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COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S COMPLIANCE
WITH § 271 OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

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**QWEST CORPORATION'S NOTICE OF FILING OF
COMPLIANCE SGAT LITE REGARDING EMERGING SERVICES**

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), formerly known as U S WEST Communications, Inc., hereby provides notice of its filing of the attached compliance Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions ("SGAT") "lite" regarding "emerging services."

INTRODUCTION

The Arizona Corporation Staff ("Staff") has examined several issues pertaining to "emerging services" as they relate to Qwest's proposed SGAT. Specifically, the Staff has considered issues associated with line sharing, subloop, dark fiber and packet switching. In connection with this review, the Staff permitted Qwest and other competitive local exchange carriers ("CLECs") to present their positions on emerging services. In July 2000, Qwest filed direct and supplemental testimony to support its position that the SGAT appropriately addressed emerging services. On August 3, 2000, AT&T, WorldCom, Rhythms, Covad and Cox filed their comments to Qwest's testimony. On August 10, 2000, Qwest filed its rebuttal comments.

After the parties filed their testimony and comments, the Staff conducted two workshops on line sharing, subloop, dark fiber and packet switching. One workshop

commenced on September 6, 2000 and the other on January 29, 2001. Through the testimony, comments, and workshops, Qwest and the CLECs were able to resolve the vast majority of issues relating to emerging services.

On July 9, 2001, the Staff released its draft report on emerging services ("Staff Emerging Services Report") wherein it recommended that Qwest further modify several provisions of the SGAT. On July 19, 2001, Qwest submitted its comments to the Staff Emerging Services Report and indicated that it would make the changes suggested by the Staff. The attached SGAT "lite" reflects these changes as well as the changes that Qwest and the CLECs were able to agree upon in this and other proceedings.

THE COMPLIANCE SGAT "LITE" COMPLIES WITH THE STAFF EMERGING SERVICES REPORT

The updated SGAT reflects the language that the parties agreed to during the workshops and the recommendations of the Staff. Specifically, Qwest modified the SGAT to conform to the Staff Emerging Services Report as follows:

1. Line Sharing Issues

A. Disputed Issue Number 2 – Whether Qwest Is Obligated to Provide xDSL When No Longer Providing Voice.

The Staff found that Qwest's policy of disconnecting its Megabit or xDSL service from a customer that decides to terminate Qwest's local voice service is a barrier to entry and anticompetitive. The Staff stated that Qwest should not be found in compliance with Section 271 requirements as long as Qwest maintains this policy. *See Staff Emerging Services Report at 31.*

In its comments, Qwest indicated that it has changed its policy and will permit CLECs to provide their customers with Qwest's DSL service when a customer changes voice carriers to a UNE-P provider. Qwest will also enable CLECs to provide Qwest's DSL service to new customers being served by a UNE-P provider. Specifically, Qwest will comply with the Staff's recommendations by: (1) enabling CLECs to provide Qwest's DSL to an end-user

customer via resale at 100 percent of the retail rate when service is provided by the CLEC to that end user over UNE P; (2) enabling this arrangement for both existing and new customers; and (3) billing the CLEC, which in turn will bill its end-user, for Qwest's DSL service.

Instead of modifying the SGAT, Qwest represented in its comments that it will work with the CLECs to modify the transition matrix in ongoing industry meetings concerning line sharing and line splitting. The transition matrix spells out each carriers responsibilities when a customer changes either voice or data providers. With its policy change and commitment to modify the transition matrix, Qwest has fully complied with the Staff's recommendations.

B. Disputed Issue Number 3 – Whether Qwest Must Provide Additional Testing for CLECs.

Although the Staff adopted Qwest's position and determined that Qwest is complying with the FCC obligations regarding testing, Qwest has elected to voluntarily provide data continuity test for line sharing orders. *See Staff Emerging Services Report at 32.* Accordingly, Qwest has modified section 9.4.5.3.3 and added section 9.4.4.1.4.1 to reflect this change.

2. Subloop

A. Disputed Issue Number 1 – Whether the SGAT's Provisions for Access for Subloop Elements at MTE Terminals is Consistent With the FCC's Definition of, and Rules Regarding Access to, the Unbundled NID.

The Staff found that the multi-state resolution of this issue strikes a reasonable and appropriate balance between the positions of the parties. The Staff, therefore, recommended that Qwest incorporate the language proposed in the emerging services multi-state final report in the SGAT. *See Staff Emerging Services Report at 37.*

Qwest has included the proposed language in sections 9.3.1.1.2 through 9.3.1.1.4. With this change, Qwest has fully complied with the Staff's recommendations.

B. Dispute Issue Number 2 – Whether CLECs Must Submit LSRs to Order Subloops.

The Staff found that CLECs should be required to submit an LSR to order subloops. The Staff also stated, however, that completion of the LSR process by Qwest is not necessary before a CLEC may obtain MTE access to on-premises wiring. The Staff, therefore, recommended that Qwest modify the SGAT to allow CLECs access immediately after the LSR has been submitted. Specifically, the Staff suggested adopting the language proposed in the multi-state proceeding. *See Staff Emerging Services Report at 38.*

Qwest has included the proposed language in section 9.3.5.4.7. With this change, Qwest has fully complied with the Staff's recommendations.

C. Disputed Issue Number 3 – Whether an Inventory of CLEC Facilities Must Be Created Before CLECs May Obtain Access to Subloop Elements in an "MTE Terminal."

The Staff noted that Qwest has agreed to provide an inventory in five days since the inventory only applies to the first subloop order. The Staff found that the inventory can and should be done during the LSR completion process by Qwest and should not result in a delay in access to the CLEC. The Staff also found that Qwest has not justified its proposed inventory charge. The Staff, therefore, recommended that Qwest delete section 9.3.6.4.1 of the SGAT. *See Staff Emerging Services Report at 39-40.*

Qwest has deleted section 9.3.6.4.1. With this change, Qwest has fully complied with the Staff's recommendations.

D. Disputed Issue Number 4 – Whether Qwest Must Determine Whether It Owns the Intrabundling Cable (or Inside Wire) Before a CLEC May Access Subloop Elements. If so, Whether Qwest's Processes for Determining Such Ownership Are Appropriate.

The Staff recommended that when a CLEC obtains reliable information from the MTE owner that it owns the on-premises wiring, and the CLEC provides Qwest with that information, Qwest should provide access to the CLEC within three days. If there is a dispute over ownership, the Staff recommended that Qwest provide access to the CLEC

pending the expiration of the ten day period and resolution of the dispute. The Staff also found that the charge proposed by Qwest for maintenance of its own records pertaining to MTE on-premises wiring ownership is not justified and should be eliminated. The Staff recommended that Qwest modify the SGAT accordingly. *See Staff Emerging Services Report at 41.*

In its comments, Qwest stated that the Facilitator in the multi-state proceeding proposed a somewhat similar resolution to this issue. Instead of providing three day intervals in the above-mentioned situations as the Staff recommended, the Facilitator suggested two and five day intervals respectively. Qwest noted that the multi-state proposal is actually more advantageous to the CLECs. Qwest, therefore, requested that the Commission adopt the multi-state approach. Qwest has modified section 9.3.5.4.1 to conform with the multi-state proposal. With this change, Qwest has complied with the Staff's suggestions.

3. Dark Fiber

A. Disputed Issue Number 1 -- Whether the Unbundling Requirements Extend Beyond the RBOC (Qwest Corporation).

The Staff found that no party has provided any evidence or raised any allegation that Qwest is currently using or attempting to use its affiliates to avoid its Section 251 obligations. The Staff, however, noted that where an affiliate has given Qwest rights of access to certain facilities to which Section 251 obligations inure, Qwest must make those same rights of access available to other competitive carriers which request the same. The Staff also stated that Qwest should be required to provide access not only to what it owns directly, but to all dark fiber to which it has a right of access for local telecommunications use under agreements with any party, affiliated or not. The Staff, therefore, recommended that Qwest modify the SGAT to reflect these points. *See Staff Emerging Services Report at 48.*

Qwest has modified section 9.7.1 to conform with the Staff's recommendations. With this change, Qwest has fully complied with the Staff's suggestions.

B. Disputed Issue Number 5 – Whether Qwest's Efforts to Revise its Technical Publication 77383 Regarding Dark Fiber to be Consistent With the SGAT Relate to 271 Compliance and if so, Whether Qwest's Efforts Satisfy 271.

The Staff recommended that Qwest add language to the SGAT that affirmatively states that in the event of a conflict between the SGAT and Qwest's technical publications, the SGAT prevails. See Staff Emerging Services Report at 53.

Section 2.3 of the SGAT filed on June 19, 2001 already addressed the Staff's concerns. It stated:

2.3 In cases of conflict between Qwest's wholesale Product Catalog (PCAT) (formerly IRRG), product descriptions, methods and procedures, or a technical publication and this Agreement, the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail over such PCAT product descriptions, methods and procedures, or a technical publication.

To more fully address the Staff's concerns, however, Qwest has added "or any other document" to Section 2.3 which now reads:

2.3 In cases of conflict between Qwest's wholesale Product Catalog (PCAT) (formerly IRRG), product descriptions, methods and procedures, ~~or~~ a technical publication, or any other document and this Agreement, the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail over such PCAT product descriptions, methods and procedures, ~~or~~ a technical publication or other document.

With this change, Qwest has fully complied with the Staff's suggestions.

4. Packet Switching

A. Disputed Issue Number 3 – Whether All Four Conditions for Unbundling Packet Switching Must Be Met.

Although Qwest has agreed to streamline the process involved in unbundling packet switching and has stated that CLECs do not have to wait for Qwest to deploy a remote DSLAM to apply for collocation, the Staff found that Qwest should modify the SGAT to expressly provide for simultaneous processing of a packet switching order and a DSLAM collocation request. The Staff stated that CLECs should not have to wait until the end of the

90 day collocation process to order unbundled packet switching. *See* Staff Emerging Services Report at 57-58.

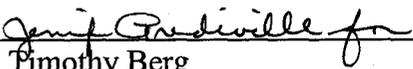
Qwest has added section 9.20.4.1.2 to conform with the Staff's recommendations. With this change, Qwest has fully complied with the Staff's suggestions.

CONCLUSION

As set forth above, the SGAT "lite" filed contemporaneously with this notice fully complies with the Staff Emerging Services Report on emerging services.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 31st day of July, 2001.

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SECTION 2.0 – INTERPRETATION AND CONSTRUCTION

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SECTION 9.0 - UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS

9.1 General Terms

9.1.1 Changes in law, regulations or other "Existing Rules" relating to Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs), including additions and deletions of elements Qwest is required to unbundle and/or provide in a UNE Combination, shall be incorporated into this Agreement by amendment pursuant to Section 2.2. CLEC and Qwest agree that the UNEs identified in Section 9 are not exclusive and that pursuant to changes in FCC rules, state laws, or the Bona Fide Request Process, CLEC may identify and request that Qwest furnish additional or revised UNEs to the extent required under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act and other applicable laws. Failure to list a UNE herein shall not constitute a waiver by CLEC to obtain a UNE subsequently defined by the FCC or the state Commission.

9.1.2 Qwest shall provide non-discriminatory access to Unbundled Network Elements on rates, terms and conditions that are non-discriminatory, just and reasonable. The quality of an Unbundled Network Element Qwest provides, as well as the access provided to that element, will be equal between all carriers requesting access to that element; second, where technically feasible, the access and Unbundled Network Element provided by Qwest will be provided in "substantially the same time and manner" to that which Qwest provides to itself or to its affiliates. In those situations where Qwest does not provide access to network elements to itself, Qwest will provide access in a manner that provides CLEC with a meaningful opportunity to compete. For the period of time Qwest provides access to CLEC to an Unbundled Network Element, CLEC shall have exclusive use of the network element, except when the provisions herein indicate that a network element will be shared (such as shared transport). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Qwest shall provide access and UNEs at the service performance levels set forth in Section 20. Notwithstanding specific language in other sections of this Agreement, all provisions of this Agreement regarding Unbundled Network Elements are subject to this requirement. In addition, Qwest shall comply with all state wholesale service quality requirements.

9.1.2.1 If facilities are not available, Qwest will build facilities dedicated to an end user customer if Qwest would be legally obligated to build such facilities to meet its Provider of Last Resort (POLR) obligation to provide basic Local Exchange Service or its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) obligation to provide primary basic Local Exchange Service. CLEC will be responsible for any construction charges for which an

end user customer would be responsible. In other situations, Qwest does not agree that it is obligated to build UNEs, but it will consider requests to build UNEs pursuant to Section 9.19 of this Agreement.

9.1.2.1.1 Upon receipt of an LSR or ASR, Qwest will follow the same process that it would follow for an equivalent retail service to determine if assignable facilities exist that fit the criteria necessary for the service requested. If available facilities are not readily identified through the normal assignment process, but facilities can be made ready by the requested due date, CLEC will not receive an additional FOC, and the order due date will not be changed.

9.1.2.1.2 If cable capacity is available, Qwest will complete incremental facility work (i.e., conditioning, place a drop, add a network interface device, card existing subscriber Loop carrier systems at the central office and remote terminal, add central office tie pairs, add field cross jumpers) in order to complete facilities to the customer premises.

9.1.2.1.3 During the normal assignment process, if no available facilities are identified for the UNE requested, Qwest will look for existing engineering job orders that could fill the request in the future. If an engineering job currently exists, Qwest will add CLEC's request to that engineering job and send CLEC a jeopardy notice. Upon completion of the engineering job, Qwest will send CLEC another FOC with a new due date. If facilities are not available and no engineering job exists that could fill the request in the future, Qwest will treat CLECs request as follows:

9.1.2.1.3.1 For UNEs that meet the requirements set forth in Section 9.1.2.1, CLEC will receive a jeopardy notice. Qwest will initiate an engineering job order for delivery of primary service to the end user customer. When the engineering job is completed, CLEC will receive another FOC identifying a new due date when the Loop will be ready for installation. Upon receipt of the second FOC, CLEC can request a different due date by submitting a SUP to change the due date to a later date.

9.1.2.1.3.2 For UNEs that do not meet the requirements in Section 9.1.2.1, Qwest will send CLEC a rejection notice canceling the LSR or ASR. Upon receipt of the rejection notice, CLEC may submit a request to build UNEs pursuant to Section 9.19 of this Agreement.

9.1.2.1.4 Qwest will provide CLEC notification of major Loop facility builds through the ICONN database. This notification shall include the identification of any funded outside plant engineering jobs that exceeds \$100,000 in total cost, the estimated ready for service date, the number of pairs or fibers added, and the location of the new facilities (e.g., Distribution Area for copper distribution, route number for copper feeder, and termination CLLI codes for fiber). CLEC acknowledges that Qwest does not warrant or guarantee the estimated ready for service dates. CLEC also acknowledges that funded Qwest outside plant engineering jobs may be modified or cancelled at any time.

9.1.3 Reserved for Future Use

9.1.4 Qwest will provide a connection between Unbundled Network Elements and a Loop demarcation point. Such connection is an Interconnection Tie Pair (ITP). An ITP is required for each Unbundled Network Element or ancillary service delivered to CLEC. The ITP provides the connection between the Unbundled Network Element and the ICDF or other central office demarcation point. The ITP is ordered in conjunction with a UNE. The charges for the ITP are contained in Exhibit A. CLEC may order regeneration along with an ITP, and the charges listed in Exhibit A will apply. The ITP may be ordered per termination. The demarcation point shall be:

- a) at CLEC-provided cross-connection equipment located in CLEC's Virtual or Physical Collocation Space; or
- b) if CLEC elects to use ICDF Collocation, at the Interconnection Distribution Frame (ICDF); or
- c) if CLEC elects to use an ICDF in association with Virtual or Physical Collocation, at the ICDF; or
- d) if CLEC elects to use a direct connection from its Collocation space to the distribution frame serving a particular element, at the distribution frame; or
- e) at another central office demarcation point mutually-agreed to by the Parties.

