, ~~SBC-12STATE~~ will within forty-eight hours (48), excluding weekends and holidays, of ~~SPRINT~~'s request, notify ~~SPRINT~~ of the lack of facilities.

7.5.2 4-Wire Analog Loop

7.5.2.1 A 4-Wire analog loop is a transmission facility that provides a non-signaling voice band frequency spectrum of approximately 300 Hz to 3000 Hz. The 4-Wire analog loop provides separate transmit and receive paths.

7.5.3 2-Wire Digital Loop

7.5.3.1 A 2-Wire 160 Kbps digital loop is a transmission facility which supports Basic Rate ISDN (BRI) digital exchange services. The 2-Wire digital loop 160 Kbps currently supports usable bandwidth up to 160 Kbps.

7.5.4 4-Wire Digital Loop

A 4-Wire 1.544 Mbps digital loop is a transmission facility that will support DS1 service including Primary Rate ISDN (PRI). The 4-wire digital loop 1.544 Mbps currently supports usable bandwidth up to 1.544 Mbps.

7.5.5 DSL-Capable Loop (See Appendix DSL)

8. SUB-LOOP ELEMENTS

8.1 **SPRINT** is entitled to the unbundling of any Subloop at any point determined by any state to be Technically Feasible. Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this agreement, **SNET** does not offer Subloop elements under this agreement. Rather, Subloop elements are available as described in Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff. An accessible terminal is any point on the loop where the technician can access the wire or fiber within the cable without removing a splice case to reach the wire or fiber within. **SBC-13STATE** shall provide **SPRINT** non-discriminatory access to the Subloop Network Element at accessible terminals in **SBC-13STATE**'s outside plant, including but not limited to, the pole or pedestal, the Network Interface Device, the minimum point of entry, the single point of interconnection, the Main Distribution Frame, the Remote Terminal, and the feeder/distribution interface.

8.1.1 Terms and conditions for subloop shall be as stated per the FCC's UNE Remand Order and as ordered by the Department in Docket Nos. 00-05-06 and 00-12-15. This Agreement shall be amended in accordance with the Intervening Law Section of the General Terms and Conditions following the later of the issuance or effective date of the tariff filed in compliance with the Department's order.

8.2 Definitions pertaining to the Sub-Loop:

8.2.1 "Dead Count" refers to those binding posts which have cable spliced to them but which cable is not currently terminated to any terminal to provide service.

8.2.2 "Demarcation Point" is defined as the point on the loop where the ILEC's control of the wire ceases and the subscriber's control (or on the case of some multiunit premises, the landlord's control) of the wire begins.

8.2.3 "Digital Subloop" May be deployed on non-loaded copper cable pairs, channels of a digital loop carrier system, channels of a fiber optic transport system or other technologies suitable for the purpose of providing 160 Kbps and 1.544 Mbps subloop transport.

8.2.4 "Distribution Cable" is defined as the cable from the SAI/FDI to the terminals from which an end user can be connected to the ILEC's network. "Feeder cable" is defined as that cable from the MDF to a point where it is cross connected in a SAI/FDI for neighborhood distribution.

8.2.5 "MDF-to-SAI/FDI" is that portion of the loop from the MDF to the SAI/FDI.

- 8.2.6 “MDF-to-Term” is that portion of the loop from the MDF to an accessible terminal.
 - 8.2.7 “Network Terminating Wire (NTW)” is the service wire that connects the ILEC’s distribution cable to the NID at the demarcation point.
 - 8.2.8 “SAI/FDI-to-Term” is that portion of the loop from the SAI/FDI to an accessible terminal.
 - 8.2.9 “SAI/FDI-to-NID” is that portion of the loop from the SAI/FDI to the Network Interface Device (NID), which is located an end user’s premise.
 - 8.2.10 “SPOI” is defined as a Single Point of Interconnection. When there is a single Demarcation Point in a Multi-Tenant Environment, the SPOI is the Demarcation Point and the SPOI will allow ILECs and CLECs to interconnect to wiring owned or controlled by the property owner of their agent. When there is multiple Demarcation Points in a Multi-Tenant Environment, the SPOI will allow ILECs and CLECs to interconnect to wiring that is part of the regulated network and is owned and controlled by the ILEC.
 - 8.2.11 “SAI/FDI” is defined as the point in the ILEC’s network where feeder cable is cross connected to the distribution cable. “SAI” is Serving Area Interface. “FDI” is Feeder Distribution Interface. The terms are interchangeable.
 - 8.2.12 “Term-to-NID” is that portion of the loop from an accessible terminal to the NID, which is located at an end user’s premise. Term-to-NID includes use of the Network Terminating Wire (NTW).
- 8.3 SBC-12STATE will offer the following subloop types:
- 8.3.1 2-Wire Analog Subloop provides a 2-wire (one twisted pair cable or equivalent) capable of transporting analog signals in the frequency range of approximately 300 to 3000 hertz (voiceband).
 - 8.3.2 4-Wire Analog Subloop provides a 4-wire (two twisted pair cables or equivalent, with separate transmit and receive paths) capable of transporting analog signals in the frequency range of approximately 300 to 3000 hertz (voiceband).

- 8.3.3 4-Wire DS1 Subloop provides a transmission path capable of supporting a 1.544 Mbps service that utilizes AMI or B8ZS line code modulation.
- 8.3.4 DS3 Subloop provides DS3 service from the central office MDF to an Interconnection Panel at the RT. The loop facility used to transport the DS3 signal will be a fiber optical facility.
- 8.3.5 2-Wire / 4-Wire Analog DSL Capable Subloop that supports an analog signal based DSL technology (such as ADSL). It will have twisted copper cable that may be loaded, have more than 2,500 feet of bridged tap, and may contain repeaters.
- 8.3.6 2-Wire / 4-Wire Digital DSL Capable Subloop that supports a digital signal based DSL technology (such as HDSL or IDSL). It will have twisted copper cable that may be loaded, have more than 2,500 feet of bridged tap, and may contain repeaters.
- 8.3.7 ISDN Subloop is a 2-Wire digital offering which provides a transmission path capable of supporting a 160 Kbps, Basic Rate ISDN (BRI) service that utilizes 2B1Q line code modulation with end user capacity up to 144 Kbps.
- 8.5 Subloops are provided “as is” unless **SPRINT** requests loop conditioning on xDSL Subloops for the purpose of offering advanced services. xDSL subloop conditioning will be provided at the rates, terms, and conditions set out in the state specific Appendix Pricing.
- 8.6 A subloop unbundled network element is an existing spare portion of the loop that can be accessed via cross-connects at accessible terminals. An accessible terminal is a point on the loop where technicians can access the copper or fiber within the cable without removing a splice case to reach the copper or fiber within.
- 8.7 Twisted-pair Copper Subloops:
- 8.7.1 Access to terminals for twisted-pair copper subloops is defined to include:
- any technically feasible point accessible by a cross-connect (such as the pole or pedestal, the NID, or the minimum point of entry (MPOE) to the customer premises),
 - the Feeder Distribution Interface (FDI) or Serving Area Interface (SAI), where the “feeder” leading back to the central office and the “distribution” plant branching out to the subscribers meet,

- the Main Distributing Frame (MDF),
- the Terminal (underground or aerial).

8.8 **SPRINT** may request access to the following twisted-pair copper subloop segments:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
1. Main Distributing Frame	Serving Area Interface or Feeder Distribution Interface
2. Main Distributing Frame	Terminal
3. Serving Area Interface or Feeder Distribution Interface*	Terminal
4. Serving Area Interface or Feeder Distribution Interface*	Network Interface Device
5. Terminal	Network Interface Device
6. NID	Stand Alone
7. SPOI (Single Point of Interface)**	Stand Alone

* May be located at Remote Terminal.

