

**AMERITECH ILLINOIS' PROPOSED REVISIONS TO
STAFF'S PROPOSED SPECIAL REQUEST LANGUAGE**

1. AVAILABILITY OF FUTURE FEATURES AND FUNCTIONALITIES

- 1.1. As of the filing of the initial version of this Tariff, only ADSL/UBR and ADSL/CBR Quality of Service ("QoS") offerings are available in conjunction with the Broadband UNE.
- 1.2. **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** shall collaborate with CLECs to ensure that additional features and functions that are technically and economically feasible are introduced.
- 1.3. Should a vendor of DSL-enabled NGDLC, deployed in conjunction with Project Pronto, develop for use with the Project Pronto NGDLC equipment, a feature or functionality (such as other versions of xDSL or additional ATM QoS offerings) desired by CLEC, or should CLEC desire a higher grade ATM QoS than is available at the time CLEC seeks such feature, function or ATM QoS, CLEC may submit a request for such feature, function or ATM QoS, which will be governed, except as where otherwise noted, by the Special Request Process outlined below.
- 1.4. This Special Request process shall not apply to features and functions that **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** ~~has determined to introduce as are intended to become~~ standard offerings to all CLECs. ~~The time intervals for the Approval for Use ("AFU") process shall be the same for both features/functions requested through the Special Request process and for features/functions intended to become standard offerings.~~

2. GENERIC SPECIAL REQUEST

- 2.1. Should CLEC desire a specific feature or function not presently offered in the **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** tariff and/or as expressly outlined below, CLEC will follow the Special Request Process outlined herein.
- 2.2. If requested by CLEC, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will hold a review meeting prior to the actual submission of the Special Request to discuss the specific arrangement with CLEC in an attempt to determine technical feasibility. Such meeting will be held within five (5) business days of CLEC's request.

- 2.3. CLEC will submit in writing to **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** the Special Request Process Application, with appropriate operational narrative, drawings, technical references, location(s) for deployment, requested implementation date(s), and a forecasted quantity over a (12)-month period. A \$100 fee will accompany the Special Request application. This Application is available in the CLEC Handbook.
- 2.4. **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will make its best reasonable efforts to acknowledge receipt of the Special Request Process Application within one (1) business day of CLEC's request ("Request Date" or "RD") via e-mail, but in no event shall AMERITECH-ILLINOIS take more than five (5) business days to acknowledge receipt. Additionally, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will acknowledge receipt through U.S. Mail within five (5) business days.
- 2.5. **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** shall inform CLEC within ~~ten (10)~~ thirty (30) business days if it believes that the request is not technically and/or economically feasible. If **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** believes that further development is not technically and/or economically feasible, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will provide CLEC a written explanation for the basis of its belief. In addition, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** shall inform CLEC if the requested feature or function is already subject to an AFU process. If the requested feature or function is already subject to the AFU process, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** shall provide CLEC with the planned date of completion for the AFU process. The allotted time to complete such process shall not exceed the intervals specified below.
- 2.6. If AMERITECH-ILLINOIS makes a preliminary determination that the request is technically and economically feasible, AMERITECH-ILLINOIS shall provide CLEC with a detailed price quote no later than forty-five (45) business days (RD+45) following CLEC submission of the Special Request Process Application. ~~If the requested feature or function has been subject to the AFU process already, or an AFU process is not necessary, AMERITECH-ILLINOIS shall provide CLEC with a detailed price quote no later than twenty (20) business days (RD+20) following CLEC submission of the Special Request Process Application.~~ The price quote will specify all individual cost elements that will be recovered by the quoted price and set forth the specific terms governing product development. **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** shall make the relevant subject matter experts available for possible clarification requests by CLEC. AMERITECH-ILLINOIS shall testify that all identified costs are calculated using TELRIC principles.