9.1.5 CLEC may connect network elements in any technically feasible manner. Qwest will provide CLEC with the same features, functions and capabilities of a particular element or combinations of elements that Qwest provides to itself. Qwest will provide CLEC with all of the features and functionalities of a particular element or combination of elements (regardless of whether such combination of elements is ordered from Qwest in combination or as elements to be combined by CLEC), so that CLEC can provide any Telecommunications Services that can be offered by means of such element or combination of elements. Qwest will provide Unbundled Network Elements to CLEC in a manner that allows CLEC to combine such elements to provide any Telecommunications Services. Qwest shall not in any way restrict CLECs use of any element or combination of elements (regardless of whether such combination of elements is ordered from Qwest in combination or as elements to be combined by CLEC) except as Qwest may be expressly permitted or required by Existing Rules.

9.1.6 Except as set forth in Section 9.23, the UNE Combinations Section, Qwest provides UNEs on an individual element basis. Charges, if any, for testing pursuant to this paragraph are contained in Exhibit A to this Agreement.

9.1.6.1. When elements are provisioned by Qwest on an individual element basis (whether or not such elements are combined by CLEC with other elements provided by Qwest or CLEC):

- a) Qwest will perform testing necessary or reasonably requested by CLEC, to determine that such UNE is capable of meeting the technical parameters established for each UNE.
- b) Qwest will repair and maintain such element to ensure that UNE continues to meet the technical parameters established for each UNE. CLEC is responsible for the end-to-end transmission and circuit functionality testing for

UNE Combinations created by CLEC.

c) Qwest will cooperate with CLEC in any technically feasible testing necessary or reasonably requested by CLEC to assist in determining end-to-end transmission and circuit functionality of such UNE.

9.1.6.2. When elements are provisioned by Qwest in combination:

a) Qwest will perform testing necessary or reasonably requested by CLEC to determine that such combination and each UNE included in such combination is capable of meeting the technical parameters of the combination.

b) Qwest will repair and maintain such combination and each UNE included in such combination to ensure that such UNE continues to meet the technical parameters of the combination.

c) Qwest will cooperate with CLEC in any technically feasible testing necessary or reasonably requested by CLEC to determine end-to-end transmission and circuit functionality of such combination.

9.1.7 Installation intervals for Unbundled Network Elements are contained in Exhibit C.

9.1.8 Maintenance and repair is described herein. The repair center contact telephone numbers are provided in the PCAT, which is located on the Qwest Web site.

9.1.9 In order to maintain and modernize the network properly, Qwest may make necessary modifications and changes to the UNEs in its network on an as needed basis. Such changes may result in minor changes to transmission parameters. Network maintenance and modernization activities will result in UNE transmission parameters that are within transmission limits of the UNE ordered by CLEC. Qwest shall provide advance notice of changes that affect network interoperability pursuant to applicable FCC rules. Changes that affect network interoperability include changes to local dialing from seven (7) to ten (10) digit, area code splits, and new area code implementation. FCC rules are contained in CFR Part 51 and 52. Qwest provides such disclosures on an Internet web site.

9.1.10 Channel Regeneration Charge. This charge is required when the distance from the Qwest network to the leased physical space (for Physical Collocation), the collocated equipment (for Virtual Collocation), or the ICDF (for ICDF Collocation) is of sufficient length to require regeneration.

9.1.11 Exhibit A of this Agreement contains the rates for Unbundled Network Elements.

9.1.12 Miscellaneous Charges are defined in Section 4.40 (a). Miscellaneous Charges are in addition to nonrecurring and recurring charges set forth in Exhibit A. Miscellaneous Charges apply to activities CLEC requests Qwest perform, activities CLEC authorizes, or charges that are a result of CLECs actions, such as cancellation charges. Rates for Miscellaneous Charges are contained in Exhibit A. Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, no additional charges will apply.

9.2 Unbundled Loops

9.2.1 Description

The Local Loop network element is defined as a transmission facility between a distribution frame (or its equivalent) in an incumbent LEC central office and the Loop Demarcation Point at an end user premises. The Local Loop network element includes all features, functions, and capabilities of such transmission facility. Those features, functions, and capabilities include, but are not limited to, Dark Fiber, attached electronics (except those electronics used for the provision of advanced services, such as Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexers), and line conditioning. The Local Loop includes, but is not limited to, DS0, DS1, DS3, fiber, and other high capacity Loops.

9.2.1.1 "Loop Demarcation Point" – is defined for purposes of this section as the point where Qwest owned or controlled facilities cease, and CLEC, end user, owner or landlord ownership of facilities begins.

9.2.2 Terms and Conditions

9.2.2.1 Qwest shall provide CLEC, on a non-discriminatory basis, Unbundled Loops, (unbundled from local switching and transport) of substantially the same quality as the Loop that Qwest uses to provide service to its own end users. For Unbundled Loops that have a retail analog, Qwest will provide these Unbundled Loops in substantially the same time and manner as Qwest provides to its own end users. Unbundled Loops shall be provisioned in accordance with Exhibit C and the performance metrics set forth in Section 20 and with a minimum of service disruption.

9.2.2.1.1 Use of the word "capable" to describe Loops in Section 9.2 means that Qwest assures that the Loop meets the technical standards associated with the specified Network Channel/Network Channel Interface codes, as contained in the relevant technical publications and industry standards.

9.2.2.1.2 Use of the word "compatible" to describe Loops in Section 9.2 means the Unbundled Loop complies with technical parameters of the specified Network Channel/Network Channel Interface codes as specified in the relevant technical publications and industry standards. Qwest makes no assumptions as to the capabilities of CLEC's central office equipment or the customer premises equipment.

9.2.2.2 Analog (Voice Grade) Unbundled Loops. Analog (voice grade) Unbundled Loops are available as a two-wire or four-wire voice grade, point-to-point configuration suitable for local exchange type services. For the two-wire configuration, CLEC must specify the signaling option. The actual Loop facilities may utilize various technologies or combinations of technologies.

9.2.2.2.1 If Qwest uses Integrated Digital Loop Carrier (IDLC) systems to provide the Local Loop, Qwest will first attempt, to the extent possible, to make alternate arrangements such as Line and Station Transfers (LST), to permit CLEC to obtain a contiguous copper Unbundled Loop. If a LST is not available, Qwest may also seek alternatives such as Integrated Network Access (INA), hair pinning, or placement of a central office terminal, to permit CLEC to obtain an

Unbundled Loop. If no such facilities are available, Qwest will make every feasible effort to unbundle the IDLC in order to provide the Unbundled Loop for CLEC.

9.2.2.2.2 If there are state service quality rules in effect at the time CLEC requests an Analog Unbundled Loop Qwest will provide an Analog Unbundled Loop that meets the state technical standards. If necessary to meet the state standards, Qwest will, at no cost to CLEC, remove load coils and bridged taps from the Loop in accordance with the requirements of the specific technical standard.

9.2.2.3 Digital Capable Loops – DS1 and DS3 Capable Loops, Basic Rate (BRI) ISDN Capable Loops, 2/4 Wire Non-Loaded Loops, ADSL Compatible Loops and xDSL-I Capable Loops. Unbundled digital Loops are transmission paths capable of carrying specifically formatted and line coded digital signals. Unbundled digital Loops may be provided using a variety of transmission technologies including, but not limited to, metallic wire, metallic wire based digital Loop carrier, and fiber optic fed digital carrier systems. Qwest will provision digital Loops in a non-discriminatory manner, using the same facilities assignment processes that Qwest uses for itself to provide the requisite service. Digital Loops may use a single or multiple transmission technologies. DC continuity does not apply to digital capable Loops. If conditioning is required, then CLEC shall be charged for such conditioning as set forth in Exhibit A if it authorized Qwest to perform such conditioning.

9.2.2.3.1 Qwest shall provide fiber and other high capacity Loops including but not limited to OC3, OC12, OC48 and OC192 Loops. With the exception of the digital Loops identified in Section 9.2.2.3, Qwest shall provide unbundled fiber and high capacity Loops to CLEC(s) where facilities are available and existing on an ICB basis. Qwest will provision fiber and other high capacity Loops in a non-discriminatory manner, using the same facilities assignment processes that Qwest uses for itself to provide the requisite service. DC continuity does not apply to fiber and other high capacity Loops provided under this Section. Qwest shall allow CLEC to access these high capacity Loops at accessible terminals including DSXs, FDPs or equivalent in the central office, customer premises, or at Qwest owned outside plant structures (e.g., CEVs, RTs or huts) as defined in Section 9.3.1.1. ICB nonrecurring and recurring charges shall apply for fiber and other high capacity Loops provided under this Section.

9.2.2.3.2 If CLEC orders a 2 wire non loaded or ADSL compatible Unbundled Loop for a customer served by a digital Loop carrier system Qwest will conduct an assignment process which considers the potential for a LST. If no copper facility meeting the technical parameters of the NC/NCI codes as specified by CLEC is available, then Qwest will reject the order.

9.2.2.4 Non-Loaded Loops. CLEC may request that Qwest provide a non-loaded Unbundled Loop. In the event that no such facilities are available, CLEC may request that Qwest condition existing spare facilities. CLEC may indicate on the LSR that it pre-approves conditioning if conditioning is necessary. If CLEC has not pre-approved conditioning, Qwest will obtain CLEC's consent prior to undertaking any conditioning efforts. Upon CLEC pre-approval or approval of conditioning, and only if conditioning is necessary, Qwest will dispatch a technician to condition the Loop by removing load coils

and excess bridged taps to provide CLEC with a non-loaded Loop. CLEC will be charged the nonrecurring conditioning charge (i.e., cable unloading and bridged taps removal), if applicable, in addition to the Unbundled Loop installation nonrecurring charge.

9.2.2.5 When CLEC requests a Basic Rate ISDN capable or an xDSL-I capable Loop, Qwest will dispatch a technician, if necessary, to provide Extension Technology that takes into account for example: the additional regenerator placement, central office powering, Mid-Span repeaters, if required, BRITE cards in order to provision the Basic Rate ISDN capable and xDSL-I capable Loop. Extension Technology may be required in order to bring the circuit to the specifications necessary to accommodate the requested service. If the Circuit Design requires Extension Technology, to bring it up to the design standards, it will be added by Qwest, at no charge. Extension Technology can also be requested by CLEC to meet their specific needs. If Extension Technology is requested by CLEC, but is not required to meet the technical standards, then Qwest will provide the requested Extension Technology and will charge CLEC. Qwest will provision ISDN (BRI) Capable and xDSL-I capable Loops using the specifications in the Technical Publication 77384. Refer to that document for more information. CLEC will be charged an Extension Technology recurring charge in addition to the Unbundled Loop recurring charge, if applicable, as specified in Exhibit A of this Agreement. The ISDN Capable Loop may also require conditioning (e.g., removal of loads or bridged taps).

9.2.2.6 For DS1 or DS3 capable Loops, Qwest will provide the necessary electronics at both ends, including any intermediate repeaters. In addition, CLEC will have access to these terminations for testing purposes.

9.2.2.6.1 DS1 capable Loops provide a transmission path between a central office network interface at a DS1 panel or equivalent in a Qwest serving central office and the network interface at the end user location. DS1 capable Loops transport bi-directional DS1 signals with a nominal transmission rate of 1.544 Mbit/s. DS1 capable Loops shall meet the design requirements specified in Technical Publication 77375 (Unbundled Loops) and 77375 (DS1).

9.2.2.6.2 DS3 capable Loops provide a transmission path between a Qwest central office network interface and an equivalent network interface at an end user location. DS3 capable Loops transport bi-directional DS3 signals with a nominal transmission rate of 44.736 Mbit/s. DS3 capable Loops shall meet the design requirements specified in Technical Publications 77384 (Unbundled Loop) and 77324 (DS3).

9.2.2.7 Qwest is not obligated to provision BRI-ISDN, xDSL-I, DS1, or DS3 capable or ADSL compatible Loops to end user customers in areas served exclusively by Loop facilities or transmission equipment that are not compatible with the requested service.

9.2.2.8 Loop Qualification Tools. Qwest offers five (5) Loop qualification tools: the ADSL Loop Qualification Tool, Raw Loop Data Tool, POTS Conversion to Unbundled Loop Tool, MegaBit Qualification Tool, and ISDN Qualification Tool. These and any future Loop qualification tools Qwest develops will provide CLEC access to Loop qualification information in a nondiscriminatory manner and will provide CLEC the

same Loop qualification information available to Qwest.

9.2.2.8.1 ADSL Loop Qualification Tool. CLEC may use the ADSL Loop Qualification tool to pre-qualify the requested circuit utilizing the existing telephone number or address to determine whether it meets ADSL specifications. The qualification process screens the circuit for compliance with the design requirements specified in Technical Publication 77384.

9.2.2.8.2 Raw Loop Data Tools. Qwest offers two (2) types of Raw Loop Data Tool. If CLEC has a digital certificate, CLEC may access the Wire Center Raw Loop Data Tool via www.ecom.qwest.com. The Wire Center Raw Loop Data Tool provides CLEC the following information: Wire Center CLLI code, cable name, pair name, terminal address, MLT distance, segment (F1, F2), sub-segment (e.g., 1 of F1), segment length, segment gauge, bridged taps length by segment, bridged taps offset distance, load coil type, and pair gain type. CLEC may also access the IMA Raw Loop Data Tool for Loop specific information. The IMA Raw Loop Data Tool may be accessed through IMA-GUI or IMA-EDI. This tool provides CLEC the following information: Wire Center CLLI code, cable name, pair name, terminal address, MLT distance, segment (F1, F2), sub-segment (e.g., 1 of F1), segment length, segment gauge, bridges taps length by segment, bridged taps offset distance, load coil type, number of loads, and pair gain type.

9.2.2.8.3 POTS Conversion to Unbundled Loop Tool. The POTS Conversion to Unbundled Loop Tool is available to CLECs through IMA-GUI or IMA-EDI. This tool informs CLEC whether the facility is copper or pair gain and whether there are loads on the Loop.

9.2.2.8.4 MegaBit Qualification Tool. The MegaBit Qualification Tool is available to CLECs through IMA-GUI or IMA-EDI. This tool provides a "yes/no" answer regarding the Loop's ability to support Qwest DSL (formerly MegaBit) service. If the MegaBit Qualification Tool returns a "no" answer, it provides a brief explanation.

9.2.2.8.5 ISDN Qualification Tool. The ISDN Qualification Tool is available to CLECs through IMA-GUI or IMA-EDI. This tool permits CLEC to view information on multiple lines and will inform CLEC of the number of lines found. If an ISDN capable Loop is found, the tool identifies the facility and, if applicable, pair gain.

9.2.2.9 Provisioning Options. Six (6) provisioning options are available for Unbundled Loop elements. Charges for these provisioning options vary depending on the type of Loop requested. Rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement. Testing parameters are described below and in Qwest Technical Publication 77384.

9.2.2.9.1 Basic Installation. Basic Installation may be ordered for new or existing Unbundled Loops. Upon completion, Qwest will call CLEC to notify CLEC that the Qwest work has been completed.

9.2.2.9.1.1 For an existing end user, the Basic Installation option is a "lift and lay" procedure. The Central Office Technician (COT) "lifts" the

Loop from its current termination and "lays" it on a new termination connecting to CLEC. There is no associated circuit testing performed.

9.2.2.9.1.2 For new end user service, the Basic Installation option involves the COT and Field Technician (CST/NT) completing circuit wiring and performing the required performance tests to ensure the new circuit meets the required parameter limits. The test results are NOT provided to CLEC.

9.2.2.9.1.3 For basic installation of existing 2 / 4 wire analog Loops, Qwest provides a Quick Loop option that enables CLEC to receive the Quick Loop installation interval as set forth in Exhibit C. Quick Loop installation includes only a simple lift and lay procedure. Quick Loop is not available with cooperative testing, coordinated installation, or when unbundling from an IDLC to a copper alternative.

9.2.2.9.2 Basic Installation with Performance Testing. Basic Installation with Performance Testing may be ordered for new or existing Unbundled Loops.

9.2.2.9.2.1 For an existing end user, Basic Installation with Performance Testing is a "lift and lay" procedure. The Central Office Technician (COT) "lifts" the Loop from its current termination and "lays" it on a new termination connecting CLEC. The COT and Implementor/Tester perform the required performance tests to ensure that the new circuit meets required parameter limits.