** Provided using the BFR Process. In addition, if **SPRINT** requests an Interconnection Point which has not been identified, **SPRINT** will need to submit a BFR.

8.9 High Capacity Subloops

8.9.1 Access to terminals for high capacity subloops is defined to include:

- any technically feasible point near the customer premises accessible by a cross-connect (such as the pole or pedestal or the minimum point of entry (MPOE) to the customer premises),
- the Remote Terminal (RT), only when cross-connect access is available at that RT
- the Terminal (underground or aerial).

8.9.2 **SPRINT** may request access to the following high-capacity subloop segments:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
1. CO Point of Termination (POT)	Remote Terminal
2. Remote Terminal	NID

8.10 Unbundled DS1 and DS3 subloops may not be utilized in combination with transport facilities to replace special access services or facilities, except consistently with the certification and other requirements of the Supplemental Order released and adopted by the FCC on November 24, 1999 and the

Supplemental Clarification Order, June 2, 2000 in Docket No. 96-98 (“In the Matter of the Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996”), as may be herein after amended, modified, supplemented or clarified, including but not limited to the requirement that significant local exchange traffic in addition to exchange access service, be provided to a particular customer over the facilities in compliance with the Supplemental Order, and with processes implementing the Supplemental Order.

8.11 Provisioning:

8.11.1 Connecting Facility Arrangement (CFA) assignments must be in-place prior to ordering and assigning specific subloop circuit(s).

8.11.1 Spare subloop(s) will be assigned to SPRINT only when an LSR/ASR is processed. LSR/ASRs will be processed on a “first come first serve” basis.

8.11.2 Provisioning intervals for subloops shall be governed by the SPRINT state-specific contract interval for the stand-alone, full UNE element. For example, the provisioning interval for DSL-capable subloop shall be determined based upon the interval negotiated for the stand-alone DSL-capable loop.

8.12 Maintenance:

8.12.1 The Parties acknowledge that by separating switching, feeder plant and distribution plant, the ability to perform mechanized testing and monitoring of the subloop from the SBC-12STATE switch/testing equipment will be lost.

8.12.2 SPRINT shall isolate trouble to the SBC-12STATE Subloop portion of SPRINT's service before reporting trouble to SBC-12STATE.

8.12.3 SBC12-STATE shall charge SPRINT a Maintenance of Service Charge (MSC) when SPRINT dispatches SBC on a trouble report and the fault is determined to be in SPRINT's portion of the loop. Such charges may be found in the individual state pricing appendices.

8.12.4 Once all subloop access arrangements have been completed and balance of payment due SBC-12STATE is received, SPRINT may place a LSR for subloops at this location. Prices at which SBC-12STATE agrees to provide SPRINT with Unbundled Network Elements (UNE) are contained in the state specific Appendix Pricing.

8.12.5 In the event of Catastrophic Damage to the RT, SAI/FDI, Terminal, or NID where SPRINT has a SAA, SBC-13 STATE repair forces will restore service in a non-discriminatory manner which will allow the greatest number of all customers to be restored in the least amount of time. Should SPRINT cabling require replacement, SBC-13STATE will provide prompt notification to SPRINT for SPRINT to provide the replacement cable to be terminated as necessary.

8.13 Subloop Access Arrangements

8.13.1 Prior to ordering subloop facilities, SPRINT will establish Collocation using the Collocation process as set forth in the Collocation Appendix, or at SPRINT's option, will establish a Subloop Access Arrangement utilizing the Special Construction Arrangement (SCA), either of which are necessary to interconnect to the SBC-12STATE subloop network.

8.13.2 The space available for collocating or obtaining various Subloop Access Arrangements will vary depending on the existing plant at a particular location. SPRINT will initiate an SCA by submitting a Sub-loop Access Arrangement Application.

8.13.3 Upon receipt of a complete and correct application, SBC-12STATE will provide to SPRINT within 30 days a written estimate for the actual construction, labor, materials, and related provisioning costs incurred to fulfill the SCA on a time and materials basis. When SPRINT submits a request to provide a written estimate for sub-loop(s) access, appropriate rates for the engineering and other associated costs performed will be charged.

8.13.4 The assignment of subloop facilities will incorporate reasonable practices used to administer outside plant loop facilities. For example, where SAI/FDI interfaces are currently administered in 25 pair cable complements, this will continue to be the practice in assigning and administering subloop facilities.

8.13.5 Subloop inquiries do not serve to reserve subloop(s).

8.13.6 Several options exist for Collocation or Subloop Access Arrangements at technically feasible points. Sound engineering judgment will be utilized to ensure network security and integrity. SPRINT will review and concur before SBC-13STATE proceeds. Each situation will be analyzed on a case-by-case basis.

- 8.13.7 SPRINT will be responsible for obtaining rights of way from owners of property where SBC-12STATE has placed the equipment necessary for the SAA prior to submitting the request for SCA.
- 8.13.8 Prior to submitting the Sub-loop Access Arrangement Application for SCA, SPRINT should have the “Collocation” and “Poles, Conduit, and Row” appendices in the Agreement to provide the guidelines for both SPRINT and SBC-13STATE to successfully implement subloops, should collocation, access to poles/conduits or rights of way be required.
- 8.13.9 Construction of the Subloop Access Arrangement shall be completed within 90 days of SPRINT submitting to SBC-12STATE written approval and payment of not less than 50% of the total estimated construction costs and related provisioning costs after an estimate has been accepted by the carrier and before construction begins, with the balance payable upon completion. SBC-12STATE will not begin any construction under the SCA until SPRINT has provided proof that it has obtained necessary rights of way as defined in Section 9.13.
- 8.13.10 Upon completion of the construction activity, SPRINT will be allowed to test the installation with a SBC-12STATE technician. If SPRINT desires test access to the SAA, SPRINT should place its own test point in its cable prior to cable entry into SBC-12STATE's interconnection point.
- 8.13.11 A non-binding SPRINT forecast shall be required as a part of the request for SAA, identifying the subloops required for line-shared and non line-shared arrangements to each subtending SAI. This will allow SBC-12STATE to properly engineer access to each SAI and to ensure SBC-12STATE does not provide more available terminations than SPRINT expects to use.
- 8.13.12 In order to maximize the availability of terminations for all CLECs, SPRINT shall provide CFA for their subloop pairs utilizing the same 25-pair binder group. SPRINT would begin utilizing the second 25-pair binder group once the first 25-pair binder group reached its capacity.
- 8.13.13 Unused SPRINT terminations (in normal splicing increments such as 25-pair at a SAI/FDI) which remain unused for a period of one year after the completion of construction shall be subject to removal. In the event a CLEC elects to discontinue use of an existing SAA, or abandons such arrangement, CLEC shall pay SBC-12STATE for removal of their facilities from the SAA.

8.13.14 In the event a CLEC elects to discontinue use of an existing SAA, or abandons such arrangement, CLEC shall pay SBC-12STATE for removal of their facilities from the SAA.

8.14 Subloop Access Arrangement (SAA) Access Points

8.14.1 SAI/FDI or Terminal

8.14.1.1 SPRINT cable to be terminated in a SBC-12STATE SAI/FDI, or Terminal, shall consist of 22 or 24-gauge copper twisted pair cable bonded and grounded to the power company Multi Grounded Neutral (MGN). Cable may be filled if buried or buried to aerial riser cable. SPRINT's Aerial cables should be aircore.