- 2.7. CLEC will notify **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** by written authorization whether to proceed with development within ten (10) business days (RD+55) from receiving the **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** price quote.
- 2.8. If CLEC requests to proceed with development, prospective product delivery dates will be as outlined below, contingent upon whether or not an Approval for Use regarding the new feature/function has been completed and/or is required to be completed in introducing the new feature/function.
- 2.9. CLEC will be responsible for the actual incremental costs incurred by **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** solely attributable to CLEC's request. Such costs might include, but are not limited to, capital and expense costs to deploy additional facilities, purchase equipment and/or employ labor to support products requested by CLEC. All such costs will be developed based on the TELRIC methodology.
- 2.10. The requesting CLEC and **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will negotiate the manner in which CLEC pays for any TELRIC-compliant development costs. Examples include: up-front payments; volume purchases, time and price commitments made by CLEC; or some combination thereof. If such negotiations do not reach a mutually satisfactory conclusion within thirty (30) calendar days, either party may notify the Commission. Upon such notification, the Commission may open an expedited tariff investigation to determine the appropriate rate levels for the element(s) in dispute.
- 2.11. **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will be reimbursed for the development costs by the CLEC submitting the initial request for a specific feature or function~~product offering~~. For any subsequent requests, by a different CLEC, for the same feature/function of a product, for which **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** has already charged the initial CLEC for development costs, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** shall charge the CLEC an equitable portion of the development costs. **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** shall subsequently credit the initial CLEC the amount which it has received from the subsequent CLEC. This process shall continue as long as additional CLECs request the same feature/function, so that all carriers share in the development cost equally. **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** shall report each credit, and the method used to develop the credit, to the Director of the Telecommunications Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission within 30 days of its issuance.
- 2.12. Any new features or functions ~~products~~ requested and/or provided for under the provisions of the tariff governing future features and functionalities will be subject to a determination of whether facilities exist and are capable of providing the desired feature and/or functionality requested by CLEC.

- 2.13. The determination of whether facilities exist will be contingent upon, at a minimum, the extent to which the CLEC's desired volume of the given service, in combination with other services provisioned at a given RT site, will impact the availability and ability of the Project Pronto DSL-enabled architecture to provide ADSL service to the full, intended customer base of the RT. Other factors will include, at a minimum, the amount of available capacity in the Optical Concentration Device ("OCD") placed within the central office. In such instance as sufficient facilities do not exist to support CLEC's requested service offering, either in terms of physical capacity or bandwidth, CLEC may request AMERITECH-ILLINOIS to augment its network to provide additional capacity. Such an arrangement will require, at a minimum, that the CLEC reimburse AMERITECH-ILLINOIS any capital and/or expense costs associated with the network augmentation either up front; by volume purchase, time and price commitments; and/or a combination thereof. AMERITECH-ILLINOIS shall follow the most current version of its Unbundled Network Element Facility Modification and Construction Policy ("FMOD"), when determining facility availability.
- 2.14. Should CLEC cancel the request after informing **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** that it wishes to proceed with development, cancellation charges will be applied, not to exceed the actual TELRIC-compliant costs incurred by **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS**, up to and including the point of cancellation.

3. **PRODUCT DELIVERY TIMEFRAME**

- 3.1. Should CLEC request a feature and/or function that has already been Approved for Use ("Post-AFU") with **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS'** Project Pronto DSL-enabled network architecture, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will make available to CLEC, subject to technical and economic feasibility, the requested product offering no later than 30 business days after CLEC's confirmation of its acceptance of **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS'** terms to move forward with the request (RD+85).
- 3.2. Features and functions made available in this initial 30-business-day time period may require further ongoing enhancements, and may be limited to non-mechanized service order flows until necessary system enhancements can be arranged, and the product introduced via the change management process.
- 3.3. Should CLEC request a feature and/or function that has not been Approved for Use (Pre-AFU) with **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS'** Project Pronto network architecture, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will make the requested product offering available to CLEC, subject to technical and economic feasibility,

within 30 business days of the completion of the AFU process for the proposed feature/function.

- 3.4. An AFU will only be necessary for the first requesting carrier for a specific product. If the same CLEC, or different CLEC, submits a subsequent request for a specific ~~feature/function~~product offering, after completion of the AFU process and initial product development, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will make available such ~~feature/function~~product offering at the CLEC's specified RT sites (provided such sites are DSL-enabled Project Pronto sites), within 30 business days of such request, as outlined above in the timeline for Post-AFU product offerings.

4. APPROVAL FOR USE

- 4.1. Approval for Use is the process used by **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** to validate and approve all new infrastructure and network enhancements (including generic software releases) to be deployed in **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS'** network. This process generally is triggered by new product offerings that create the need to deploy additional network infrastructure, technology and/or releases.
- 4.2. The Approval for Use process involves five distinct steps: Initial Screen; Architectural and Economic Analysis; Development; First Office Application and Integrated Testing; and Deployment.
- 4.3. In such instance as a CLEC requests a new feature and/or function over **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS'** Project Pronto ~~DSL-enabled~~ network architecture that has not been Approved for Use prior to such request, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will conduct an Approval for Use evaluation of the new feature and/or function.
- 4.4. In the instance in which a CLEC is requesting a feature and/or function that must be governed by the full AFU process, as determined by **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS**, the AFU will take no more than 75 business days to complete. In this instance, the requested product will be made available to CLEC within 105 business days of the CLEC's confirmation to move forward with the request (75 business days to achieve the AFU plus the standard 30 business day interval outlined above for post-AFU product offerings).
- 4.5. In the instance in which a CLEC is requesting a feature and/or function that could be introduced using a streamlined AFU process, at the discretion of **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS**, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will take no more than 45 business days for the completion of the AFU. In this instance, the requested

product will be made available to CLEC within 75 business days of CLEC's confirmation of its acceptance of **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS**' terms to move forward with the request (45 business days to achieve the AFU plus the standard 30 business day interval outlined above for post-AFU product offerings).