9.2.2.9.2.2 The Qwest Implementor/Tester will read the test results to CLEC on close-out and email the performance test results within two (2) business days to a single, designated CLEC office email address.

9.2.2.9.2.3 For new end user service, the Basic Installation with Performance Testing option requires a dispatch to the end user premises. The COT and Field Technician complete circuit wiring and perform the required performance tests to ensure the new circuit meets the required parameter limits. These test results are read to CLEC by the Qwest Implementor/Tester on close-out. Within two (2) business days, Qwest will email the performance test results to a single, designated CLEC office email address.

9.2.2.9.3 Coordinated Installation with Cooperative Testing. Coordinated installation with cooperative testing may be ordered for new or existing service. For both new and existing service, CLEC must designate a specific "Appointment Time" when it submits the LSR. On the Due Date (DD), at CLEC designated "Appointment Time", the Qwest Implementor/Tester contacts CLEC to ensure CLEC is ready for installation. If CLEC is not ready within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled appointment time, then CLEC must reschedule the installation by submitting a supplemental LSR for a new due date and appointment time. If Qwest is not ready within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled appointment time, Qwest will waive the nonrecurring charge for the installation option. If Qwest fails to perform cooperative testing due to Qwest's fault, Qwest will waive the nonrecurring charge for the installation option. If CLEC still desires cooperative

testing, the Parties will attempt to set a new appointment time on the same day and, if unable to do so, Qwest will issue a jeopardy notice and a FOC with a new due date.

9.2.2.9.3.1 For an existing end user, Coordinated Installation with Cooperative Testing is a "lift and lay" procedure with cooperative testing. The COT completes the installation in the central office and performs testing that CLEC requests. Upon completion of Qwest performance testing, the Qwest Implementor/Tester will contact CLEC, read the Qwest test results, and begin CLEC cooperative testing. Within two (2) business days, Qwest will email the Qwest test results to a single, designated CLEC office email address. CLEC will be charged for any provisioning test CLEC requests that is not defined in the Qwest Technical Publication 77384.

9.2.2.9.3.2 For new end user service, Coordinated Installation with Cooperative Testing may require a dispatch of a technician to the end user premises. The COT and Field Technician complete circuit wiring and perform the required performance tests to ensure that the new circuit meets required parameter limits. Upon completion of Qwest performance testing, the Qwest Implementor/Tester will contact CLEC, read the Qwest test results, and begin CLEC cooperative testing. Within two (2) business days, Qwest will email the Qwest test results to a single, designated CLEC office email address. CLEC will be charged for any provisioning test not defined in the Qwest Technical Publication 77384.

9.2.2.9.4 Coordinated Installation without Cooperative Testing. Coordinated Installation without Cooperative Testing may be ordered for new or existing service. For both new and existing service, CLEC must designate a specific "Appointment Time" when it submits the LSR. On the Due Date (DD), at the CLEC designated "Appointment Time", the Qwest Implementor/Tester contacts CLEC to ensure CLEC is ready for installation. If CLEC is not ready within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled appointment time, then CLEC must reschedule the installation by submitting a supplemental LSR. If Qwest is not ready within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled appointment time, Qwest will waive the nonrecurring charge for the installation option and the Parties will attempt to set a new appointment time on the same day and, if unable to do so, Qwest will issue a jeopardy notice and a FOC with a new due date.

9.2.2.9.4.1 For an existing Unbundled Loop this Coordinated Installation without Cooperative Testing is a "lift and lay" procedure without a dispatch, that offers CLEC the ability to coordinate the conversion activity. The Qwest Implementor advises CLEC when the "lift and lay" procedure is complete.

9.2.2.9.4.2 For new Unbundled Loops, Qwest may dispatch a technician to terminate the new circuit at the end user premises. The Field Technician will not remain on the premises to perform the coordinated installation once the circuit is in place. The COT completes the installation in the central office, and the COT and Implementor/Tester complete the required performance tests to ensure that the new circuit meets required parameter limits. CLEC will not receive test results. When installation is complete, Qwest will notify CLEC.

9.2.2.9.5 Basic Installation with Cooperative Testing. Basic Installation with Cooperative Testing may be ordered for new or existing Unbundled Loops.

9.2.2.9.5.1 For an existing end user, Basic Installation with Cooperative Testing is a "lift and lay" procedure with Cooperative Testing on the Due Date. The COT "lifts" the Loop from its current termination and "lays" it on a new termination connecting to CLEC. Upon completion of Qwest performance testing, the Qwest Implementor/Tester will contact CLEC, read the Qwest test results, and begin CLEC cooperative testing. Within two (2) business days, Qwest will email the Qwest test results to a single, designated CLEC office email address. CLEC and Qwest will perform a Loop back acceptance test, accept the Loop, and exchange demarcation information.

9.2.2.9.5.2 For new end user service, Basic Installation with Cooperative Testing may require a dispatch to the end user premises. The COT and Field Technician complete circuit wiring and perform the required performance tests to ensure the new circuit meets the required parameter limits.

9.2.2.9.5.3 If Qwest fails to perform cooperative testing due to Qwest's fault, Qwest will waive the nonrecurring charge for the installation option. If CLEC still desires cooperative testing, the Parties will attempt to set a new appointment time on the same day and, if unable to do so, Qwest will issue a jeopardy notice and a FOC with a new due date.

9.2.2.9.6 Performance Testing. Qwest performs the following performance tests for various Loop types:

- 2-Wire and 4-Wire Analog Loops
No Opens, Grounds, Shorts, or Foreign Volts
Insertion Loss = 0 to -8.5 dB at 1004 Hz
Automatic Number Identification (ANI) when dial-tone is present
- 2-Wire and 4-Wire Non-Loaded Loops
No Load Coils, Opens, Grounds, Shorts, or Foreign Volts
Insertion Loss = 0 to -8.5 dB at 1004 Hz
Automatic Number Identification (ANI) when dial-tone is present
- Basic Rate ISDN and xDSL-I Capable Loops
No Load Coils, Opens, Grounds, Shorts, or Foreign Volts
Insertion Loss = \leq 40 dB at 40 kHz
Automatic Number Identification (ANI) when dial-tone is present
- DS1 Capable Loops

No Load Coils, Opens, Grounds, Shorts, or Foreign Volts

- DS3 Capable Loops

Continuity Testing

ADSL Compatible Loops

No Load Coils, Opens, Grounds, Shorts, or Foreign Volts

Insertion Loss = ≤ 41 dB at 196 kHz

Automatic Number Identification (ANI) when dial-tone is present

9.2.2.9.7 Project Coordinated Installation: A project coordinated installation permits CLEC to obtain a coordinated installation for Unbundled Loops with or without LNP, where CLEC orders Unbundled DS1 Capable, Unbundled DS3 Capable or twenty five (25) or more DS0 Unbundled Loops.

9.2.2.9.7.1 The date and time for the project coordinated installation requires up-front planning and may need to be negotiated between Qwest and CLEC. All requests will be processed on a first come, first served basis and are subject to Qwest's ability to meet a reasonable demand. Considerations such as system down time, switch upgrades, switch maintenance, and the possibility of other CLECs requesting the same FDT in the same switch (switch contention) must be reviewed. In the event that any of these situations would occur, Qwest will negotiate with CLEC for an agreed upon FDT, prior to issuing the Firm Order Confirmation (FOC). In special cases where CLEC is ordering Unbundled Loop with LNP, the FDT must be agreed upon, the interval to reach agreement will not exceed two (2) days from receipt of an accurate LSR. In addition, standard intervals will apply.

9.2.2.9.7.2 CLEC shall request a project coordinated installation by submitting a Local Service Request (LSR) and designating this order as a project coordinated installation in the remarks section of the LSR form.

9.2.2.9.7.3 CLEC will incur additional charges for the project coordinated installation dependent upon the coordinated time. The rates are based upon whether the request is within Qwest's normal business hours or Out Of Hours. Qwest normal business hours for Unbundled Loops are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The rates for coordinated installations are set forth in Exhibit A. Where LNP is included, see Section 10.2.5.4 for rate elements.

9.2.2.9.7.4 Qwest will schedule the appropriate number of employees prior to the cut, normally not to exceed four employees, based upon information provided by CLEC. If the Project Coordinated Installation includes LNP, CLEC will also have appropriate personnel scheduled for the negotiated FDT. If CLEC's information is modified during the installation, and, as a result, non-scheduled employees are required, CLEC shall be charged a three (3) hour minimum callout charge per each additional non-scheduled employee. If the installation is either cancelled, or supplemented (supp) to change the due date, within twenty four (24) hours of the negotiated FDT, CLEC will be charged a one person three

(3) hour minimum charge. For Project Coordinated Installations with LNP, if the Coordinated Installation is cancelled due to a Qwest error or a new due date is requested by Qwest, within twenty-four (24) hours of the negotiated FDT, Qwest may be charged by CLEC one person three (3) hour minimum charge as set forth in Exhibit A.

9.2.2.9.7.5 If CLEC orders Project Coordinated Installation with LNP and in the event the LNP conversion is not successful, CLEC and Qwest agree to isolate and fix the problem in a timeframe acceptable to CLEC or the customer. If the problem cannot be corrected within an acceptable timeframe to CLEC or the customer, CLEC may request the restoration of Qwest service for the ported customer. Such restoration shall begin immediately upon request. If CLEC is in error then a supplemental order shall be provided to Qwest. If Qwest is in error, no supplemental order or additional order will be required of CLEC.

9.2.2.9.7.6 If CLEC orders project coordinated Installation with LNP, Qwest shall ensure that any LNP order activity requested in conjunction with a project coordinated installation shall be implemented in a manner that avoids interrupting service to the end user.

9.2.2.10 Multiplexing. CLEC may order multiplexing for Unbundled Loops under the terms and rates for multiplexing of unbundled dedicated interoffice transport (UDIT), in the UDIT Section of this Agreement.

9.2.2.11 In order to properly maintain and modernize the network, Qwest may make necessary modifications and changes to Unbundled Loops, ancillary and Finished Services in its network on an as needed basis. Such changes may result in minor changes to transmission parameters. Changes that affect network interoperability require advance notice pursuant to the Notices Section of this Agreement.

9.2.2.12 If there is a conflict between an end user (or its respective agent) and CLEC regarding the disconnection or provisioning of Unbundled Loops, Qwest will advise the end user to contact CLEC, and Qwest will initiate contact with CLEC.

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9.2.2.13 Facilities and lines Qwest furnishes on the premises of CLEC's end user up to and including the Loop Demarcation Point are the property of Qwest. Qwest shall have reasonable access to all such facilities for network management purposes. Qwest will coordinate entry dates and times with appropriate CLEC personnel to accommodate testing, inspection repair and maintenance of such facilities and lines. CLEC will not inhibit Qwest's employees and agents from entering said premises to test, inspect, repair and maintain such facilities and lines in connection with such purposes or, upon termination or cancellation of the Unbundled Loop service, to remove such facilities and lines. Such entry is restricted to testing, inspection, repair and maintenance of Qwest's property in that facility. Entry for any other purpose is subject to audit provisions in the Audit section of this Agreement.

9.2.2.14 Reserved for Future Use

9.2.2.15 Reuse of Loop Facilities

9.2.2.15.1 When an end user contacts Qwest with a request to convert their local service from CLEC to Qwest, Qwest will notify CLEC of the loss of the end user, and will disconnect the Loop Qwest provided to CLEC. Qwest will disconnect the Loop only where Qwest has obtained proper proof of authorization.

9.2.2.15.2 When CLEC contacts Qwest with a request to convert an end user from their current CLEC (old CLEC) to them (new CLEC), new CLEC is responsible for notifying old CLEC of the conversion. Qwest will disconnect the Loop Qwest provided old CLEC and, where technically compatible, will reuse the Loop for the service requested by new CLEC (e.g., resale service).

9.2.2.15.3. When CLEC contacts Qwest with a request to convert an end user from Qwest to CLEC, Qwest will reuse the existing Loop facilities for the service requested by CLEC to the extent those facilities are technically compatible with the service to be provided. Upon CLEC request, Qwest will condition the existing Loop in accordance with the rates set forth in Exhibit A.

9.2.2.15.4 Upon completion of the disconnection of the Loop, Qwest will send a Loss Notification report to the original competitive carrier signifying completion of the loss.

9.2.3 Rate Elements

The following recurring and nonrecurring rates for Unbundled Loops are set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement. Recurring charges vary based on CLEC selected installation options, conditioning, and extension technology.

9.2.3.1 2/4 Wire Analog Loop (Voice Grade) Recurring and Nonrecurring rates.

9.2.3.2 2/4 Wire Non-Loaded Loop Recurring and Nonrecurring rates.

9.2.3.3 DS1 and DS3 Capable Loop, OC3, OC12, OC48, OC192, Basic Rate (BRI) ISDN, ADSL Compatible Loop and xDSL-I Capable Loop Recurring and Nonrecurring rates.

9.2.3.4 Extension Technology Recurring and Nonrecurring rates for Digital Capable Loops, including Basic Rate (BRI) ISDN and xDSL-I Capable Loops.

9.2.3.5 Conditioning Nonrecurring rates 2/4 wire non-loaded Loops, Basic Rate (BRI) ISDN, ADSL Compatible Loop and xDSL-I Capable Loop, as requested and approved by CLEC.

9.2.3.6 Miscellaneous Charges, as defined in Sections 4 and 9.1.12, may apply.

9.2.3.7 Out of Hours Coordinated Installations.

9.2.3.7.1 For purposes of service installation, Qwest's installation hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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9.2.3.7.5 For coordinated installations scheduled to commence Out of Hours, or rescheduled by CLEC to commence Out of Hours, CLEC will incur additional charges for the Out of Hours coordinated installation as set forth in Exhibit A.

9.2.4 Ordering Process

9.2.4.1 Unbundled Loops are ordered via an LSR. Ordering processes are contained in the Support Functions Section of this Agreement. Detailed ordering processes are found on the Qwest wholesale website.

9.2.4.2 Prior to placing orders on behalf of the end user, CLEC shall be responsible for obtaining and have in its possession a Proof of Authorization.

9.2.4.3 Based on the pre-order Loop make-up, CLEC can determine if the circuit can meet the technical parameters for the specific service CLEC intends to offer.

9.2.4.3.1 Before submitting an order for a 2/4 wire non-loaded Loop, ADSL compatible Loop, ISDN capable Loop or xDSL-I capable Loop, CLEC should use one of Qwest's Loop make-up tools available via IMA-EDI, IMA-GUI, or the web-based application interface to obtain specific information about the Loop CLEC seeks to order.

9.2.4.3.1.1 Based on the Loop make up information provided through Qwest tools, CLEC must determine whether conditioning is required to provide the xDSL service it intends to offer. If Loop conditioning is required, CLEC may authorize Qwest to perform such Loop conditioning on its LSR. If CLEC does not pre-approve Loop conditioning, Qwest will assume that CLEC has determined that Loop conditioning is not necessary to provide the xDSL service CLEC seeks to offer. If CLEC or Qwest determines that conditioning is necessary, and CLEC authorizes Qwest to perform the conditioning, Qwest will perform the conditioning. CLEC will be charged for the conditioning in accordance with the rates in Exhibit A. If Qwest determines that conditioning is necessary and CLEC has not previously authorized Qwest to perform the conditioning on the LSR, Qwest will send CLEC a rejection notice indicating the need to obtain approval for conditioning. The CLEC must submit a revised LSR before the conditioning work will commence. Once Qwest receives the revised LSR, the fifteen (15) business day conditioning interval will begin as described in Section 9.2.4.9.

9.2.4.3.1.2 Proposed Colorado Trial. For a 2/4 wire non-loaded Loop, ADSL compatible Loop, ISDN capable Loop or xDSL-I capable Loop, Qwest will return a Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) to CLEC within 72 hours from receipt of a valid and accurate LSR. Return of such FOC will

indicate that Qwest has identified a Loop assignment. Such FOC will provide CLEC with a firm due date commitment or indication that appropriate facilities are not available to fill CLEC's order.

9.2.4.3.1.2.1 If CLEC has pre-approved Loop conditioning, and conditioning is not necessary, Qwest will return the FOC with the standard interval (i.e. five (5) days).