8.14.1.2 SPRINT may elect to place their cable to within 3 feet of the pad and coil up an amount of cable, defined by the engineer in the design phase, that SBC-12STATE will terminate on available binding posts in the SAI/FDI.

8.14.1.3 SPRINT may "stub" up a cable at a prearranged meet point, defined during the engineering site visit, and SBC will stub out a cable from the SAI/FDI, which SBC-12STATE will splice to the SPRINT cable at the meet point.

8.14.1.4 Dead counts will be offered as long as they have not been placed for expansion purposes planned within the 12 month period beginning on the date of the inquiry LSR.

8.14.1.5 Exhausted termination points- When a SAI/FDI's termination points are all terminated to assignable cable pairs, SBC-12STATE may choose to increase capacity of the terminal or to construct an adjacent termination facility to accommodate Sprint's facilities for which SPRINT will be charged a portion of the expense to be determined with the engineer, for the purpose of allowing SPRINT to terminate it's cable at the SAI/FDI.

8.15 RT (for DS3 Subloop)

8.15.1 SPRINT may elect to place their cable (fiber or coax) to within 3 feet of the RT and coil up an amount of cable, defined by the engineer in the design phase, that SBC-12STATE will terminate on a fiber/coax interconnection block to be constructed in the RT.

8.15.2 SPRINT may “stub” up a cable (fiber or coax) at a prearranged meet point, defined during the engineering site visit, and SBC will stub out a cable from the RT, which SBC-12STATE will splice to the SPRINT cable at the meet point.

9. ENGINEERING CONTROLLED SPLICE (ECS)

9.1 Although under no obligation to do so, as a voluntary offering, SBC-13STATE will also make available an Engineering Controlled Splice (ECS) for SPRINT to gain access to subloops at remote terminals. This voluntary service is made available to SPRINT as a means of accessing the sub-loop in a manner in addition to FCC requirements.

9.2 The ECS shall be made available for Subloop Access Arrangements (SAA) utilizing the Special Construction Arrangement (SCA) as set forth in Section 9.13 above.

9.2.1 SPRINT requesting such a SCA shall pay all of the actual construction, labor, materials and related provisioning costs incurred to fulfill its SCA on a time and materials basis, provided that SBC-13STATE will construct any Subloop Access Arrangement requested by a telecommunications carrier in a cost-effective and efficient manner. If SBC-13STATE elects to incur additional costs for its own operating efficiencies and that are not necessary to satisfy an SCA in a cost-effective and efficient manner, the requesting telecommunications carrier will not be liable for such extra costs.

9.2.2 SPRINT shall be liable only for costs associated with cable pairs that it orders to be presented at an engineering controlled splice (regardless of whether the requesting carrier actually utilizes all such pairs), even if SBC/Ameritech places more pairs at the splice.

9.2.3 SBC-13STATE will either use existing copper or construct new copper facilities between the SAI(s) and the ECS, located in or at the remote terminal site. SBC-13STATE will construct and own the engineering controlled splice.

9.2.4 If a second CLEC obtains space in an SAA with the new copper interface point at the ECS within two (2) years of the initial construction, the initial telecommunications carrier which incurred the costs of construction of the engineering controlled splice and/or additional copper, shall be reimbursed in equal proportion to remuneration received from the second CLEC for the space or lines used by the requesting carrier, unless the originally requested work must be discarded because of exhaust. Such reimbursement to SPRINT will be made within one hundred and twenty

(120) days of the second CLEC's cable being terminated in the ECS. If SBC-13STATE constructs space or places facilities beyond that requested to meet SPRINT's request, SBC-13STATE shall be responsible for such additional costs.

9.2.5 SBC-13STATE may require a separate SCA for each remote terminal site.

9.2.6 Written acceptance and at least 50% of payment for the SCA must be submitted at least 90 days, or a date agreed to by the Parties, before access to the copper subloop or dark fiber is to be provisioned. If an augment of cabling is required between the ECS and the SAI, the interval for completion of the SCA will be determined on an individual case basis. SBC-13STATE will not begin any construction of the ECS until SPRINT has provided proof that it has obtained the necessary right of way as defined in Section 9.13.

9.2.7 In the event SPRINT disputes the estimate for the ECS in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures set forth in the General Terms and Conditions, Section 10, of this Agreement, SBC-13STATE will proceed with construction of the ECS upon receipt from SPRINT of notice of the dispute and not less than fifty percent (50%) of the total estimated costs, with the balance payable by SPRINT upon completion of the ECS. Such payments may be subject to any "true-up", if applicable, upon resolution of the dispute in accordance with the Dispute Resolution procedures.

9.3 SPRINT will have two (2) options for implementing the ECS: a "Dedicated Facility Option" (DFO) and a "Cross-connected Facility Option" (CFO).

9.3.1 Dedicated Facility Option (DFO)

9.3.1.1 SPRINT may request SBC-13STATE splice the existing cabling between the ECS and the SAI to SPRINT's SAA facility. This facility will be "dedicated" to SPRINT for subsequent subloop orders.

9.3.1.2 SPRINT must designate the quantity of subloops they desire to access via this spliced, dedicated facility, specified by subtending SAI. This designation must differentiate cabling desired for access to the HFPL subloop from the cabling desired for access to non-line shared subloops.

9.3.1.3 SPRINT will compensate SBC-13STATE for each of the dedicated subloop facilities, based on recurring subloop charges, for the quantity of subloops dedicated to SPRINT between the ECS and the SAI.

9.3.2 Cross-connected Facility Option (CFO)

9.3.2.1 SPRINT may request SBC-13STATE build an ECS cross-connect junction on which to terminate SPRINT's SAA facility.

9.3.2.2 The SCA associated with this option will include the charges associated with constructing the cross-connect device, including the termination of SBC-13STATE cabling between the ECS and the RT and/or SAI, and the inventorying of that SBC-13STATE cabling.

9.3.2.3 SPRINT must designate the quantity of subloops they desire to access via this cross-connectable, dedicated facility, specified by subtending SAI. SPRINT will designate which loops will be used for SBC-13STATE voice service associated with line shared subloops.

9.3.2.4 SPRINT will compensate SBC-13STATE for the charges incurred by SBC-13STATE on a time and material basis derived from SPRINT's request for the SCA.

10. PACKET SWITCHING

10.1 SBC-13STATE will provide CLEC unbundled packet switching if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

10.1.1 SBC-13STATE has deployed Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexers ("DSLAMS") in Remote Terminals defined as Cabinets, Controlled Environmental Vaults ("CEVs") and/or Huts.

10.1.2 There are no spare copper loops capable of supporting the xDSL services the requesting carrier seeks to offer;

10.1.3 SBC-13STATE has not permitted a requesting carrier to deploy DSLAM at the remote terminal or environmentally controlled vault or other interconnection point, nor has the requesting carrier obtained a virtual collocation arrangement at these sub-loop interconnection points as defined by 47 CFR §51.319(b); and

10.1.4 SBC-13STATE has deployed packet switching capability for its own use.

11. LOCAL SWITCHING

11.1 The Unbundled Local Switching (ULS) capability is defined as:

11.1.1 line-side facilities, which include the connection between a Loop termination at the Main Distribution Frame and a switch line card;

11.1.2 trunk-side facilities, which include the connection between trunk termination at a trunk-side cross- connect panel and a switch trunk card; and

11.1.3 all features, functions, and capabilities of the switch available from the specific port type (line side or trunk side port), which include:

11.1.3.1 the basic switching function of connecting lines to lines, lines to trunks, trunks to lines, and trunks to trunks, as well as the same basic capabilities made available to SBC-13STATE customers, such as a telephone number, white page listing, and dial tone.