- 4.6. ~~In the instance in which a CLEC is requesting a feature and/or function that requires only a software upgrade, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will take no more than 20 business days for the completion of the AFU. In this instance, the requested product will be made available to CLEC within 50 business days of CLEC's confirmation of its acceptance of **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS**' terms to move forward with the request (20 business days to achieve the AFU plus the standard 30 business day interval outlined above for post-AFU product offerings).~~

5. G.LITE SPECIFIC

- 5.1. Upon receipt of a Special Request Process Application from a CLEC as outlined above for a G.Lite product offering, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will make available a G.Lite product offering to the requesting CLEC, at the locations specified by CLEC (provided such locations are DSL-enabled Project Pronto locations), within ~~7550~~ business days of CLEC's confirmation to move forward with the request (~~4520~~ business days to achieve the AFU, plus the standard 30 business day interval outlined above for post-AFU product offerings).
- 5.2. Alcatel's G.Lite offering is only available in conjunction with Alcatel Litespan Release 11.0 and the Alcatel quad card. Therefore, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will not accept a Special Request for a G.Lite functionality or introduce such functionality into the Approval for Use process until the Approval for Use process is complete for the Alcatel Litespan Release 11.0 quad card functionality.
- 5.3. The Alcatel Litespan Release 11.0 quad card is currently being tested in the AFU process. This process ~~should~~ **will** be completed no later than the second quarter of 2002. Specific information as to when testing will be complete will be provided to CLECs via ~~the Project Pronto industry collaborative Accessible Letters~~. When testing is complete, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will begin accepting Special Requests for the G.Lite functionality.
- 5.4. As a precondition to development of such offering, CLEC must agree to provide **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** with a non-binding one-year forecast of demand for a G.Lite product offering.

5.5. CLEC is responsible for the **TELRIC** costs its request places on **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS**. The manner of cost recovery is outlined in Section 2.0 above. Any requested and agreed upon G.Lite offering would be subject to existing facilities as outlined in Section 2.0 above.

6. G.SHDSL SPECIFIC

6.1. Upon receipt of a Special Request Process Application from a CLEC, as outlined above, for a G.SHDSL product offering, **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will make available a G.SHDSL product offering to the requesting CLEC, **subject to technical and economic feasibility**, at the locations specified by CLEC (provided such locations are DSL-enabled Project Pronto locations), in the timeframes established under the full AFU process outlined above.

6.2. **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will make a G.SHDSL offering available to CLEC within 105 business days of its confirmation to move forward with the CLEC's request for a G.SHDSL offering, subject to the terms noted below.

6.3. **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** will not accept any Special Request for a G.SHDSL functionality, or introduce such functionality into the Approval for Use process, until both the G.SHDSL offering is made available from Alcatel for **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** testing and at such time as the G.SHDSL card has completed the OSMINE process with Telcordia Technologies. Specific information in regards to both of these events will be provided to CLECs via **the SBC Project Pronto industry collaborative Accessible Letters**. **Further, AMERITECH-ILLINOIS will not accept any Special Request for a G.SHDSL functionality or introduce such functionality into the Approval for Use process until the Approval for Use process is complete for the Alcatel Litespan Release that contains the G.SHDSL functionality.**

6.4. As a precondition to development of such offering, the CLEC must agree to provide **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** with a non-binding one-year forecast of demand for a G.SHDSL offering, **including forecasts for the specific central office and remote terminal locations where such product is desired.**

6.5. CLEC is responsible for the **TELRIC** costs its request places on **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS**. The manner of such cost recovery is outlined in Section 2.0 above.

6.6. Facility availability will be determined by the factors outlined in Section 2.0 above. **G.SHDSL will only be made available where facilities exist up to a**

threshold to be determined by **AMERITECH-ILLINOIS** specific to the central office and subtending RT sites. RT sites listed in the CLEC's request may or may not be capable of supporting G.SHDSL.