9.2.4.3.1.2.2 If CLEC has not pre-approved Loop conditioning and Qwest determines that the Loop contains load coils, Qwest will notify CLEC via a reject notification. CLEC must submit and wait for a new version of the LSR approving Loop conditioning. In this scenario, the application date will correspond to date the new version is received by Qwest.

9.2.4.3.1.2.3 Reserved for Future Use

9.2.4.3.1.2.4 If appropriate facilities are not available to fill CLEC's order, and a facility build that would satisfy CLEC's order is not scheduled and funded, Qwest will send CLEC a rejection notice and cancel the order.

9.2.4.4 Installation intervals for all Unbundled Loops are defined in Exhibit C. The interval will start when Qwest receives a complete and accurate LSR. The LSR date is considered the start of the service interval if the order is received prior to 7:00 p.m. For service requests received after 7:00 p.m., the service interval will begin on the next business day.

9.2.4.4.1 When CLEC places an order for an Unbundled Loop with Qwest that is complete and accurate, Qwest will reply to CLEC with a Firm Order Confirmation within the time specified in Section 20. The Firm Order Confirmation will contain the due date that specifies the date on which Qwest will provision the Loop. Qwest will implement adequate processes and procedures to assure the accuracy of the commitment date. If Qwest must make changes to the commitment date, Qwest will promptly issue a jeopardy notification to CLEC that will clearly state the reason for the change in commitment date. Qwest will also submit a new Firm Order Confirmation that will clearly identify the new due date.

9.2.4.5 Installation intervals for Unbundled Loops apply when Qwest has facilities or network capacity available.

9.2.4.6 Upon CLEC request, Qwest will convert special access or private line circuits to Unbundled Loops, with or without multiplexing, providing the service terminates at the Collocation in the Serving Wire Center. The requirements with respect to providing a significant amount of local exchange traffic under Section 9.23.3.7 shall not apply to conversions to Unbundled Loop.

9.2.4.7 Reserved for Future Use

9.2.4.8 When ordering Unbundled Loops, CLEC is responsible for obtaining or

providing facilities and equipment that are compatible with the service CLEC seeks to provide.

9.2.4.9 The installation interval for xDSL Loops depends on the need to condition the Loop.

9.2.4.9.1 When load coils and bridged taps do not exist, CLEC may request the standard due date interval, which will apply upon submission of a complete and accurate LSR.

9.2.4.9.2 When load coils and/or bridged taps do exist, CLEC will request the minimum fifteen (15) business days desired due date. CLEC can determine the existence of load coils or bridged taps by using one of the Loop make-up tools. CLEC may pre-approve line conditioning on the LSR and, by doing so, CLEC agrees to pay any applicable conditioning charges. If CLEC did not request the fifteen (15) day interval and Qwest determines that conditioning is required, then the fifteen (15) business day interval starts when the need for conditioning is identified and CLEC approves the conditioning charges.

9.2.4.10 Out of Hours Coordinated Installations.

9.2.4.10.1 For purposes of this Section, Qwest's standard installation hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Installations requested outside of these hours are considered to be Out of Hours Installations.

9.2.4.10.2 CLEC may request an Out of Hours Coordinated Installation outside of Qwest's standard installation hours.

9.2.4.10.3 To request Out of Hours Coordinated Installations, CLEC will submit an LSR designating the desired appointment time. CLEC must specify an Out of Hours Coordinated Installation in the Remarks section of the LSR.

9.2.4.10.4 The date and time for Out of Hours Coordinated Installations may need to be negotiated between Qwest and CLEC because of system downtime, switch upgrades, switch maintenance, and the possibility of other CLECs requesting the same appointment times in the same switch (switch contention).

9.2.5 Maintenance and Repair

9.2.5.1 CLEC is responsible for its own end user base and will have the responsibility for resolution of any service trouble report(s) from its end users. CLEC will perform trouble isolation on the Unbundled Loop and any associated ancillary services prior to reporting trouble to Qwest. CLEC shall have access for testing purposes at the Loop Demarcation Point. Qwest will work cooperatively with CLEC to resolve trouble reports when the trouble condition has been isolated and found to be within a portion of Qwest's network. Qwest and CLEC will report trouble isolation test results to the other. For Unbundled Loops, each party shall be responsible for the costs of performing trouble isolation on its facilities, subject to Sections 9.2.5.2 and 9.2.5.3.

9.2.5.2 When CLEC requests that Qwest perform trouble isolation with CLEC, a Maintenance of Service charge will apply if the trouble is found to be on the end user's

side of the Loop Demarcation Point. If the trouble is on the end user's side of the Loop Demarcation Point, and CLEC authorizes Qwest to repair the trouble on CLEC's behalf, Qwest will charge CLEC the appropriate Additional Labor Charges set forth in Exhibit A in addition to the Maintenance of Service charge.

9.2.5.3 When CLEC elects not to perform trouble isolation and Qwest performs tests on the Unbundled Loop at CLEC's request, a Maintenance of Service charge shall apply if the trouble is not in Qwest's facilities. Maintenance and repair processes are set forth in the Support Functions Section of this Agreement. Maintenance of Service charges are set forth in Exhibit A.

9.2.5.4. Qwest will maintain detailed records of trouble reports of CLEC-ordered Unbundled Loops comparing CLEC provided data with internal data, and evaluate such reports on at a minimum of a quarterly basis to determine the cause of Loop problems. Qwest will conduct a quarterly root cause analysis of problems associated with UNE Loops provided to CLECs by Qwest. Based on this analysis, Qwest will take corrective measure to fix persistent and recurrent problems, reporting to CLECs on the analysis and the process changes that are instituted implemented to fix the problems.

9.2.6. Spectrum Management

9.2.6.1 Qwest will provide 2/4 Wire non-loaded Loops, ADSL compatible Loops, ISDN capable Loops, xDSL-I capable Loops, DSI capable Loops and DS3 capable Loops (collectively referred to in this Section 9.2.6 as "xDSL Loops") in a non-discriminatory manner to permit CLEC to provide advanced services to its end user customers. Such Loops are defined herein and are in compliance with FCC requirements and guidelines recommended by the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council (NRIC) to the FCC, such as guidelines set forth in T1-417.

9.2.6.2 When ordering xDSL Loops, CLEC will provide Qwest with appropriate information using NC/NCI codes to describe the Power Spectral Density Mask (PSD) for the type of technology CLEC will deploy. CLEC also agrees to notify Qwest of any change in advanced services technology that results in a change in spectrum management class on the xDSL Loop. Qwest agrees CLEC need not provide the speed or power at which the newly deployed or changed technology will operate if the technology fits within a generic PSD mask.

9.2.6.3 If CLEC wishes to deploy new technology not yet designated with a PSD mask, Qwest and CLEC agree to work cooperatively to determine spectrum compatibility. Qwest and CLEC agree, as defined by the FCC, that technology is presumed acceptable for deployment when it complies with existing industry standards, is approved by a standards body or by the FCC or Commission, or if technology has been deployed elsewhere without a "significant degradation of service".

9.2.6.4 Qwest recognizes that the analog T1 service traditionally used within its network is a "known disturber" as designated by the FCC. Qwest will spectrum manage this technology as defined in its spectrum policy and agrees that any future "known disturber" defined by the FCC or the Commission will be managed as required by FCC rules.

9.2.6.5 If either Qwest or CLEC claims a service is significantly degrading the

performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services, then that Party must notify the causing carrier and allow the causing carrier a reasonable opportunity to correct the problem. Upon notification, the causing carrier shall promptly take action to bring its facilities/technology into compliance with industry standards. Upon request, within forty-eight (48) hours, Qwest will provide CLEC with binder group information including cable, pair, carrier and PSD class to allow CLEC to notify the causing carrier.

9.2.6.6 If CLEC is unable to isolate trouble to a specific pair within the binder group, Qwest, upon receipt of a trouble resolution request, will perform a main frame pair by pair analysis and provide results to CLEC within five (5) business days.

9.2.6.7 If Qwest rejects CLECs request to deploy an advanced services technology on a Qwest provided Unbundled Loop, CLEC may submit such denial for resolution under Section 5.18 of this Agreement.

9.2.6.8 Qwest will not have the authority to unilaterally resolve any dispute over spectral interference among carriers. Qwest shall not disconnect carrier services to resolve a spectral interference dispute, except when voluntarily undertaken by the interfering carrier or Qwest is ordered to do so by a state commission or other authorized dispute resolution body.

9.3 Subloop Unbundling

9.3.1 Description

9.3.1.1 A Subloop is defined as any portion of the Loop that it is technically feasible to access at terminals in Qwest's outside plant, including inside wire. An accessible terminal is any point on the Loop where technicians can access the wire or fiber within the cable without removing a splice case to reach the wire or fiber within. Such points may include, but are not limited to, the pole, pedestal, network interface device, minimum point of entry, single point of Interconnection, main distribution frame, remote terminal, Feeder Distribution Interface (FDI), or Serving Area Interface (SAI). This section does not address Dark Fiber Subloop which is addressed in Section 9.7.

9.3.1.1.1 Building terminals within or physically attached to a privately owned building in a Multi-Tenant Environment (MTE) are one form of accessible terminal. Throughout Section 9.3 the Parties obligations around such "MTE terminals" are segregated because Subloop terms and conditions differ between MTE environments and non-MTE environments.

9.3.1.1.2 For any configuration not specifically addressed in this SGAT, the conditions of CLEC access shall be as required by the particular circumstances. These conditions include: (1) the degree of equipment separation required, (2) the need for separate cross-connect devices, (3) the interval applicable to any Collocation or other provisioning requiring Qwest performance or cooperation, (4) the security required to maintain the safety and reliability of the facilities of Qwest and other CLECs, (5) the engineering and operations standards and practices to be applied at Qwest facilities where they are also used by CLECs for Subloop element access, and (6) any other requirements, standards, or practices necessary to assure the safe and reliable operation of all carriers' facilities.

9.3.1.1.3 Any Party may request, under any procedure provided for by this SGAT for addressing non-standard services or network conditions, the development of standard terms and conditions for any configuration(s) for which it can provide reasonably clear technical and operational characteristics and parameters. Once developed through such a process, those terms and conditions shall be generally available to any CLEC for any configuration fitting the requirements established through such process.

9.3.1.1.4 Prior to the development of such standard terms and conditions, Qwest shall impose in the six areas identified in Section 9.3.1.1.2 above only those requirements or intervals that are reasonably necessary.¹

9.3.1.1.1.1 MTE Terminals: Accessible terminals within a building in a MTE environment or accessible terminals physically attached to a building in a MTE environment. Qwest Premises located on real property that constitutes a campus environment, yet are not within or physically attached to a non-Qwest owned building, are not considered MTE Terminals.

9.3.1.1.1.2 Detached Terminals: All accessible terminals other than MTE Terminals.

9.3.1.2 Standard Subloops available.

- a) Two-Wire/Four Wire Unbundled Distribution Loop
- b) DS1 Capable Unbundled Feeder Loop
- c) Two-Wire/Four Wire Non-loaded Distribution Loop
- d) Intrabuilding Cable Loop

9.3.1.3 Standard Subloop Access

9.3.1.3.1 Accessing Subloops in Detached Terminals: Subloop Unbundling is available after a CLEC requested Field Connection Point (FCP) has been installed within or adjacent to the Qwest accessible terminal. The FCP is a demarcation point connected to a terminal block from which cross-connections are run to Qwest Subloop elements.

9.3.1.3.2 Accessing Subloops in MTE Terminals: Subloop Unbundling is available after CLEC has notified Qwest of its intention to Subloop unbundle in the MTE, an inventory of CLEC's terminations has been created, and CLEC has constructed a cross-connect field at the building terminal.

9.3.1.3.2.1 Reserved for Future Use

9.3.1.3.2.2 Reserved for Future Use

9.3.1.4 Field Connection Point

¹ Staff Emerging Services Report at 37.

9.3.1.4.1 Field Connection Point (FCP) is a demarcation point that allows CLEC to interconnect with Qwest outside of the central office location where it is technically feasible. The FCP interconnects CLEC facilities to a terminal block within the accessible terminal. The terminal block allows a technician to access and combine Unbundled Subloop elements. When a FCP is required, it must be in place before Subloop orders are processed.

9.3.1.4.2 Placement of a FCP within a Qwest Premises for the sole purpose of creating a cross-connect field to support Subloop unbundling constitutes a "Cross-Connect Collocation."

9.3.1.4.2.1 The terms, conditions, intervals and rates for Cross-Connect Collocation are found within section 9.3.

9.3.1.4.2.2 To the extent that CLEC places equipment in a Qwest Premises that requires power and or heat dissipation, such Collocation is governed by the Terms of Section 8 and does not constitute a Cross-Connect Collocation.

9.3.1.4.3 A FCP arrangement can be established either within a Qwest accessible terminal, or, if space within the accessible terminal is legitimately exhausted and when technically feasible, CLEC may place the FCP in an adjacent terminal. CLEC will have access to the equipment placed within the Collocation for maintenance purposes. However, CLEC will not have access to the FCP Interconnection point.

9.3.1.5 MTE Point of Interconnection (MTE-POI)

9.3.1.5.1 A MTE-POI is necessary when CLEC is obtaining access to the Distribution Loop or Intra-building Cable Loop from an MTE Terminal. CLEC must create the cross-connect field at the building terminal that will allow CLEC to connect its facilities to Qwest's Subloops. The demarcation point between CLEC and Qwest's facilities is the MTE-POI.

9.3.1.6 Once a state has determined that it is technically feasible to unbundle Subloops at a designated accessible terminal, Qwest shall either agree to unbundle at such access point or shall have the burden to demonstrate, pursuant to the dispute resolution provisions of this Agreement, that it is not technically feasible, or that sufficient space is not available to unbundle Subloop elements at such accessible terminal.

9.3.1.7 Qwest shall provide access to additional Subloop elements, e.g. copper feeder, to CLEC where facilities are available pursuant to the Special Request Process in Exhibit F.

9.3.2 Standard Subloops Available

9.3.2.1 Distribution Loops

9.3.2.1.1 Two-Wire/Four-Wire Unbundled Distribution Loop: a Qwest provided facility from the Qwest accessible terminal to the demarcation point or Network Interface Device (NID) at the end user location. The Two-Wire/Four-

Wire Unbundled Distribution Loop is suitable for local exchange-type services. CLEC can obtain access to this unbundled element at any technically feasible accessible terminal.

9.3.2.1.2 Two-Wire/Four-Wire Non-Loaded Distribution Loop: a Qwest provided facility without load coils and excess bridged taps from the Qwest accessible terminal to the demarcation point or Network Interface Device (NID) at the end user location. When CLEC requests a Non-Loaded Unbundled Distribution Loop and there are none available, Qwest will contact CLEC to determine if CLEC wishes to have Qwest unload a Loop. If the response is affirmative, Qwest will dispatch a technician to "condition" the Distribution Loop by removing load coils and excess bridged taps (i.e., "unload" the Loop). CLEC may be charged the cable unloading and bridged taps removal nonrecurring charge in addition to the Unbundled Loop installation nonrecurring charge. If a Qwest technician is dispatched and no load coils or bridged taps are removed, the nonrecurring conditioning charge will not apply. CLEC can obtain access to this unbundled element at any technically feasible accessible terminal.

9.3.2.1.3 Intrabuilding Cable Loop: a Qwest provided facility from the building terminal inside a MTE to the demarcation point at the end user customer premises inside the same building. This Subloop element only applies when Qwest owns the intrabuilding cable.

9.3.2.1.4 To the extent CLEC accesses Subloop in a campus environment from an accessible terminal that serves multiple buildings, CLEC can access these Subloops by ordering a Distribution Loop pursuant to either Section 9.3.2.1.1 or 9.3.2.1.2. A campus environment is one piece of property, owned by one person or entity, on which there are multiple buildings.

9.3.2.2 Feeder Loops

9.3.2.2.1 DS1 Capable Unbundled Feeder Loop is a digital transmission path that is provisioned from a Qwest central office network interface, which consists of a DSX-1 panel or equivalent, to the accessible terminal. The DS1 Capable Unbundled Feeder Loop transports bi-directional DS1 signals with a nominal transmission rate of 1.544 Mbit/s.