11.1.3.2 access to OS/DA and 9-1-1;

11.1.3.3 all other features that the switch provides, including custom calling, CLASS features and Centrex; and

11.1.3.4 any technically feasible customized routing of OS, DA, and/or local traffic in SBC-7STATE;

11.1.3.5 blocking/screening; and

11.1.3.6 recording functions.

11.1.4 SBC-7STATE shall provide its standard non-branded recorded announcements and call progress tones to alert callers of call progress and disposition. SPRINT will use the BFR process to request exclusions of or modifications to existing announcements, or to request unique announcements.

11.2 Specific Terms and Conditions for Unbundled Local Switching (ULS)

11.2.1 Unbundled Local Switching utilizes routing instructions resident in the ILEC switch to direct all SPRINT traffic. Specific terms and conditions relating to Unbundled Local Switching -Interim Shared Transport (ULS-IST) for SBC-AMERITECH is available in the Merger Conditions Appendix.

- 11.2.2 Vertical features, CLASS features, and other features resident in the ILEC switch are available under ULS. Refer to state specific Appendix Pricing for SBC-7STATE. Any features resident in the switch, but not offered and priced in this Agreement may be requested on a Bona Fide Request basis.
- 11.2.3 ULS as provided by SBC-7STATE and SBC-AMERITECH (ULS-IST) includes standard Central Office treatments (e.g., busy tones, vacant codes, fast busy, etc.), supervision and announcements.
- 11.2.4 At SBC-13STATE's discretion, upon not less than sixty (60) days' written notice to SPRINT, SBC-13STATE may elect to discontinue providing Unbundled Local Switching or to provide Unbundled Local Switching at market prices to SPRINT's serving end-users with four or more voice grade lines within any territory (each an "exception Territory") with respect to which SBC-13STATE can demonstrate that, as of the date on which SPRINT receives notice (the "Exception Notice Date"), SBC-13STATE has satisfied each of the following conditions.
- a) A territory shall constitute an "Exception Territory" if it constitutes the service area of SBC-13STATE offices that both are assigned to density zone 1 and are located within one of the Top 50 MSAs. The Parties shall determine density zone assignments by reference to the NECA Tariff No. 4, in effect on January 1, 1999. The Top 50 MSAs are those listed in Appendix B of the FCC Third Report and Order and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket 96-98 ("UNE Remand Order"); and
 - b) In the Exception Territory where SBC-13STATE elects to offer the Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) pursuant to the UNE Remand Order, the EEL would be available to SPRINT in the Exception Territory at forward looking, cost-based prices as specified in Appendix Pricing.
- 11.2.4.1 In determining whether SBC-13STATE may exercise its rights under this Section in any particular case, SPRINT shall be obligated to disclose customer account detail similar to customer service records that SBC-13STATE provides to SPRINT through pre-ordering process.
- 11.2.4.2 Nothing in this Section shall preclude SPRINT from using its own facilities, resold services, or any other facilities, services or serving arrangements to provide additional services to an End-User customer account with respect to

which SBC-13STATE may exercise its rights under this Section.

11.3 Customized Routing

11.3.1 Custom Routing is available upon SPRINT request to handle Operator Services, Directory Assistance, and/or other traffic as required by state jurisdiction based upon switch limitations. SPRINT will pay the customized routing charges reflected in Appendix Pricing.

11.4 Unbundled Local Switching Usage Sensitive Rate Element

11.4.1 Usage rates will apply to Unbundled Local Switching on a per minute basis. See the Appendix Pricing for the state specific ULS rates (SBC-7STATE) and Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff for SNET. See specific pricing for ULS-IST (SBC-AMERITECH) in the Merger Conditions Appendix.

11.5 Switch Ports

11.5.1 In SBC-7STATE, a Switch Port is a termination point in the end office switch which includes the central office switch hardware and software required to access all features, functions and capabilities of the local switch, as technically feasible. The charges for Switch Ports are reflected in state specific Appendix Pricing. The Switch Port charge includes the charges for cross connection to the Main Distribution frame or DSX panel, and will permit the transmission or receipt of information over the SBC-7STATE local switching network or other networks that are interconnection with the SBC-7STATE network.

11.5.1.1 Line Switch Ports – SBC-7STATE

11.5.1.1.1 The Analog Line Port is a line side switch connection available in either a loop or ground start signaling configuration used primarily for switched voice communications. When SPRINT orders a currently combined Loop/Switch combination in which the loop is served by IDLC, SPRINT will pay the applicable loop charge and an Analog Line Port charge.

11.5.1.1.2 The Analog Line Port can be provisioned with Centrex-like features and capabilities. When SPRINT wants to provide the Centrex-like port, a system

establishment charge is applicable to translate the common block and system features in the switch.

11.5.1.1.3 The Analog Line Port can be provisioned with two-way, one-way-out, and one-way-in, directionality for PBX business applications.

11.5.1.1.4 ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Port-Is a 2-wire line side switch connection which provides two 64 kbps "B" (bearer) channels for circuit switched voice and/or data and on 16 kbps "D" (delta) channel for signaling. When **SPRINT** orders a currently combined Loop/Switch combination in which the loop is served by IDLC, **SPRINT** will pay the applicable loop charge and a BRI Port charge.

11.6.1.2 Trunk Side Switch Ports – **SBC-7STATE**

11.6.1.2.1 The Analog DID Trunk Port is a 2-wire trunk side switch port that supports Direct Inward Dialing (DID) capability for PBX business applications.

11.6.1.2.2 ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Trunk Side Port is a trunk side switch connection that provides twenty-three 64 kbps "B" channels for digital voice and data and one 64 kbps "D" channel.

11.6.1.2.3 DS1 Trunk Port_is a trunk side DS1 interface intended for digital PBX business applications.

11.6.1.2.4 The Input/Output (I/O) Port provides access to the switch for a variety of functions including but not limited to voice mail functions (e.g., SMDI Port). **SPRINT** must have access to full functionality of the switch including but not limited to voice mail functions. The cost of a feature-specific I/O port is already included in the feature hardware additive applied in SCIS/IN. Any other I/O ports requested by **SPRINT** and not otherwise available shall be priced through the Bona Fide Request Process. This means that **SPRINT** does not pay an additional amount for an SMDI ("voice mail") port, or for the input/output port that provides report generation for PBX customers.

11.6.2 Switch Ports are available for SNET pursuant to the Connecticut Access Service Tariff.

11.6.3 SBC-AMERITECH makes available Switch Ports in the ULS-IST in Merger Conditions Appendix. For the specific pricing for ULS-IST Switch Ports, refer to state specific SBC-AMERITECH Appendix Pricing.

12. SHARED TRANSPORT

12.1 The Unbundled Shared Transport capability is defined as set forth in FCC Rule 51.319.

12.1.1 SBC-12STATE provides access to unbundled shared transport only when purchased in conjunction with a ULS port that SPRINT subscribes to for the purpose of delivering traffic from/to a SPRINT End User as set forth below.

12.1.1.1 Unbundled Local Switching is provided under Section 11 of this Appendix UNE.

12.1.1.2 “ULS-ST” refers to Unbundled Local Switching with Unbundled Shared Transport in SBC-AMERITECH. ULS-ST is provided on a per ULS port basis.

12.1.1.3 Unbundled Network Element – Local Switching with Shared Transport is available for SNET pursuant to the Connecticut Access Service Tariff.