9.3.3 MTE Terminal Subloop Access: Terms and Conditions

9.3.3.1 Access to Distribution Loops or Intrabuilding Cable Loops at an MTE Terminal within a non-Qwest owned MTE is done through an MTE-POI. Remote Collocation is not necessary because CLEC can access the Subloop without placing facilities in a Qwest Premises.

9.3.3.2 To obtain such access, CLEC shall complete the "MTE-Access Ordering Process" set forth in Section 9.3.5.4.

9.3.3.3 The optimum point and method to access Subloop elements will be determined during the MTE Access Ordering Process. The Parties recognize a mutual obligation to interconnect in a manner that maintains network integrity, reliability, and security. CLEC may access the MTE Terminal as a test access point.

9.3.3.4 CLEC will work with the MTE building owner to determine where to terminate its facilities within the MTE. CLEC will be responsible for all work associated with bringing its facilities into and terminating the facilities in the MTE. CLEC shall seek to work with the building owner to create space for such terminations without requiring Qwest to rearrange its facilities.

9.3.3.5 If there is space in the building for CLEC to enter the building and terminate its facilities without Qwest having to rearrange its facilities, CLEC must seek to use such space. In such circumstances, an inventory of CLEC's terminations within the MTE shall be input into Qwest's systems to support Subloop orders before Subloop orders are provisioned. Qwest shall have five (5) calendar days from receipt of a written request from CLEC, in addition to the interval set forth in Section 9.3.5.4.1, to complete an inventory of CLEC's terminations and submit the data into its systems. Qwest may seek an extended interval if the work cannot reasonably be completed within the stated interval. In such cases, Qwest shall provide written notification to CLEC of the extended interval Qwest believes is necessary to complete the work. CLEC may dispute the need for, and the duration of, an extended interval, in which case Qwest must request a waiver from the Commission to obtain the extended interval.

9.3.3.6 If CLEC connects Qwest's Subloop element to CLEC's facilities using any temporary wiring or cut-over devices, CLEC shall remove them and install permanent wiring within thirty (30) calendar days. All wiring arrangements, temporary and permanent, must adhere to the National Electric Code.

9.3.3.7 If there is no space for CLEC to place its building terminal or no accessible terminal from which CLEC can access such Subloop elements, and Qwest and CLEC are unable to negotiate a reconfigured Single Point of Interconnection (SPOI) to serve the MDU, Qwest will either rearrange facilities to make room for CLEC or construct a single point of access that is fully accessible to and suitable for CLEC. In such instances, CLEC shall pay Qwest a nonrecurring charge, which shall be ICB, based on the scope of the work required.

9.3.3.7.1 If Qwest must rearrange its MTE Terminal to make space for CLEC, Qwest shall have forty-five (45) calendar days from receipt of a written request from CLEC to complete the rearrangement. Qwest may seek an extended interval if the work cannot reasonably be completed within forty-five (45) calendar days. In such cases, Qwest shall provide written notification to CLEC of the extended interval Qwest believes is necessary to complete the work. CLEC may dispute the need for, and the duration of, an extended interval, in which case Qwest must request a waiver from the Commission to obtain an extended interval.

9.3.3.7.2 If Qwest must construct a new detached terminal that is fully accessible to and suitable for CLEC, the interval for completion shall be negotiated between the Parties on an Individual Case Basis.

9.3.3.7.3 CLEC may cancel such MTE Access request prior to Qwest completing the work by submitting a written notification via certified mail to its Qwest account manager. CLEC shall be responsible for payment of all costs previously incurred by Qwest as well as any costs necessary to restore the property to its original condition.

9.3.3.8 At no time shall either Party rearrange the other Party's facilities within the MTE or otherwise tamper with or damage the other Party's facilities within the MTE. If such damage accidentally occurs, the Party responsible for the damage shall immediately notify the other and shall be financially responsible for restoring the facilities and/or service to its original condition. Any intentional damage may be reported to the proper authorities and may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

9.3.4 Detached Terminal Subloop Access: Terms and Conditions

9.3.4.1 Except as to access at an MTE Terminal, access to unbundled Subloop elements at an accessible terminal must be made through a Field Connection Point (FCP) in conjunction with either a Cross-Connect Collocation or, if power and/or heat dissipation is required, a Remote Collocation.

9.3.4.2 To the extent that the accessible terminal does not have adequate capacity to house the network interface associated with the FCP, CLEC may opt to use Adjacent Collocation to the extent it is technically feasible. Such adjacent access shall comport with NEBS Level 1 safety standards

9.3.4.2.1 Reserved for Future Use

9.3.4.3 Field Connection Point

9.3.4.3.1 Qwest is not required to build additional space for CLEC to access Subloop elements. When technically feasible, Qwest shall allow CLEC to construct its own structure adjacent to Qwest's accessible terminal. CLEC shall obtain any necessary authorizations or rights of way required (which may include obtaining access to Qwest rights of way, pursuant to section 10.8 of this Agreement) and shall coordinate its facility placement with Qwest, when placing their facilities adjacent to Qwest facilities. Obstacles that CLEC may encounter from cities, counties, electric power companies, property owners and similar third parties, when it seeks to interconnect its equipment at Subloop access points, will be the responsibility of CLEC to resolve with the municipality, utility, property owner or other third party.

9.3.4.3.2 The optimum point and method to access Subloop elements will be determined during the Field Connection Point process. The Parties recognize a mutual obligation to interconnect in a manner that maintains network integrity, reliability, and security.

9.3.4.3.3 CLEC must identify the size and type of cable that will be terminated in the Qwest FCP location. Qwest will terminate the cable in the Qwest accessible terminal if termination capacity is available. If termination capacity is not available, Qwest will expand the FDI at the request of CLEC if technically feasible, all reconfiguration costs to be borne by CLEC. In this situation only, Qwest shall seek to obtain any necessary authorizations or rights of way required to expand the terminal. It will be the responsibility of Qwest to seek to resolve obstacles that Qwest may encounter from cities, counties, electric power companies, property owners and similar third parties. The time it takes for Qwest to obtain such authorizations or rights of way shall be excluded from the time Qwest is expected to provision the Collocation. CLEC will be

responsible for placing the cable from the Qwest FCP to its equipment. Qwest will perform all of the initial splicing at the FCP.

9.3.4.3.4 CLEC may cancel a Collocation associated with a FCP request prior to Qwest completing the work by submitting a written notification via certified mail to its Qwest account manager. CLEC shall be responsible for payment of all costs previously incurred by Qwest.

9.3.4.3.5 If the Parties are unable to reach an agreement on the design of the FCP through the Field Connection Point Process, the Parties may utilize the Dispute Resolution process pursuant to the Terms and Conditions Dispute Resolution Section. Alternatively, CLEC may seek arbitration under Section 252 of the Act with the Commission, wherein Qwest shall have the burden to demonstrate that there is insufficient space in the accessible terminal to accommodate the FCP, or that the requested Interconnection is not technically feasible.

9.3.4.4 At no time shall either Party rearrange the other Party's facilities within the accessible terminal or otherwise tamper with or damage the other Party's facilities. If such damage accidentally occurs, the Party responsible for the damage shall immediately notify the other and shall be financially responsible for restoring the facilities and/or service to its original condition. Any intentional damage may be reported to the proper authorities and may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

9.3.5. Ordering/Provisioning

9.3.5.1 All Subloop Types

9.3.5.1.1 CLEC may order Subloop elements through the Operational Support Systems described in Section 12.

9.3.5.1.2 CLEC shall identify Subloop elements by NC/NCI codes.

9.3.5.2 Additional Terms for Detached Terminal Subloop Access

9.3.5.2.1 CLEC may only submit orders for Subloop elements after the FCP is in place. The FCP shall be ordered pursuant to Section 9.3.5.5. CLEC will populate the LSR with the termination information provided at the completion of the FCP process.

9.3.5.2.2 Qwest shall dispatch a technician to run a jumper between its Subloop elements and CLEC's Subloop elements. CLEC shall not at any time disconnect Qwest facilities or attempt to run a jumper between its Subloop elements and Qwest's Subloop elements without specific written authorization from Qwest.

9.3.5.2.3 Once the FCP is in place, the Subloop provisioning intervals contained in Exhibit C shall apply.

9.3.5.3 Reserved for Future Use

9.3.5.4 Additional Terms for MTE Terminal Subloop Access - MTE-Access Ordering Process

9.3.5.4.1 CLEC shall notify its account manager at Qwest in writing of its intention to provide access to customers that reside within a MTE. Upon receipt of such request, Qwest shall have up to ten (10) calendar days to notify CLEC and the MTE owner whether Qwest believes it or the MTE owner owns the intrabuilding cable. In the event that there has been a previous determination of on-premises wiring ownership at the same MTE, Qwest shall provide such notification within two (2) business days. In the event that CLEC provides Qwest with a written claim by an authorized representative of the MTE owner that such owner owns the facilities on the customer side of the terminal, the preceding ten (10) day period shall be reduced to five (5) calendar days from Qwest's receipt of such claim.²

9.3.5.4.2 If the MTE owner owns the facilities on the customer side of the terminal, CLEC may obtain access to all facilities in the building in accordance with Section 9.5 concerning access to unbundled NIDs.

9.3.5.4.3 If Qwest owns the facilities on the customer side of the terminal, CLEC shall notify Qwest in writing of whether the building owner has provided space for CLEC to enter the building and terminate its facilities or whether Qwest must rearrange facilities or construct new facilities to accommodate such access. Upon receipt of such notification, the intervals set forth in Section 9.3.3 shall begin.

9.3.5.4.4 CLEC may only submit orders for Subloop elements after the inventory is complete and, if necessary, the facilities are rearranged and/or a new facility constructed. CLEC will populate the LSR with the termination information provided at the completion of the inventory process.

9.3.5.4.5 If CLEC ordered Intrabuilding Cable Loop, CLEC shall dispatch a technician to run a jumper between its Subloop elements and Qwest's Subloop elements to make a connection at the MTE-POI. If CLEC ordered a Subloop type other than Intrabuilding Cable Loop, Qwest will dispatch a technician to run a jumper between CLECs Subloop elements and Qwest's Subloop elements to make a connection at the MTE-POI. In addition, CLEC shall not at any time disconnect Qwest facilities or attempt to run a jumper between its Subloop elements and Qwest's Subloop elements without specific written authorization from Qwest.

9.3.5.4.5.1 When CLEC accesses a MTE Terminal, it shall employ generally accepted best engineering practices in accordance with industry standards. CLEC shall clearly label the cross-connect wires it uses. CLEC wiring will be neatly dressed. When CLEC accesses Subloops in MTE Terminals, it shall adhere to Qwest's Standard MTE Terminal Access Protocol unless the Parties have negotiated a separate document for such Subloop access. If CLEC requests a MTE Terminal access protocol that is different from Qwest's Standard MTE Terminal Access

² Staff Emerging Services Report at 41.

Protocol, Qwest shall negotiate with CLEC promptly and in good faith toward that end.

9.3.5.4.5.2 Access to Intra-building Cable Loop at MTE Terminals without a cross-connect field:

9.3.5.4.5.2.1 To the extent CLEC seeks access to a MTE Terminal that does not contain a cross-connect field, CLEC shall not rearrange Qwest's facilities.

9.3.5.4.5.2.2 To the extent CLEC seeks access to a MTE Terminal that does not contain a cross-connect field, but that is connected to an adjacent MTE Terminal with a cross-connect field, CLEC shall access each Subloop via the adjacent MTE Terminal with a cross-connect field.

9.3.5.4.5.2.3 To the extent CLEC seeks access to a MTE Terminal that does not contain a cross-connect field and is not connected to an adjacent MTE Terminal with a cross-connect field, CLEC shall access each Subloop in such a MTE Terminal using a bridging clip that overlays Qwest's termination pin for the particular end user customer on the connecting terminal block, and CLEC shall replace the Qwest line protector dedicated to that end user customer with a service denial protector or equivalent DC continuity interruptor. The details of this practice shall be contained within the MTE Terminal access protocol referenced in section 9.3.5.4.5.1.

9.3.5.4.5.2.4 CLEC shall be wholly and completely responsible for any service outage, equipment failure, property damage or any and all other damages to person or property that is caused by the failure to adhere to sections 9.3.5.4.5.1 or 9.3.5.4.5.2 or the MTE Terminal access protocol referenced in section 9.3.5.4.5.1.

9.3.5.4.6 Once inventory is complete and, if necessary, the facilities are rearranged and or a new facility constructed, the Subloop provisioning intervals contained in Exhibit C shall apply.

9.3.5.4.7 For access to Qwest's on-premises MTE wire as a Subloop element, CLEC shall be required to submit an LSR, but need not include thereon the circuit-identifying information or await completion of LSR processing by Qwest before securing such access. Qwest shall secure the circuit-identifying information, and will be responsible for entering it on the LSR when it is received. Qwest shall be entitled to charge for the Subloop element as of the time of LSR submission by CLEC.³

9.3.5.5 FCP Ordering Process

³ Staff Emerging Services Report at 38.

9.3.5.5.1 CLEC shall submit a Field Connection Point Request Form to Qwest along with its Collocation Application. The FCP Request Form shall be completed in its entirety.

9.3.5.5.2 After construction of the FCP and Collocation are complete, CLEC will be notified of its termination location, which will be used for ordering Subloops.

9.3.5.5.2.1 The following constitute the intervals for provisioning Collocation associated with a FCP, which intervals shall begin upon completion of the FCP Request Form and its associated Collocation Application in their entirety:

9.3.5.5.2.1.1 Any Remote Collocation associated with a FCP in which CLEC will install equipment requiring power and/or heat dissipation shall be in accordance with the intervals set forth in Section 8.4.

9.3.5.5.2.1.2 A Cross-Connect Collocation in a detached terminal shall be provisioned within ninety (90) calendar days from receipt of a written request by CLEC.

9.3.5.5.2.1.3 Reserved for Future Use

9.3.5.5.2.1.4 Reserved for Future Use

9.3.5.5.2.1.5 Qwest may seek extended intervals if the work cannot reasonably be completed within the set interval. In such cases, Qwest shall provide written notification to CLEC of the extended interval Qwest believes is necessary to complete the work. CLEC may dispute the need for and the duration of, an extended interval, in which case Qwest must request a waiver from the Commission to obtain an extended interval.

9.3.6 Rate Elements

9.3.6.1 All Subloop Types

9.3.6.1.1 Subloop Recurring Charge - CLEC will be charged a monthly recurring charge pursuant to Exhibit A for each Subloop ordered by CLEC.

9.3.6.1.2 Subloop Trouble Isolation Charge - CLEC will be charged a Trouble Isolation Charge pursuant to the Support Functions – Maintenance and Repair Section when trouble is reported but not found on the Qwest facility.

9.3.6.2 Reserved for Future Use

9.3.6.3 Additional rates for Detached Terminal Subloop Access:

9.3.6.3.1 Cross-Connect Collocation Charge: CLEC shall pay the full nonrecurring charge for creation of the Cross-Connect Collocation set forth in

Exhibit A upon submission of the Collocation Application. The FCP Request Form shall not be considered completed in its entirety until complete payment is submitted to Qwest.

9.3.6.3.2 Any Remote Collocation associated with a FCP in which CLEC will install equipment requiring power and/or heat dissipation shall be in accordance with the rate elements set forth in Section 8.3.

9.3.6.3.3 Subloop Nonrecurring Jumper Charge: CLEC will be charged a nonrecurring basic installation charge for Qwest running jumpers within the accessible terminal pursuant to Exhibit A for each Subloop ordered by CLEC.

9.3.6.4 Additional Rates for MTE Terminal Subloop Access

9.3.6.4.1 ~~Intentionally Left Blank Subloop Nonrecurring Charge~~ CLEC will be charged a nonrecurring charge for the time and materials required for Qwest to complete the inventory of CLEC's facilities within the MTE such that Subloop orders can be submitted and processed.⁴

9.3.6.4.2 Subloop Nonrecurring Jumper Charge – If CLEC ordered a Subloop type other than Intrabuilding Cable Loop, CLEC will be charged a nonrecurring basic installation charge for Qwest running jumpers within the accessible terminal pursuant to Exhibit A for each Subloop ordered by CLEC.

9.3.7 Repair and Maintenance

9.3.7.1 Detached Terminal Subloop Access: Qwest will maintain all of its facilities and equipment in the accessible terminal and CLEC will maintain all of its facilities and equipment in the accessible terminal.

9.3.7.2 MTE Terminal Subloop Access: Qwest will maintain all of its facilities and equipment in the MTE and CLEC will maintain all of its facilities and equipment in the MTE.

9.4 Line Sharing

9.4.1 Description

Line Sharing provides CLEC with the opportunity to offer advanced data services simultaneously with an existing end user's analog voice-grade (POTS) service on a single copper Loop referred to herein as the "Shared Loop" or "Line Sharing", by using the frequency range above the voice band on the copper Loop. This frequency range will be referred to herein as the High Frequency Spectrum Network Element (HUNE). A POTS splitter separates the voice and data traffic and allows the copper Loop to be used for simultaneous data transmission and POTS service. The POTS service must be provided to the end user by Qwest. This Section does not prohibit Line Splitting, which is addressed in Section 9.21.

9.4.2 Terms and Conditions

⁴ Staff Emerging Services Report at 39-40.

9.4.2.1 General

9.4.2.1.1 To order the HUNE, CLEC must have a POTS splitter installed in the Qwest Wire Center that serves the end user as provided for in this Section, and the end user must have dial tone originating from a Qwest switch in that Wire Center. CLEC must provide the end user with, and is responsible for, the installation of a splitter, filter(s) and/or other equipment necessary for the end user to receive separate voice and data service across a single copper Loop.

9.4.2.1.2 Reserved for Future Use

9.4.2.1.3 CLEC may use the HUNE to provide any xDSL services that will not interfere with analog voiceband transmissions in accordance with FCC rules. Such services currently are limited to ADSL, RADSL Multiple Virtual Lines (MVL) and G.lite. In the future, additional services may be used by CLEC to the extent those services are deemed acceptable for Line Sharing deployment under applicable FCC rules.

9.4.2.1.4 CLEC may not order the HUNE on a given copper Loop if Qwest, or another Telecommunications Carrier, is already using the high frequency spectrum, unless the end user disconnects the original Telecommunications Carrier's high-frequency service.

9.4.2.1.5 CLEC may request, and Qwest will provide, conditioning of Shared Loops to remove load coils, excess bridged taps, or electronics subject to the charges for Loop conditioning in Exhibit A. Qwest will perform requested conditioning, including de-loading and removal of excess bridged taps, unless Qwest demonstrates in advance that conditioning a Shared Loop will significantly degrade the end user's analog voice-grade POTS service. Based on the pre-order make-up of a given copper Loop, CLEC can make a preliminary determination if the Loop can meet the technical parameters applicable to the data service it intends to provide over the Loop. After a Shared Loop is ordered and the design layout record is reviewed by CLEC, it is CLEC's responsibility to determine if the Shared Loop meets the technical parameters applicable to the data service it intends to provide over the Shared Loop.

9.4.2.1.6 Qwest will provide CLEC with access to the HUNE through POTS splitters installed in Qwest Wire Centers. POTS splitters may be installed in Qwest Wire Centers in either of the following ways at the discretion of CLEC: (a) via the standard Collocation arrangements set forth in the Collocation Section; or (b) via Common Area Splitter Collocation as set forth in this Section. Under either option, POTS splitters will be appropriately hard-wired or pre-wired so that Qwest is not required to inventory more than two (2) points of termination.

9.4.2.1.7 CLEC will provide Qwest with non-binding, good faith, rolling quarterly forecasts for Shared Loop volumes on a Wire Center by Wire Center basis. Qwest will keep forecasts confidential and will not share forecasts with any person involved in Qwest retail operations, product planning or marketing.

9.4.2.2 CLEC Collocation Area Splitter

9.4.2.2.1 If CLEC elects to have POTS splitters installed in Qwest Wire Centers via the standard Collocation arrangements set forth in the Collocation Section, CLEC will either purchase the POTS splitters or have Qwest purchase the POTS splitters subject to full reimbursement of the cost of the POTS splitters plus any pass through actual vendor invoice costs, including but not limited to taxes, shipping and handling. The POTS splitters must meet the requirements for central office equipment Collocation set by the FCC. CLEC will be responsible for installing and maintaining the POTS splitters in its Collocation areas within Qwest Wire Centers.

9.4.2.2.2 CLEC may designate some or all of its existing TIE Cables for use in connection with Line Sharing. Qwest will perform any necessary TIE Cable reclassifications, frame re-stenciling, and related work for which it is responsible and that is required to provision Line Sharing. Charges will apply pursuant to Exhibit A of the Agreement.

9.4.2.2.3 Two (2) ITPs and two (2) TIE Cables will be needed to connect POTS splitters to the Qwest network. One (1) ITP will carry both voice and data traffic from the COSMIC™/MDF Loop termination, to an appropriate ICDF. From this frame, one (1) TIE Cable will carry both voice and data traffic to the POTS splitter located in CLEC's Collocation area. The voice and data traffic will be separated at the POTS splitter. The data traffic will be routed to CLEC's network within its Collocation area. The voice traffic will be routed to the COSMIC™/MDF switch termination, via the ICDF, using a second TIE Cable and a second ITP.

9.4.2.2.4 Interconnection Tie Pairs and TIE Cables. There are two (2) types of ITP arrangements for connecting the Qwest network to the CLEC provided splitter, depending on whether CLEC elects to use an ICDF or direct connections.

9.4.2.2.4.1 CLEC may elect to use an ICDF. In this instance, one ITP carries the combined voice/data signal from the COSMIC™/MDF Loop termination to the ICDF and a second ITP carries the voice only signal from the ICDF to the COSMIC™/MDF switch termination. For each Shared Loop, two (2) pairs of the TIE cable must be used: one pair of the TIE Cable will carry the voice/data from the ICDF to the CLEC provided splitter, and the second pair will carry the voice-only signal from the CLEC provided splitter to the ICDF.

9.4.2.2.4.2 CLEC may elect to use direct connections between the CLEC-provided splitter and the COSMIC™/MDF. In this instance, Qwest will provide one TIE Cable between each module of the COSMIC™/MDF and the CLEC-provided splitter. One pair in the TIE Cable will carry the combined voice/data signal from the COSMIC™/MDF Loop termination to the CLEC-provided splitter in CLEC's Collocation space. A second pair in the TIE Cable will carry the voice-only signal from the CLEC-provided splitter to the switch termination on the COSMIC™/MDF. These TIE

Cables will be dedicated to CLEC's use, and, as a result, the full cost of the necessary Mechanized Engineering and Layout for Distributing Frame (MELD™) run, cable placement, and cable termination, and associated COSMIC™/MDF hardware to terminate a TIE Cable on each outside plant and switch equipment module of the COSMIC™/MDF will be assessed to CLEC in accordance with Section 8 (Collocation). Qwest will provide, for each Shared Loop, the TIE Cable pair assignments.

9.4.2.2.5 The demarcation points between Qwest's network and CLEC's network will be the place where the combined voice and data Loop is connected to the ICDF, or where CLEC chooses a direct connection to the COSMIC™/MDF, where the combined voice and data Loop originates from CLEC's Collocation.

9.4.2.3 Common Area Splitter Collocation

9.4.2.3.1 If CLEC elects to have POTS splitters installed in Qwest Wire Centers via Common Area Splitter Collocation, the POTS splitters will be installed in those Wire Centers in one of the following locations: (a) in a relay rack as close to CLEC's DSO termination points as possible; (b) on an ICDF to the extent such a frame is available; or (c) where options (a) and (b) are not available, or in Wire Centers with network access line counts of less than 10,000, on the COSMIC™/MDF or in some other appropriate location such as an existing Qwest relay rack or bay. CLEC either may purchase POTS splitters or have Qwest purchase the POTS splitters subject to full reimbursement of the cost of the POTS splitters plus any pass through actual vendor invoice costs, including but not limited to, taxes, shipping and handling. The POTS splitters must meet the requirements for central office equipment Collocation set by the FCC. Qwest will be responsible for installing and maintaining the POTS splitters, but CLEC will lease the POTS splitters to Qwest at no cost. Qwest may co-mingle the POTS splitters' shelves of different CLECs in a single relay rack or bay. Qwest will not be responsible for shortages of POTS splitters or Qwest's inability to obtain POTS splitters from vendors, if acting as purchasing agent on behalf of CLEC.

9.4.2.3.2 Two (2) ITPs and four (4) TIE Cables will be needed to connect the POTS splitters to the Qwest network. One (1) ITP will carry both voice and data traffic from the COSMIC™/MDF Loop termination, to an appropriate ICDF. From this frame, one TIE Cable will carry both voice and data traffic to the POTS splitter. The voice and data traffic will be separated at the POTS splitter, and the separated voice and data traffic will be routed to the ICDF via separate TIE Cables (i.e., the second and third TIE Cables). At the ICDF, the data traffic will be routed to CLEC's Collocation area via a fourth TIE Cable, and the voice traffic will be routed to the COSMIC™/MDF switch termination, via a second ITP. CLEC can also elect a direct connect option pursuant to Section 8.3.1.11.2.

9.4.2.3.3 Qwest will provide the cabling used for TIE Cables between the POTS splitter and the ICDF. The POTS Splitter Tie Cable Connection Charge will apply.

9.4.2.3.4 The demarcation point between Qwest's network and CLEC's

network will be at the place where the data Loop leaves the POTS splitter on its way to CLEC's collocated equipment.

9.4.3 Rate Elements

9.4.3.1 Recurring Rates for Shared Loop

9.4.3.1.1 Shared Loop Charge - A monthly recurring charge for the use of the Shared Loop will apply.

9.4.3.1.2 OSS Charge - A monthly recurring charge to recover upgrades to Qwest Operational Support Systems required to accommodate Line Sharing will apply.

9.4.3.2 Nonrecurring Rates for the Shared Loop

9.4.3.2.1 Basic Installation Charge for Shared Loop – A nonrecurring charge for each Shared Loop installed Qwest will apply. If CLEC requests conditioning of a Shared Loop, a nonrecurring conditioning charge specified in Exhibit A will apply for removal of load coils and excess bridged taps.

9.4.3.3 Nonrecurring Rates for Tie Cable Reclassification

9.4.3.3.1 Reclassification Charge - A nonrecurring charge will apply, based on time and materials for reclassification of existing TIE cable capacity, by among other things, reclassification of existing TIE cables for Line Sharing, frame restenciling, and any other work performed between CLEC's Collocation and the ICDF required to provision Line Sharing.

9.4.3.4 Nonrecurring Rates for Maintenance and Repair

9.4.3.4.1 Trouble Isolation Charge – A nonrecurring charge for Trouble isolation will be applied in accordance with Section 12.3.4.

9.4.3.4.2 Additional Testing – CLEC may request Qwest to perform additional testing, and Qwest may decide to perform the requested testing on a case-by-case basis. A nonrecurring charge will apply in accordance with Exhibit A.

9.4.3.5 Rates for Common Area Splitter Collocation

9.4.3.5.1 Splitter Shelf Charge – This charge recovers installation and ongoing maintenance associated with splitter installation, bay installation, lighting costs, aerial support structures, grounding charge and engineering labor. These are both recurring and nonrecurring charges.

9.4.3.5.2 POTS Splitter Charge – A nonrecurring charge will apply for the cost of each POTS splitter purchased by Qwest on behalf of CLEC. This charge will cover the cost of the POTS splitter, plus any associated costs incurred by Qwest to order the POTS splitter.

9.4.3.6 POTS Splitter TIE Cable Connections Charge – A nonrecurring charge will apply for the cost of each TIE Cable connected to the POTS splitters. This charge will cover both the TIE cables and associated blocks per 100 pair between the POTS splitter and the ICDF.

9.4.3.7 The rates for each of the aforementioned Line Sharing rate elements are set forth in Exhibit A. All of these rates are interim and will be subject to true up based on either mutually agreed to permanent rates or permanent rates established in a Line Sharing cost proceeding conducted by the Commission. In the event interim rates are established by the Commission before permanent rates are set, the interim rates set forth in Exhibit A will be changed to reflect the interim rates set by the Commission; however, no true up will be performed until mutually agreed to permanent rates are established or permanent rates are established by the Commission.

9.4.4 Ordering Process

9.4.4.1 Shared Loop

9.4.4.1.1 As a part of the pre-order process, CLEC can access Loop characteristic information through the Loop Information Tool described in the Support Functions Section. CLEC will determine, in its sole discretion and at its risk, whether to order the HUNE across any specific copper Loop. Qwest and CLEC will work together to modify the Loop Information Tool to better support Line Sharing.

9.4.4.1.2 Prior to placing an LSR for Shared Loop, CLEC must obtain a Proof of Authorization from the end user customer in accordance with the Proof of Authorization Section.

9.4.4.1.3 Splitter Meet Points for Shared Loop will be provided to CLEC on the Line Sharing Actual Point of Termination (APOT) form specifically for Shared Loop requests. CLEC will provide on the LSR, the appropriate frame terminations which are dedicated to POTS splitters. Qwest will administer all cross connects/jumpers on the COSMIC™/MDF and ICDF.

9.4.4.1.4 Basic Installation “lift and lay” procedure will be used for all Shared Loop orders. Under this approach, a Qwest technician “lifts” the Loop from its current termination in a Qwest Wire Center and “lays” it on a new termination connecting to CLEC’s collocated equipment in the same Wire Center.

9.4.4.1.4.1 Qwest will test for electrical faults (e.g., opens, and/or foreign voltage) on Shared Loops as part of basic installation. Testing will be done in such a way as to ensure circuit integrity from the central office demarcation point to the MDF.⁵

9.4.4.1.5 Qwest will provision the Shared Loop within the standard Unbundled Loop provisioning interval, as defined in Exhibit C.

⁵ Staff Emerging Services Report at 32 (brought forward from Washington SGAT § 9.4.5.1.3.1).

9.4.4.1.6 CLEC shall not place orders for Shared Loops until all work necessary to provision Line Sharing in a given Qwest Wire Center, including, but not limited to, POTS splitter installation and TIE Cable reclassification or augmentation has been completed.

9.4.4.2 Common Area Splitter Collocation

9.4.4.2.1 This section only applies to situations where CLEC orders placement of the splitter in a common area.

9.4.4.2.2 New POTS splitter shelves may be ordered at the same time as a new Collocation on a single Collocation application form. A single ordering processing charge applies. Standard intervals as contained in Exhibit C will apply.

9.4.4.2.3 New POTS splitter shelves may be ordered with an existing Collocation. CLEC must submit a new Collocation application form and the applicable fee to Qwest. Standard intervals as contained in Exhibit C will apply.

9.4.4.3 TIE Cable Reclassification

9.4.4.3.1 To the extent CLEC has existing TIE Cables extending from an ICDF to its Collocation space, CLEC may request that these existing TIE Cables be reclassified for use with Line Sharing. CLEC shall request such reclassification through the same process used to order new terminations.

9.4.5 Repair and Maintenance

9.4.5.1 Qwest will allow CLEC to access Shared Loops at the point where the combined voice and data Loop is cross-connected to the POTS splitter.

9.4.5.2 Qwest will be responsible for repairing voice services provided over Shared Loops and the physical line between network interface devices at end user premises and the point of demarcation in Qwest Wire Centers. Qwest will also be responsible for inside wiring at end user premises in accordance with the terms and conditions of inside wire maintenance agreements, if any, between Qwest and its end users. CLEC will be responsible for repairing data services provided on Shared Loops. Qwest and CLEC each will be responsible for maintaining its equipment. The entity that controls the POTS splitters will be responsible for their maintenance.

9.4.5.3 Qwest and CLEC will continue to develop repair and maintenance procedures for Line Sharing and agree to document final agreed to procedures in a methods and procedures document that will be made available on Qwest's website: <http://www.qwest.com/carrier/guides/interconnect/>. In the interim, Qwest and CLEC agree that the following general principles will guide the repair and maintenance process for Line Sharing.