12.1.2 SBC-AMERITECH provides to SPRINT subscribing to ULS the function of shared transport (as defined in the Third Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 12 FCC Rcd 12460 (1997)), as described in Paragraph 56 of Attachment 1 in the August 27, 1999 *ex parte* to the FCC in *In the Matter of the SBC/Ameritech Merger*, CC Docket No. 98-141 (“FCC Conditions”).

12.1.3 ULS-ST permits the SPRINT to access the interoffice network of SBC-AMERITECH for the origination from and completion to the associated ULS port of End User local traffic to and from SBC-AMERITECH switches or third-party switches. ULS-ST also permits access to that network, using Common Transport and Tandem Switching, for the origination from and completion to the associated ULS port of End User toll traffic where a PIC’d/LPIC’d Interexchange Carrier for that ULS port

is not directly connected to the SBC-AMERITECH switch providing that ULS port. SBC-AMERITECH will not require use of dedicated transport or customized routing to complete calls when using ULS-ST.

- 12.1.4 All SPRINT local traffic between SBC-AMERITECH switches will use Shared Transport and all local SPRINT traffic to non-SBC-12STATE switches will use the transit function of Shared Transport (with this transit function being referred to as “Shared Transport-Transit”). All interexchange traffic will be routed to the interLATA (PIC) or intraLATA toll (LPIC) Interexchange Carrier, as appropriate, selected for that ULS port.
- 12.1.5 The Unbundled Shared Transport rate is a blend of Shared Transport and Shared Transport-Transit. SBC-12STATE reserves the right to seek separate rates for Shared Transport and Shared Transport-Transit in future negotiations to amend or replace this Agreement.
- 12.1.6 SBC-12STATE's ability to provide ULS-ST is limited to existing switch and transmission facilities capacities of the SBC-STATE network.
- 12.1.7 In providing ULS-ST, SBC-12STATE will use the existing SBC-12STATE routing tables contained in SBC-12STATE switches, as SBC-12STATE may change those tables from time to time including after SPRINT purchases ULS-ST.
- 12.1.8 SBC-12STATE will provide SS7 signaling on interswitch calls originating from an ULS port. SPRINT will be charged for the use of the SBC-12STATE signaling on a per- call basis.

12.2 Tandem Switching

12.2.1 Tandem Switching is defined as:

- 12.2.1.1 trunk-connect facilities, including but not limited to the connection between trunk termination at a cross-connect panel and a switch trunk card,
- 12.2.1.2 the basic switching function of connecting trunks to trunks; and
- 12.2.1.3 all technically feasible functions that are centralized in tandem switches (as distinguished from separate end-office

switches), including but not limited to call recording, the routing of calls to operator services, and signaling conversion features.

- 12.2.2 Tandem Switching will provide trunk-to-trunk connections for local calls between two end offices, including two offices belonging to different SPRINT (e.g., between a SPRINT end office and the end office of another CLEC).
- 12.2.3 To the extent all signaling is SS7, Tandem Switching will preserve CLASS/LASS features and Caller ID as traffic is processed.
- 12.2.4 SBC-13STATE will perform testing through the Tandem Switching element for SPRINT in the same manner and frequency that it performs such testing for itself.
- 12.2.5 To the extent that SBC-7STATE manages congestion from the Tandem Switching element for itself, it will control congestion points such as those caused by radio station call-ins, and network routing abnormalities, using capabilities such as Automatic Call Gapping, Automatic Code Gapping, Automatic Congestion Control, and Network Routing Overflow for SPRINT traffic.
- 12.2.6 Where SBC-13STATE provides the Local Switching Network element and the Tandem Switching Network element to SPRINT from a single switch, both Local Switching and Tandem Switching will provide all of the functionality required of each of these Network Elements in this Agreement.
- 12.2.7 The charges for Tandem Switching are reflected in Appendix Pricing (SBC-12STATE) and Section 18 of the Connecticut Service Tariff for SNET.

13. INTEROFFICE TRANSPORT

- 13.1 The Interoffice Transport (IOT) network element is defined as SBC-12STATE interoffice transmission facilities dedicated to a particular CLEC that provide telecommunications between Wire Centers owned or controlled by SBC-12STATE, or SPRINT, or between switches owned or controlled by SBC-12STATE or SPRINT. IOT will be provided only where such facilities exist. Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this agreement, SNET does not offer Interoffice Transport (IOT) under this agreement. Rather, IOT is available as described in Section 18 of the Connecticut Tariff FCC No. 39.

13.2 **SBC-12STATE** will be responsible for the engineering, provisioning, maintenance of the underlying equipment and facilities that are used to provide Interoffice Transport.

13.3 Unbundled Dedicated Transport

13.3.1 Unbundled Dedicated Transport (UDT) is an interoffice transmission path dedicated to a particular CLEC that provides telecommunications (when facilities exist and technically feasible) between two Wire Centers or switches owned by **SBC-12STATE** or between a Wire Center or switch owned by **SBC-12STATE** and a **SPRINT** owned or provided switch. The Parties agree that UDT may not be used to replace access services for end users that are not **SPRINT**'s local subscribers. **SBC-13STATE** shall not restrict the type or jurisdiction of traffic originated by or terminating to **SPRINT**'s local subscribers that **SPRINT** may place on UDT facilities.

13.3.2 **SBC-12STATE** will provide Dedicated Transport as a point to point circuit dedicated to **SPRINT** at the following speeds: DS1 (1.544 Mbps), DS3 (44.736 Mbps), OC3 (155.52 Mbps), OC12 (622.08 Mbps), and OC48 (2488.32 Mbps).

13.3.3 If requested by **SPRINT**, **SBC-12STATE** shall provision Unbundled Dedicated Transport over existing **SBC-12STATE** SONET facilities which are not otherwise being used by **SBC-12STATE** to provide service. **SBC-12STATE** is not required to construct additional SONET facilities to satisfy **SPRINT**'s request for Unbundled Dedicated Transport.

13.3.4 UDT includes the following elements:

13.3.4.1 Interoffice Transport – Is a circuit between two **SBC12-STATE** Wire Centers.

13.3.4.2 Entrance Facility – Is a circuit from **SBC-12STATE** serving Wire Center to a location designated by **SPRINT**.

13.3.4.3 Multiplexing – Is an option ordered in conjunction with dedicated transport which converts a circuit from higher to lower bandwidth, or from digital to voice grade, including optical multiplexing (i.e., DS1/DS3/OC3/OC12/OC48) as an option on an unbundled basis.

13.3.4.4 Other Optional features are outlined in Appendix Pricing.

13.4 Diversity

13.4.1 When requested by **SPRINT** and only where such interoffice facilities exist at the time of the **SPRINT** request, Physical diversity shall be provided for Unbundled Dedicated Transport. 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.

13.4.2 **SBC-12STATE** shall provide the Physical separation between intra-office and inter-office transmission paths when technically and economically feasible. Physical diversity requested by **SPRINT** shall be subject to additional charges. When additional costs are incurred by **SBC-12STATE** for **SPRINT** specific diversity, **SBC-12STATE** will advise **SPRINT** of the applicable additional charges. **SBC-12STATE** will not process the request for diversity until **SPRINT** accepts such charges. Any applicable performance measures will be abated from the time diversity is requested until **SPRINT** accepts the additional charges.

13.5 Digital Cross-Connect System (DCS)

13.5.1 **SBC-12STATE** will offer Digital Cross-Connect System (DCS) as part of the unbundled dedicated transport element with the same functionality that is offered to interexchange carriers. DCS requested by **SPRINT** shall be subject to additional charges as outlined in pricing schedule appendix.