9.4.5.3.1 If an end user complains of a voice service problem that may be related to the use of a Shared Loop for data services, Qwest and CLEC will work together with the end user to solve the problem to the satisfaction of the end

user. Qwest will not disconnect the data service provided to an end user over a Shared Loop without the written permission of CLEC unless the end user's voice service is so degraded that the end user cannot originate or receive voice grade calls.

9.4.5.3.2 Qwest and CLEC are responsible for their respective end user base. Qwest and CLEC will have the responsibility for resolution of any service trouble report(s) initiated by their respective end users.

9.4.5.3.3 Qwest will test for electrical faults (e.g. opens, and/or foreign voltage) on Shared Loops in response to trouble tickets initiated by CLEC. Testing will be done in such a way as to ensure circuit integrity from the central office demarcation point to the MDF. ⁶When trouble tickets are initiated by CLEC, and such trouble is not an electrical fault (e.g. opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage) in Qwest's network, Qwest will assess CLEC the TIC Charge.

9.4.5.3.4 When trouble reported by CLEC is not isolated or identified by tests for electrical faults (e.g. opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage), Qwest may perform additional testing at the request of CLEC on a case-by-case basis. If this additional testing uncovers electrical fault trouble (e.g. opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage) in the portion of the network for which Qwest is responsible, CLEC will not be charged by Qwest for the testing. If this additional testing uncovers a problem in the portion of the network for which CLEC is responsible, Qwest will assess the appropriate Miscellaneous Charge.

9.4.5.4 When POTS splitters are installed in Qwest Wire Centers via Common Area Splitter Collocation, CLEC will order and install additional splitter cards as necessary to increase the capacity of the POTS splitters. CLEC will leave one empty splitter card in every shelf to be used for repair and maintenance until such time as the card must be used to fill the shelf to capacity.

9.4.5.5 When POTS splitters are installed in Qwest Wire Centers via standard Collocation arrangements, CLEC may install test access equipment in its Collocation areas in those Wire Centers for the purpose of testing Shared Loops. This equipment must meet the requirements for central office equipment set by the FCC in its March 31, 1999 order in CC Docket No. 98-147.

9.4.5.6 Qwest and CLEC will work together to address end user initiated repair requests and to prevent adverse impacts to the end user.

9.4.6 Other

9.4.6.1 Qwest and CLEC agree to work together to address and, where necessary and possible, find solutions for the following Line Sharing implementation issues: (i) the development of an effective phased process for handling CLEC orders for the HUNE; (ii) Qwest's ability to handle the existing and forecasted volume of CLEC orders for the HUNE; (iii) Qwest's ability to make Loop assignments for the existing and forecasted volume of CLEC orders for the HUNE; (iv) the ability of Qwest and CLEC to coordinate repairs; (v) the experience and education of the Shared Loop end user; (vi)

⁶ Staff Emerging Services Report at 32 (brought forward from Washington SGAT § 9.4.6.3.3).

CLEC's forecasts of HUNE orders; and (vii) the process for conditioning Shared Loops by removing load coils and excess bridged taps.

9.5 Network Interface Device (NID)

9.5.1 Description

The Qwest NID is defined as any means of interconnection of on-premises wiring and Qwest's distribution plant, such as a cross-connect device used for that purpose. Specifically, the NID is a single-line termination device or that portion of a multiple-line termination device required to terminate a single line or circuit at a premises. If CLEC seeks to access a NID as well as a Subloop connected to that NID, it may do so only pursuant to Section 9.3. If CLEC seeks to access only a NID (i.e., CLEC does not wish to access a Subloop connected to that NID), it may only do so pursuant to this Section 9.5. Qwest shall permit CLEC to connect its own Loop facilities to on-premises wiring through Qwest's NID, or at any other technically feasible point. The NID carries with it all features, functions and capabilities of the facilities used to connect the Loop distribution plant to the customer premises wiring, regardless of the particular design of the NID mechanism. Although the NID provides the connection to the customer premises wiring, it may not represent the demarcation point where Qwest ownership or control of the intra-premises wiring ends. The NID contains a protective ground connection that protects the customer's on-premises wiring against lightning and other high voltage surges and is capable of terminating media such as twisted pair cable. If CLEC orders Unbundled Loops on a reuse basis, the existing drop and Qwest's NID, as well as any on premises wiring that Qwest owns or controls, will remain in place and continue to carry the signal over the customer's on-premises wiring to the end user's equipment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Unbundled Loop and any Subloop terminating at a NID shall include the existing drop and the functionality of the NID as more specifically set forth in Section 9.2. The NID is offered in three (3) varieties:

9.5.1.1 Simple NID - The modular NID is divided into two (2) components, one containing the over-voltage unit (protector) and the other containing the end user's on-premises inside wiring termination, and a modular plug which connects the inside wire to the distribution plant or dial tone source. The non-modular NID is a protector block with the inside wire terminated directly on the distribution facilities.

9.5.1.2 Smart NID - To the extent Qwest has deployed "Smart" devices in general meaning a terminating device that permits the service provider to isolate the Loop facility from the premises wiring for testing purposes, and such devices have spare functioning capacity not currently used by Qwest or any other provider, Qwest shall provide unbundled access to such devices. Qwest shall also continue to allow CLEC, at its option, to use all features and functionality of the Qwest NID including any protection mechanisms, test capabilities, or any other capabilities now existing or as they may exist in the future regardless of whether or not CLEC terminates its own distribution facility on the NID.

9.5.1.3 Multi-Tenant (MTE) NID - The MTE NID is divided into two (2) functional components: one containing the over-voltage unit (protector) and the other containing the terminations of the on-premises inside wiring. Such devices contain the protectors for, and may be located externally or internally to the premises served.

9.5.2 Terms and Conditions

9.5.2.1 A CLEC can use the existing Qwest NID to terminate its drop if space permits, otherwise a new NID or other technically feasible interconnection point is required. If CLEC installs its own NID, CLEC may connect its NID to the Qwest NID by placing a cross-connect between the two. When provisioning a NID to NID connection, CLEC will isolate the Qwest facility in the NID by unplugging the modular unit. If CLEC requires that a non-modular unit be replaced with a modular NID, Qwest will perform the replacement for the charge described in Section 9.5.3.1. If CLEC is a facility based provider up to and including its NID, the Qwest facility currently in place, including the NID, will remain in place. At no time should either Party remove the other Party's Loop facilities from the other Party's NID.

9.5.2.1.1 Qwest shall allow CLEC to connect its Loops directly to the NID field containing the terminations of the on-premises inside wiring not owned or controlled by Qwest, without restriction. Where Qwest does not own or control the on-premises inside wiring, CLEC and the landowner shall determine procedures for such access.

9.5.2.1.2 Qwest shall allow CLEC to use all features and functionality of the Qwest NID including any protection mechanisms, test capabilities, or any other capabilities now existing or as they may exist in the future.

9.5.2.1.3 Pursuant to generally acceptable work practices, and provided the inside wire retermination is required to meet service requirements of either parties' end user customer. Either Party may remove the inside wire from the NID and connect that wire to that Party's own NID.

9.5.2.1.4 CLEC may enter the subscriber access chamber or "end user customer side" of "dual chamber" NID enclosures for the purpose of NID to NID connections.

9.5.2.1.5 Upon CLEC request, Qwest will make other rearrangements to the inside wire terminations or terminal enclosure. Charges will be assessed per section 9.5.3.4. No such charge shall be applicable if Qwest initiates the rearrangement of such terminations. In all such instances, rearrangements shall be performed in a non-discriminatory fashion and timeframe and without a customer's perceivable disruption in service. Qwest will not make any rearrangements of wiring that is provided by another carrier that relocates the other carrier's test access point without notifying the affected carrier promptly after such rearrangement if CLEC has properly labeled its cross-connect wires.

9.5.2.2 Qwest will retain sole ownership of the Qwest NID and its contents on Qwest's side. Qwest is not required to proactively conduct NID change-outs, on a wide scale basis. At a CLEC's request, Qwest will change the NID on an individual request basis by CLEC and charges will be assessed per section 9.5.3.5 except where Section 9.5.5.1 applies. Qwest is not required to inventory NID locations on behalf of CLEC.

9.5.2.3 When CLEC accesses a Qwest NID, it shall employ generally accepted best engineering practices and comply with industry standards should such standards exist when it physically connects its NID (or equivalent) to the Qwest NID and makes cross-connections necessary to provide service. At MTE NIDs, CLEC shall clearly label the cross-connect wires it uses to provide service. Qwest shall label its terminals when

a technician is dispatched.

9.5.2.4 All services fed through a protector field in a Qwest NID located inside a building will interface on an industry standard termination block and then extend, via a cross-connection to the customer's in-premises wiring. All services fed through a protector field in a Qwest NID that is attached to a building will interface on industry standard lugs or a binding post type of termination and then extend, via a cross-connection, to the customer's on-premises wiring.

9.5.2.4.1 Reserved for Future Use

9.5.2.4.2 Reserved for Future Use

9.5.2.4.3 Reserved for Future Use

9.5.2.4.4 Reserved for Future Use

9.5.2.5 If so requested by CLEC, Qwest shall allow CLEC to connect its Loops directly to the protector field at Qwest NIDs that have unused protectors and are not used by Qwest or any other Telecommunications Carrier to provide service to the premises. If a CLEC accesses the Qwest protector field it shall do so on the distribution side of the protector field only where spare protector capacity exists. In such cases, CLEC shall only access a Qwest NID protector field in cable increments appropriate to the NID. If twenty-five (25) or more metallic cable pairs are simultaneously terminated at the MTE NID, additions must be in increments of twenty-five (25) additional metallic pairs. In all cases, telecommunications cables entering a Qwest NID must be terminated in compliance with FCC 88-57, section 315 of the National Electric Safety Code and section 800.30 of the National Electric Code.

9.5.2.6 Reserved for Future Use

9.5.3 Rate Elements

9.5.3.1 If CLEC requests the current Simple NID to be replaced with a different Simple NID, pursuant to section 9.5.2.1, charges will be assessed on a time and materials basis with CLEC paying only for the portion of the change out that is specific to and for the functionality that supports CLEC requirements.

9.5.3.2 Recurring rates for unbundled access to the protector field in a Qwest NID are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement and apply pursuant to 9.5.2.5.

9.5.3.3 When a CLEC requests that Qwest perform the work to connect its NID to the Qwest NID, the costs associated with Qwest performing such work will be charged to CLEC on a time and materials basis.

9.5.3.4 Where Qwest makes 9.5.2.1.5 rearrangements to the inside wire terminations or terminal enclosure on CLEC request pursuant to Section 9.5.2.1.5, charges will be assessed on a time and materials basis.

9.5.3.5. CLEC will be billed on a time and materials basis for any change out Qwest performs pursuant to Section 9.5.2.2. CLEC will be billed only for the portion of the change out that is specific to the CLEC request for additional capacity.

9.5.4 Ordering Process

9.5.4.1 Reserved for Future Use

9.5.4.2 CLEC may access a MTE NID after determining that the terminal in question is a NID. Qwest shall have ten (10) calendar days to respond to such an inquiry. If the terminal is a NID and CLEC wishes to access the customer field of the NID, no additional verification is needed by Qwest. CLEC shall tag their jumper wire.

9.5.4.2.1 When CLEC seeks to connect to a cross-connect field other than to the customer field of the NID, CLEC shall submit a LSR for connection to the NID. Qwest shall notify CLEC, within 10 business days, if the connection is not technically feasible. In such cases, Qwest shall inform CLEC of the basis for its claim of technical infeasibility and, at the same time, identify all alternative points of connection that Qwest would support. CLEC shall have the option of employing the alternative terminal or disputing the claim of technical infeasibility pursuant to the dispute resolution provisions of this Agreement. No additional verification is needed by Qwest and CLEC shall tag their jumper wire.

9.5.4.3 Subject to the terms of 9.5.4.2, CLEC may perform a NID-to-NID connection, according to 9.5.2.3, and access the customer field of the NID without notice to Qwest. CLEC may access the protector field of the NID by submitting a LSR.

9.5.5 Maintenance and Repair

9.5.5.1 If Qwest is dispatched to an end user's location on a maintenance issue and finds the NID to be defective, Qwest will replace the defective element or, if beyond repair, the entire device at no cost to CLEC. If the facilities and lines have been removed from the protector field or damaged by CLEC, CLEC will be responsible for all costs associated with returning the facilities and lines back to their original state. Charges for this work will be on a time and materials basis and billed directly to CLEC. Billing disputes will be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution process contained in this Agreement. Maintenance and Repair processes are contained in the Support Functions Section of this Agreement.

9.6 Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)

Qwest shall provide access to Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT) in a non-discriminatory manner according to the following terms and conditions.

9.6.1 Description

9.6.1.1 Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT) provides CLEC with a network element of a single transmission path between Qwest end offices, Serving Wire Centers or tandem switches in the same LATA and state. A UDIT can also provide a path between one CLEC in one Qwest Wire Center and a different CLEC in another Qwest Wire Center. Extended Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (EUDIT)

provides CLEC with a bandwidth specific transmission path between the Qwest Serving Wire Center to CLEC's Wire Center or an IXC's point of presence located within the same Qwest Serving Wire Center area. UDIT is a distance-sensitive, flat-rated bandwidth-specific interoffice transmission path designed to a DSX in each Qwest Wire Center. Qwest shall allow CLEC to access UDIT that is a part of a meet point arrangement between Qwest and another Local Exchange Carrier if CLEC has an Interconnection agreement containing access to UDIT with connecting Local Exchange Carrier at the determined meet point. Qwest rates, terms and conditions shall apply to the percentage of the route owned by Qwest. EUDIT is a flat-rated, bandwidth-specific interoffice transmission path. EUDIT and UDIT are available in DS0 through OC-192 bandwidths and such higher capacities as evolve over time where facilities are available. EUDIT and UDIT in bandwidths up to OC-48 are defined products. Higher bandwidths can be ordered using the Special Request Process. CLEC can assign channels and transport its choice of voice or data. Specifications, interfaces and parameters are described in Qwest Technical Publication 77389.

9.6.1.2 An unbundled multiplexer is offered as an optional stand-alone element associated with UDIT or Unbundled Loops. A 3/1 multiplexer provides CLEC with the ability to multiplex the DS3 44.736 Mbps signal to 28 DS1 1.544 Mbps channels. The 3/1 multiplexer, in conjunction with an ITP, provides a DS3 signal terminated at a demarcation point and 28 DS1 signals terminated at a demarcation point. A 1/0 multiplexer provides CLEC with the ability to multiplex the DS1 1.544 Mbps signal to 24 DS0 64 Kbps channels. The 1/0 multiplexer provides a DS1 signal terminated at a demarcation point and 24 DS0 signals terminated at a demarcation point. SONET add/drop multiplexing is available on an ICB basis where facilities are available and capacity exists.

9.6.2 Terms and Conditions

9.6.2.1 To the extent that CLEC is ordering access to a UNE Combination, and cross-connections are necessary to combine UNEs, Qwest will perform requested and necessary cross-connections between UNEs in the same manner that it would perform such cross-connections for its end user customers or for itself. If not ordered as a combination, CLEC is responsible for performing cross-connections at its Collocation or other mutually determined demarcation point between UNEs and ancillary or Finished Services, and for transmission design work including regeneration requirements for such connections. Such cross-connections will not be required of CLEC when CLEC orders a continuous dedicated transport element from one point to another.

9.6.2.2 CLEC must order all multiplexing elements (if it chooses the multiplexing option) and regeneration requirements with its initial installation for the 3/1 multiplexer, including all 28 DS1s and the settings on the multiplexer cards. If options are not selected and identified on the order by CLEC, the order will be held until options are selected. For the 1/0 multiplexer, the low side channels may be ordered as needed. Low Side Channelization charges are assigned as channels are ordered. When Loops are ordered in combination with multiplexing, Qwest will provision Loops directly terminated to the multiplexer.

9.6.2.3 With the exception of combinations provided through the UNE Combinations Section, Section 9.23, CLEC may utilize any form of Collocation at both ends of the UDIT. Collocation is required at the Qwest central office end of EUDIT. When

UDIT and EUDIT are ordered together, at the same bandwidth, to form a single transmission path, Collocation is required only when one end of the unbundled transport terminates in a Qwest central office. If regeneration is required only between the UDIT or EUDIT termination point (the DSX panel or equivalent) and CLECs Collocation, CLEC must order such regeneration pursuant to Section 9.1.4 and the charges listed in Exhibit A will apply.