13.6 Network Reconfiguration Service (NRS)

13.6.1 **SBC-12STATE** will offer reconfiguration service as an option with the UDT element with the same functionality that is offered to interexchange carriers. Reconfiguration service requested by **SPRINT** shall be subject to additional charges as outlined in pricing schedule appendix.

13.7* **PACIFIC**

13.7.1 Cross Boundary UDT Meet Point Facilities Arrangements

13.7.1.1 Cross Boundary UDT Facilities are arrangements that involve shared ownership of the Unbundled Dedicated Local Interconnection Facilities between **PACIFIC** and another

* Section 13.7 is available only in the State of California. Refer to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, Paragraph 2.10.1.

neighboring Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) **PACIFIC** will be a willing participant in **SPRINT**'s efforts to midspan join an UDT Facility ordered from **PACIFIC** with one of the same ordered by the **SPRINT** from the neighboring ILEC. It is the responsibility of **SPRINT** to negotiate with each ILEC individually, and to order each piece of the Meet Point transmission facility from each individual ILEC separately in order to provide UDT from each ILEC's respective Central Office to the meet point. UDT Cross Boundary Meet Point Transmission Facilities are available at DS1 and DS3 transmission speeds and only where facilities exist and are available at the time of **SPRINT**'s order.

13.7.1.2 Rates: Charges applicable to Cross Boundary UDT Meet Point Facility arrangements are as follows:

13.7.1.2.1 Non Recurring Charges: 100% of **PACIFIC** existing UDT Non Recurring Charges, i.e. service order charge, install (connect) charges, disconnect charges, etc. for its side of the facilities and without any compensation to the other ILEC. Each of these charges are found in Appendix Pricing.

13.7.1.2.2 Monthly Charges: **PACIFIC** will charge full (100%) existing UDT monthly charges for the first (or Fixed) mile, plus 100% of the monthly charges for the additional miles in its territory. Each of these charges is found in Appendix Pricing. The additional miles are calculated by the total facility mileage multiplied by the percentage of the facilities that fall within **PACIFIC** territory, as determined by the NECA 4 tariff. There will not be any compensation to the other ILEC.

13.7.1.2.3 **PACIFIC**'s current intervals for the ordering and provisioning of the UDT will also be applicable to the ordering and provisioning of Cross Boundary UDT Meet Point Facilities. However, for end to end connectivity, the longer of the two ILEC's ordering and provisioning intervals will apply.

14. DARK FIBER

14.1 General

- 14.1.1 Dark fiber is spare fiber that has not been activated through connection to the electronics that “light it”, and thereby rendering it capable of carrying communications services. (FCC UNE Remand Paragraph 174.) Other than as specifically set out elsewhere in this agreement, SNET does not offer Dark Fiber under this agreement. Rather, Dark Fiber is to CLECs available as described in Section 18.2.1E of the Connecticut Service Tariff.
- 14.1.2 If lightguide cables physically appear at a remote terminal or customer premises (end user) even if not terminated on a fiber optic terminal, those fibers shall be inventoried as “spare.”
- 14.1.3 Spare Dark Fiber is fiber that is spliced in all segments, point to point but not working. The loop fiber segment can be a segment between the serving central office and a remote terminal or a serving central office directly to a customer premise, and as set forth below in Loop Fiber. Interoffice dark fiber is a segment between two Central Offices. Spare fibers do not include fibers set aside and documented for SBC-13STATE’s forecasted growth, defective fibers, nor fibers subscribed to by other carriers.
- 14.1.4 Maintenance spares shall be calculated by segment. No competitive local exchange carrier can obtain any more than 25% of the spare dark fiber contained in the segment. Should spare fiber fall below 8 strands in a given location, SBC-12STATE will provide the remaining spares in quantities of 2 strands. Before fibers are ordered, SBC-13STATE must have an executed Interconnection Agreement with SPRINT providing for Dark Fiber.
- 14.2 Interoffice Dark Fiber
- 14.2.1 SBC13-STATE will provide dark fiber in the dedicated interoffice transport segment of the network as an unbundled network element. Interoffice dark fiber is between two different SBC13-STATE Central Offices (CO’s) and terminates on a fiber distribution frame, or equivalent, in the CO. SBC13-STATE will offer its dark fiber to SPRINT when SPRINT has collocation space in both SBC-13STATE CO's where the fibers terminate.
- 14.2.2 SBC-13STATE will provide SPRINT with the ability to connect interoffice dark fiber. In each SBC-13STATE tandem or end office that serves as the point of termination for each interoffice dark fiber segment, SBC-13STATE will provide SPRINT an appropriate termination point on a distribution frame or its equivalent. In addition, 13STATE will

provide connectivity to its dark fiber in any facility where it has an existing termination point or patch panel.

14.2.3 SPRINT will submit dark fiber facility inquiry, giving SPRINT's specific point to point (A to Z) dark fiber requirements. If the dark fiber is available, SPRINT may place Access Service Request (ASR) for ordering. In order to secure dark fiber, SPRINT must place ASR request for available dark fiber. Dark Fiber will be assigned to SPRINT when an ASR is processed. Inquiry facility checks do not reserve Dark Fiber. When SPRINT submits a Dark Fiber inquiry, appropriate rates for the inquiry will be charged as outlined in Appendix Pricing.

14.3 Loop Fiber

14.3.1 SBC-13STATE will offer loop dark fiber as an unbundled network element. Loop dark fiber is a segment between the serving central office and an end user premise.

14.3.2 At Central Offices (CO's) the dark fiber terminates on a fiber distribution frame, or equivalent, in the CO. SPRINT access is provided through the same arrangements as for other forms of Loop.

14.3.3 At remote terminals, CEVs and Huts, loop dark fiber will be terminated on an appropriate termination panel at the remote location. SPRINT access to the dark fiber will be provided through the same arrangements as for other forms of Sub-Loop.

14.4 Sub-Loop Dark Fiber

14.4.1 SBC-12STATE will provide sub-loop dark fiber as an unbundled network element. Sub-loop dark fiber is a segment between:

14.4.1.1 The serving SBC-12STATE central office and a remote terminal/CEV/Hut; or

14.4.1.2 a remote terminal/CEV/Hut and an end user customer premise.

14.4.1.2.1 Dark Fiber sub-loop segments are explicitly governed by Sub-Loop Section of this APPENDIX and are limited to remote terminal/CEV/Hut outlined below.

14.4.1.2.2 Upon receipt of a complete and correct Sub-loop Access Application, SBC-12STATE shall provide to SPRINT within 30 days a

written estimate for the actual construction, labor, materials, and related provisioning costs to be incurred to fulfill the SCA on a time and materials basis. SPRINT agrees to pay SBC-12STATE appropriate rates for the engineering and other associated costs performed when SPRINT submits a request to provide a written estimate for sub-loop(s).

- 14.4.1.2.3 At SBC-2STATE Central Offices's the dark fiber terminates on a fiber distribution frame, or equivalent, in the CO. SPRINT access is provided pursuant Method One which allows for approved collocation access.

14.5 Spare Fiber Inventory Availability

14.5.1 All available spare dark fiber will be offered as is, however SPRINT may test the quality of dark fiber to confirm its usability and performance specifications. SBC-13STATE will provide to SPRINT information regarding location, availability, and loss characteristics of dark fiber within ten (10) business days after receiving a dark fiber facilities actual request for service. No conditioning will be offered. Spare Dark Fiber is fiber that is spliced in all segments, point to point but not assigned. Spare fibers do not include maintenance spares, fibers set aside and documented for SBC's 12 month forecasted growth, defective fibers, or fibers subscribed to by other carriers. No competitive carrier can request any more than 25% of the spare dark fiber contained in the segment.

14.5.2 SBC-13STATE shall provide nondiscriminatory access to maintenance fibers as described herein. Maintenance fibers will be excluded from the spare fiber inventory as provided throughout this Section 11 only if SBC-13STATE provides the use of maintenance fibers to SPRINT on a nondiscriminatory basis with SBC-13STATE's use or that of any other Telecommunications Carrier, including SBC-13STATE affiliates or subsidiaries. SBC-13STATE's nondiscriminatory obligation does not have to be met, if SPRINT's need for maintenance fiber (e.g., an outage) was caused by SPRINT's own negligent or willful actions.

14.6 Quantities and Time Frames for ordering Dark Fiber

14.6.1 The minimum number of fiber strands that SPRINT can order is two, and must be ordered in multiples of two. The maximum number of fiber strands that SPRINT can lease is no greater than 25% of the spare

facilities in the segment they are requesting. Should spare fiber fall below 8 strands in a given location, SBC-12STATE will provide the remaining spares in quantities of 2 strands. (See definition of spare facilities defined above.)

- 14.6.2 An Inquiry request for dark fibers from SPRINT for a particular segment will be responded to in terms of availability within 10 business days from receipt of valid inquiry request. SBC-13STATE will respond to SPRINT's request for dark fiber, either accepting or rejecting the request. Any rejection will be accompanied by a Facility Check Response report setting forth the reasons for the rejection. Inquiry facility checks do not reserve Dark Fiber. In order to secure dark fiber, SPRINT must submit an ASR for available dark fiber. If available, Dark Fiber will be assigned to SPRINT when the ASR is processed.

14.7 Determining Spare Fibers

- 14.7.1 The SBC-13STATE's organizations will inventory and track spare dark fibers. Spare fibers do not include the following:

- 14.7.1.1 Maintenance spares. Maintenance spares shall be kept in inventory like a working pair. Spare maintenance fibers are as follows:
- 24 fiber cables and less: two maintenance spare fibers
 - 36 & 48 fiber cables: four maintenance spare fibers
 - 72 & 96 fiber cables: eight maintenance spare fibers
 - 144 fibers: twelve maintenance spare fibers
 - 216 fibers: 18 maintenance spares
 - 288 fibers: 24 maintenance spares
 - 432 fibers: 36 maintenance spares
 - 864 fibers: 72 maintenance spares.
- 14.7.1.2 Defective fibers will be subtracted from inventory of spare fibers.
- 14.7.1.3 SBC-13STATE growth fibers. Fibers documented as reserved by SBC-13STATE to satisfy its obligation to provide service as a "carrier of last resort" within 12 months of the carrier's request.
- 14.7.1.4 Fibers subscribed to by other carriers.

14.7.2 The appropriate engineering organization will maintain records on each fiber optic cable for which SPRINT requests dark fiber.

14.7.3 SPRINT may not lease more than 25% of SBC-13STATE excess dark fiber capacity in a particular local loop or interoffice transport segment. If SBC-13STATE can demonstrate within a twelve (12) month period after the date of a provisioned dark fiber ASR, SPRINT is not using the leased dark fiber, SBC-13STATE may revoke the lease agreement with SPRINT, according to Section 14.7.

14.8 Right of Revocation of Access to Dark Fiber

14.8.1 Should SPRINT not utilize the fiber strands subscribed to within the 12-month period following the date SBC-12STATE provided the fibers, SBC-12STATE may revoke SPRINT's access to the dark fiber and recover those fiber facilities and return them to SBC-12STATE inventory.

14.8.2 SBC-12STATE may reclaim from SPRINT's the right to use dark fiber, whether or not the dark fiber is being utilized by SPRINT, upon twelve (12) months' written notice to SPRINT. SBC-12STATE will provide an alternative facility for SPRINT with the same bandwidth SPRINT was using prior to reclaiming the facility. SBC-12STATE must also demonstrate to SPRINT that the dark fiber will be needed to meet SBC-12STATE's bandwidth requirements within the 12 months following the revocation.

14.9 Limitations

14.9.1 Dark fiber is provided as is, however SPRINT may test the quality of dark fiber to confirm its usability and performance specifications. SBC-13STATE will provide to SPRINT information regarding location, availability, and loss characteristics of dark fiber on plant test date within fifteen (15) business days after receiving a dark fiber facilities actual request for service. Dark fiber provides SPRINT the ability to serve local telephone exchange service. Dark fiber is not permitted to be used for displacing SBC-13STATE's existing tariffed access services except to the extent allowed by law.

14.10 Demarcation Points

14.10.1 Newly placed demarcation points at both central offices, remote terminals and customer premises will be in an SBC-13STATE approved splitter shelf. This arrangement allows for non-intrusive testing.

14.11 Installation and Maintenance

- 14.11.1 SBC will install demarcations and place the fiber jumpers from the fiber optic terminations to the demarcation point. SPRINT will run its fiber jumpers from the demarcation point (1x2, 90-10 optical splitter) to the SPRINT equipment.

15. OPERATOR SERVICES AND DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

- 15.1 SBC-13STATE will provide access to operator service and directory assistance databases where technically feasible. Operator Services and Directory Assistance (OS/DA) are available as described in Appendix DA, and Appendix OS.

16. SIGNALING NETWORKS AND CALL-RELATED DATABASES

- 16.1 Signaling Networks and Call-Related Databases are Network Elements that include Signaling Link Transport, Signaling Transfer Points, and Service Control Points and Call-Related Databases. Access to SBC-13STATE's signaling network and call related databases will be provided as described in the following Appendices: SS7, LIDB AS, LIDB Service, 800, and AIN (refer to General Terms and Conditions, Section 45.7.2).

17. OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEMS FUNCTIONS

- 17.1 Operations Support Systems Functions consist of pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and repair, and billing functions supported by SBC-13STATE's databases and information. SBC-13STATE will provide SPRINT access to its Operations Support Systems Functions as outlined in Appendix OSS. In addition, SBC-13STATE shall provide nondiscriminatory access to loop qualification and pre-qualification databases under terms and conditions set forth in Appendix DSL.

18. CROSS CONNECTS

- 18.1 The cross connect is the media between the SBC-7STATE UNE and a SPRINT designated point of access as described in various sections of this Appendix, or the media between a SBC-7STATE UNE and a Collocation area for the purpose of permitting SPRINT to connect the SBC-7STATE UNE to other UNEs or to SPRINT's own facilities. Where SBC-7STATE has otherwise committed to connect one UNE to another UNE on behalf of SPRINT, or to leave connected one UNE to another UNE on behalf of SPRINT the cross connect is the media between one SBC-7STATE UNE and another SBC-7STATE UNE. Nothing in

this section is a commitment to connect or leave connected any two or more UNEs.

- 18.2 SBC-7STATE will provide cross connects at the rates, terms, and conditions set forth in Appendix Pricing. Pricing for Sections 14.3, 14.4 and 14.5 for SBC-AMERITECH and SNET are provided as set forth in Appendix Pricing. For all other cross-connect pricing for SBC-AMERITECH and SNET refer to the applicable state tariff.
- 18.3 The applicable Loop cross connects for the purpose of SPRINT combining a SBC-13STATE Loop with another SBC-13STATE UNE are as follows:
- 18.3.1 2-Wire Analog Loop to UNE
 - 18.3.2 4 -Wire Analog Loop to UNE
 - 18.3.3 2 -Wire Digital Loop to UNE
 - 18.3.4 4 -Wire Digital Loop to UNE
- 18.4 The applicable Unbundled Dedicated Transport cross connects to the UNE for the purpose of SPRINT combining Unbundled Dedicated Transport to another SBC-13STATE UNE are as follows:
- 18.4.1 DS-1 to UNE
 - 18.4.2 DS-3 to UNE
- 18.5 The applicable Switch Port cross connects to the UNE for the purpose of SPRINT combining Switch Ports to another SBC-13STATE UNE are as follows:
- 18.5.1 Analog Line Port to UNE
 - 18.5.2 ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Line Port to UNE
 - 18.5.3 ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Trunk Port to UNE
 - 18.5.4 Analog DID Trunk Port
- 18.6 The applicable Loop cross connects for the purpose of SPRINT connecting a SBC SWBT and NEVADA Loop UNE to SPRINT's Collocated facilities are as follows:
- 18.6.1 2-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation

- 18.6.2 2-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation (without testing)
 - 18.6.3 4-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation
 - 18.6.4 4-Wire Analog Loop to Collocation (without testing)
 - 18.6.5 2-Wire Digital Loop to Collocation
 - 18.6.6 2-Wire Digital Loop to Collocation (without testing)
 - 18.6.7 4-Wire Digital Loop to Collocation
 - 18.6.8 4-Wire Digital loop to Collocation (without testing)
 - 18.6.9 DSL Shielded Cross Connect to Collocation
 - 18.6.10 2-Wire DSL non-shielded cross connect to Collocation
 - 18.6.11 4-Wire DSL non-shielded cross connect to Collocation
- 18.7 The applicable dedicated transport cross connects for the purpose of **SPRINT** connecting a **SBC-SWBT** and **NEVADA** dedicated transport UNE to **SPRINT**'s Collocated facilities are as follows (cross Connects to Collocation are tarified in **SBC-AMERITECH** and **SNET**):
- 18.7.1 DS-1 to Collocation
 - 18.7.2 DS-3 Collocation
 - 18.7.3 OC-3 to Collocation
 - 18.7.4 OC-12 to Collocation
 - 18.7.5 OC-48 to Collocation
- 18.8 The applicable Switch Port cross connects for the purpose of **SPRINT** connecting a **SBC-SWBT** and **NEVADA** Switch Port UNE to **SPRINT**'s Collocated facilities are as follows:
- 18.8.1 Analog Line Port to Collocation
 - 18.8.2 ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Line Port to Collocation
 - 18.8.3 Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Trunk Port to Collocation

18.8.4 Analog DID Trunk Port to Collocation

18.8.5 DS1 Trunk Port to Collocation

18.9* The applicable cross connects for the purpose of SPRINT connecting a PACIFIC Loop, UDT or Switch Port UNE to a SPRINT Collocated facility are as follows:

18.9.1 Voice Grade/ISDN EISCC*

18.9.2 DS-0 EISCC*

8.9.3 DS-1 EISCC*

18.9.4 DS-3 EISCC*

* EISCC = Extended Interconnection Services Cross Connect

18.10 The applicable cross connects for SBC-AMERITECH Loop, UDT or Port UNEs areas as follows:

18.10.1 2-wire

18.10.2 4-wire

18.10.3 6-wire

18.10.4 8-wire

18.10.5 DS-1

18.10.6 DS-3

18.10.7 OC-3

18.10.8 OC-12

18.10.9 OC-48

18.10.10 LT1

18.10.11 LT3

18.11* The applicable Loop cross connects to the Adjacent Location Method of Accessing UNEs for the purpose of SPRINT combining a PACIFIC Loop with SPRINT's own facilities for are as follows:

18.11.1 2 -Wire Analog Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access

18.11.2 4 -Wire Analog Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access

18.11.3 2 -Wire Digital Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access

18.11.4 4 -Wire Digital Loop to Adjacent Location Method point of access

18.11.5 DSL shielded Cross Connect to Adjacent Location point of access

18.12* The applicable Unbundled Dedicated TransPort cross connects to the Adjacent Location Method of accessing UNEs for the purpose of SPRINT combining a PACIFIC Unbundled Dedicated Transport with SPRINT's own facilities as follows:

18.12.1 DS-1 to the Adjacent Location Method point of access

18.12.2 DS-3 to the Adjacent Location Method point of access

18.13* The applicable Switch Port cross connects to the Adjacent Location Method of Accessing UNEs for the purpose of SPRINT combining a PACIFIC Switch Port with SPRINT's own facilities point of access are as follows:

18.13.1 Analog Line Port to Adjacent Location Method to point of access

18.13.2 ISDN BRI Port to Adjacent Location Method to point of access

18.13.3 ISDN PRI Trunk Port to Adjacent Location Method point of access

18.14 Cross Connects, required for the UNE platform, from UNE Loops to UNE Ports for the purpose of combining a SWBT, NEVADA and PACIFIC 2 -Wire Loop with a SWBT, NEVADA and PACIFIC Port are as follows:

18.14.1 2 -Wire Analog Loop to Analog line Port

18.14.2 2 -Wire Digital Loop to ISDN BRI Port

19. SYNCHRONIZATION

* Sections 18.9, and 18.11, through 18.13 are available only in the State of California. Refer to INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS Paragraph 2.10.1

- 19.1 Synchronization is the function which keeps all digital equipment in a communications network operating at the same average frequency. With respect to digital transmission, information is coded into discrete pulses. When these pulses are transmitted through a digital communications network, all synchronous Network Elements are traceable to a stable and accurate timing source. Network synchronization is accomplished by timing all synchronous Network Elements in the network to a stratum 1 source so that transmission from these network points have the same average line rate.
- 19.2 Where synchronization is provided, SBC-13STATE will provide synchronization to equipment that is owned by SBC-13STATE and is used to provide a network element to SPRINT in the same manner that SBC-13STATE provides synchronization to itself.

20. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

- 20.1 SBC-13STATE's provision of UNEs identified in this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Federal Act, including but not limited to, Section 251(d). The Parties acknowledge and agree 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), ("the UNE Remand Order"), 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 entering into this Agreement which makes available certain UNEs, or any Amendment to this Agreement to conform such Agreement to the UNE Remand Order within the time frames specified in such Order, neither Party waives any of its rights to seek legal review or a stay pending appeal of the Order. In addition, both Parties reserve the right to dispute whether any UNEs identified in the Agreement must be provided under Section 251(c)(3) and Section 251(d) of the Act, and under this Agreement. In the event that the FCC, a state regulatory agency or a court of competent jurisdiction, in any proceeding, based upon any action by any telecommunications carrier, finds, rules and/or otherwise orders ("order") that any of the UNEs and/or UNE combinations provided for under this Agreement do not meet the necessary and impair standards set forth in Section 251(d)(2) of the Act, or that any UNE and/or UNE combination should be added to the list of UNEs identified in the UNE Remand Order, the affected provision will be invalidated, modified or stayed as required to immediately effectuate the subject order upon written request of either Party. In such event, the Parties shall expend diligent efforts to arrive at an agreement on the modifications required to the Agreement to immediately effectuate such order. If negotiations fail, disputes

between the Parties concerning the interpretations of the actions required or the provisions affected by such order shall be handled under the Dispute Resolution Procedures set forth in this Agreement. In addition, the Parties agree that in the event the UNE Remand Order is stayed pending appeal, neither Party shall be obligated to implement the terms of such Order until such time as the stay is lifted.

21. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 21.1 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 provided in Section 2.9 of General Terms & Condition's.