9.6.2.4 CLEC shall not use EUDIT as a substitute for special or Switched Access Services, except to the extent CLEC provides such services to its end user customers in association with Local Exchange Services. Pending resolution by the FCC, Qwest will not apply the local use restrictions contained in 9.23.3.7.2.

9.6.2.5 For DS1 EUDIT, Qwest may provide existing copper to CLEC's Serving Wire Center. For EUDIT above DS1, Qwest provides an optical interface at the location requested by CLEC.

9.6.2.6 At the terminating location for each EUDIT, space shall be provided to Qwest for the necessary termination equipment.

9.6.2.7 EUDIT cannot traverse a Qwest Wire Center.

9.6.3 Rate Elements

9.6.3.1 DS1 UDIT rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement and include the following elements:

- a) DS1 Transport Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a 1.544 Mbps termination at a DSX or DCS. In addition to the fixed rate element, a per-mile rate element, as described below, also applies.
- b) DS1 Transport Facilities (Per Mile) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 1.544 Mbps between Qwest Wire Centers. This is a mileage sensitive element based on the V&H coordinates of the DS1 UDIT. The mileage is calculated between the originating and terminating offices.
- c) DS1 EUDIT Facility Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 1.544 Mbps between a Qwest Wire Center and CLEC Wire Center or IXC point of presence. This is a non-distance sensitive rate element.
- d) DS1 Nonrecurring Charge. One-time charges apply for a specific work activity associated with installation of the DS1 service.
- e) DS1 EUDIT Nonrecurring Charge. This one-time charge applies for the specific work activity associated with the installation of a DS1 EUDIT Facility.

9.6.3.2 DS3 UDIT rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement and include the following elements:

- a) DS3 Transport Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a 44.736 Mbps termination. In addition to the fixed rate

element, a per-mile rate element, as described below, also applies.

b) DS3 Transport Facilities (Per Mile) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides an interoffice transmission path of 44.736 Mbps between Qwest Wire Centers. This is a mileage sensitive element based on the V&H coordinates of the DS3 UDIT. The mileage is calculated between the originating and terminating offices.

c) DS3 EUDIT Facility Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 44.736 Mbps between a Qwest Serving Wire Center and CLEC's Serving Wire Center or IXC point of presence. This is a non-distance sensitive element.

d) DS3 Nonrecurring Charge. One-time charges apply for a specific work activity associated with installation of the DS3 service.

e) DS3 EUDIT Facility Nonrecurring Charge. This one-time charge applies for the specific work activity associated with the installation of a DS3 EUDIT Facility.

9.6.3.3 DS0 UDIT rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement and include the following elements:

a) DS0 Transport Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a 64 Kbps termination. In addition to the fixed rate element, a per-mile rate element, as described below, also applies.

b) DS0 Transport Facilities (Per Mile) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 64 Kbps between Qwest Wire Centers. This is a mileage sensitive element based on the V&H coordinates of the DS0 UDIT. The mileage is calculated between the originating and terminating offices.

c) DS0 Nonrecurring Charge. One-time charges apply for a specific work activity associated with installation of the DS0 service.

9.6.3.4 OC-3 UDIT rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement and include the following elements:

a) OC-3 Transport Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a 155.52 Mbps termination. In addition to the fixed rate element, a per-mile rate element, as described below, also applies.

b) OC-3 Transport Facilities (Per Mile) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 155.52 Mbps between Qwest Wire Centers. This is a distance sensitive element based on the V&H coordinates of the OC-3 UDIT. The mileage is calculated between the originating and terminating offices.

c) OC-3 EUDIT Facility Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 155.52 Mbps between a Qwest Serving Wire Center and CLEC's Serving Wire Center or IXC point of presence. This is a non-distance

sensitive element.

- d) OC-3 Nonrecurring Charge. One-time charges apply for a specific work activity associated with installation of the OC-3 service.
- e) OC-3 EUDIT Facility Nonrecurring Charge. This one-time charge applies for the specific work activity associated with the installation of an OC-3 EUDIT Facility.

9.6.3.5 OC-12 UDIT rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement and include the following elements:

- a) OC-12 Transport Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a 622.08 Mbps termination. In addition to the fixed rate element, a per-mile rate element, as described below, also applies.
- b) OC-12 Transport Facilities (Per Mile) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 622.08 Mbps between Qwest Wire Centers. This is a distance sensitive element based on the V&H coordinates of the OC-12 UDIT. The mileage is calculated between the originating and terminating offices.
- c) OC-12 EUDIT Facility Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 622.08 Mbps between a Qwest Serving Wire Center and CLEC's Serving Wire Center or IXC point of presence. This is a non-distance sensitive element.
- d) OC-12 Nonrecurring Charge. One-time charges apply for a specific work activity associated with installation of the OC-12 service.
- e) OC-12 EUDIT Facility Nonrecurring Charge. This one-time charge applies for the specific work activity associated with the installation of an OC-12 EUDIT Facility.

9.6.3.5.1 OC-48 UDIT rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement and include the following elements:

- a) OC-48 Transport Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a 2.488 Gbps termination. In addition to the fixed rate element, a per-mile rate element, as described below, also applies.
- b) OC-48 Transport Facilities (Per Mile) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 2.488 Gbps between Qwest Wire Centers. This is a distance sensitive element based on the V&H coordinates of the OC-48 UDIT. The mileage is calculated between the originating and terminating offices.
- c) OC-48 EUDIT Facility Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 2.488 Gbps between a Qwest Serving Wire Center and CLEC's Serving Wire Center or IXC point of presence.

This is a non-distance sensitive element.

d) OC-48 Nonrecurring Charge. One-time charges apply for a specific work activity associated with installation of the OC-48 service.

e) OC-48 EUDIT Facility Nonrecurring Charge. This one-time charge applies for the specific work activity associated with the installation of an OC-48 EUDIT Facility.

9.6.3.6 Low Side Channelization (LSC) Charge. A recurring charge for low side multiplexed channel cards and settings at each end of the DS0 UDIT.

9.6.3.7 3/1 multiplexing rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement, and include the following:

a) Recurring Multiplexing Charge. The DS3 central office Multiplexer provides de-multiplexing of one DS3 44.736 Mbps to 28 1.544 Mbps channels.

b) Nonrecurring Multiplexing Charge. One-time charges apply for a specific work activity associated with installation of the multiplexing service.

9.6.3.8 1/0 multiplexing rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement, and include the following charges:

a) Recurring Multiplexing Charge. The DS0 central office multiplexer provides de-multiplexing of one DS1 1.544 Mbps to 24 64 Kbps channels.

b) Nonrecurring Multiplexing Charge. One-time charges apply for a specific work activity associated with installation of the multiplexing service, including low side channelization of all 28 channels.

c) Low Side Channelization (LSC). A recurring charge for low side multiplexed channel cards and settings plus a nonrecurring charge for each individual channelization provisioning.

9.6.3.9 Rearrangement rates are contained in Exhibit A of this agreement.

9.6.4 Ordering Process

9.6.4.1 Ordering processes and installation intervals are as follows:

9.6.4.1.1 UDIT is ordered via the ASR process. By May 31, 2001, CLEC will be able to order a single end to end bandwidth facility comprised of UDIT and EUDIT on a single ASR. Ordering processes are contained in the Support Functions Section of this Agreement.

9.6.4.1.2 Reserved for Future Use

9.6.4.1.3 The interval will start when Qwest receives a complete and accurate Access Service Request (ASR). This date is considered the start of the installation interval if the order is received prior to 3:00 p.m. The installation interval will begin on the next business day for service requests received after

3:00 p.m. The installation intervals have been established and are set forth in Exhibit C, Section 2.0 of this Agreement.

9.6.4.1.4 Subsequent changes to the quantity of services on an existing order will require a revised order. Also, additional charges apply for the following modifications to existing orders unless the need for such change is caused by Qwest:

- a) Service date changes;
- b) Partial cancellation;
- c) Design change; and
- d) Expedited order.

9.6.4.1.5 An order may be canceled any time up to and including the service date. Cancellation charges will apply except when:

- a) The original due date or CLEC-initiated subsequent due date was, or CLEC has been notified by Qwest that such due date will be, delayed ten (10) business days or longer; or
- b) The original due date has been scheduled later than the expiration of the standard interval set forth in Exhibit C and CLEC cancels its order no later than ten (10) days before such original due date.

9.6.4.1.6 Definitions of the most common critical dates that occur during the ordering and installation process are included in the Definitions Section of this Agreement.

9.6.4.2 UDIT is ordered with basic installation. Qwest will install the UDIT extending connections to CLEC demarcation point and will notify CLEC when the work activity is complete.

9.6.4.3 UDIT 3/1 multiplexing is provisioned as a complete system with terminations at the demarcation point and all multiplexing cards. CLEC must order settings for all cards at the time of the multiplexing request.

9.6.4.4 For UDIT 1/0 multiplexing, the high side is fully provisioned with the order. The low side is provisioned when low side channels are ordered. Optional card settings are selected by CLEC at the time of the DS0 order.

9.6.4.5 Qwest will perform industry standard tests, set forth in Technical Publication 77389, when installing UDIT service.

9.6.4.6 Reserved for Future Use

9.6.5 Maintenance and Repair

9.6.5.1 The Parties will perform cooperative testing and trouble isolation to identify where trouble points exist. CLEC cross-connections will be repaired by CLEC and Qwest cross connections will be repaired by Qwest. Maintenance and Repair processes are contained in the Support Functions Section of this Agreement.

9.6.6 Rearrangement

9.6.6.1 CLEC can submit requests through the ASR process to move or rearrange UDIT or EUDIT terminations on CLEC's demarcation point or to change UDIT or EUDIT options. These rearrangements are available through a single office or dual office request. Single office rearrangements are limited to the change in options or movement of terminations within a single Wire Center. Dual office rearrangements are used to change options or movement of terminations in two (2) Wire Centers. Rearrangement is only available for in-place and working UDITs or EUDITs.

9.6.6.2 The rearrangement of terminations or option changes are completed as an "uncoordinated change" (basic request) and will be completed within the normal intervals outlined in Exhibit C. If CLEC desires a coordinated rearrangement of terminations or options changes, additional labor installation as identified in Exhibit A shall apply.

9.6.6.3 CLEC will submit an ASR with the rearrange USOC and appropriate termination information (e.g. CFA) or NC/NCI codes (Network Channel Codes/Network Channel Interface Codes).

9.7 Unbundled Dark Fiber

9.7.1 Description

9.7.1 Unbundled Dark Fiber (UDF) is a deployed, unlit pair of fiber optic cable or strands that connects two points within Qwest's network. UDF is a single transmission path between two Qwest Wire Centers, or between a Qwest Wire Center and a CLEC Wire Center, or between a Qwest Wire Center and either an appropriate outside plant structure or an end user customer premises in the same LATA and state. UDF exists in three (3) distinct forms: (a) UDF Interoffice Facility (UDF-IOF), which constitutes an deployed route between two Qwest Wire Centers; and (b) UDF-Loop, which constitutes a deployed Loop or section of a deployed Loop between a Qwest Wire Center and an end user customer premises; and (c) Extended UDF (E-UDF) which constitutes a deployed route between a Qwest Wire Center and a CLEC Wire Center. Deployed Dark Fiber facilities shall include Dark Fiber Qwest has obtained with capitalized Indefeasible Right to Use (IRUs) or capitalized leases that do not prohibit Qwest's ability to provided access to another person or entity. Deployed Dark Fiber facilities shall not be limited to facilities owned by Qwest, but will include in place and easily called into service facilities to which Qwest has otherwise obtained a right of access, including but not limited to capitalized Indefeasible Right to Use (IRUs) or capitalized leases. Qwest shall not be required to extend access in a manner that is inconsistent with the restrictions and other terms and conditions that apply to Qwest's access; however, in the case of access obtained from an affiliate: (a) the actual practice and custom as between Qwest and the affiliate shall apply, in the event that it provides broader access than does any documented agreement that may exist, and (b) any terms restricting access by CLEC that are imposed by the agreement with the affiliate (excluding good-faith restrictions imposed by any agreement with a third party from whom the affiliate has gained rights of access) shall not be applied to restrict CLEC access.⁷

⁷ Staff Emerging Services Report at 48.

9.7.2 Terms and Conditions

9.7.2.1 Qwest will provide CLEC with non-discriminatory access to UDF in accordance with section 9.1.2. Qwest will provide UDF of substantially the same quality as the fiber facilities that Qwest uses to provide retail service to its own end user customers.

9.7.2.2 Qwest provides access to unbundled Dark Fiber at:

9.7.2.2.1 Accessible terminations such as fiber distribution panels.

9.7.2.2.2 Splice cases (except those that are buried and are not readily accessible without excavation) in the UDF-Loop and E-UDF, subject to the following conditions:

9.7.2.2.2.1 Unspliced fiber is available, subject to Section 9.7.2.5;

9.7.2.2.2.2 Available unspliced fiber is not ribbon fiber;

9.7.2.2.2.3 Splice capacity is available in the Qwest splice case;

9.7.2.2.2.4 Space exists for CLEC splice case;

9.7.2.2.2.5 Qwest will perform splice in Qwest splice case;

9.7.2.2.2.6 CLEC shall not have access to Qwest's splice case;

9.7.2.2.2.7 Qwest will provide a fiber stub for CLEC to splice the Qwest fiber stub to CLEC fiber strand in CLEC splice case;

9.7.2.2.2.8 Qwest will perform all splices in Qwest splice case when CLEC is not providing fiber facilities;

9.7.2.2.2.9 Qwest will not open or break any existing splices on continuous fiber optic cable routes. Where the end of a fiber optic strand exists in a splice case, Qwest will open that splice case and stub out the end of the Dark Fiber strand for CLEC;

9.7.2.2.2.10 CLEC will perform splices in CLEC splice case per Technical Publication 77383;

9.7.2.2.2.11 Qwest will perform all modifications associated with access to UDF via splicing under the terms of Exhibit A; and

9.7.2.2.2.12 All access is subject to the Field Verification and Quote Preparation (FVQP).

9.7.2.2.3 CLEC may request placement of a FDP at any building or controlled environment location in the Qwest network in order to access unterminated UDF pursuant to Section 9.19.

9.7.2.3 Qwest will provide CLEC with access to deployed Dark Fiber facilities.

CLEC shall be responsible for obtaining and connecting electronic equipment, whether light generating or light terminating equipment, to the Dark Fiber. Qwest will not remove, and CLEC shall be permitted to use, regenerating equipment that already exists in mid-span.

9.7.2.4 Qwest will provide Unbundled Dark Fiber to CLEC in increments of two (2) strands (by the pair). In addition, after May 31, 2001, Qwest will provide UDF to CLEC in increments of one (1) strand. CLEC may obtain up to twenty five percent (25%) of available Dark Fibers or four (4) Dark Fiber strands, whichever is greater, in each fiber cable segment over a twelve (12) month period. Before CLEC may order additional UDF on such fiber cable segment, CLEC must demonstrate efficient use of existing fiber in each cable segment. Efficient use of interoffice cable segments is defined as providing a minimum of OC-12 termination on each fiber pair. Efficient use of Loop fiber is defined as providing a minimum of OC-3 termination on each fiber pair. Efficient use of E-UDF is defined as providing a minimum of OC-3 termination on each fiber pair. CLEC may designate five percent (5%) of its fibers along a fiber cable segment, or two (2) strands, whichever is greater, for maintenance spare, which fibers or strands are not subject to the termination requirements in this paragraph.

9.7.2.5 Qwest shall not have an obligation to unbundle Dark Fiber in the following circumstances:

a) Qwest will not unbundle Dark Fiber that Qwest utilizes for maintenance or reserves for maintenance spare for Qwest's own use. Qwest shall not reserve more than five percent (5%) of the fibers in a sheath, or two (2) strands, whichever is greater, for maintenance or maintenance spare for Qwest's own use.

b) Qwest will not be required to unbundle Dark Fiber if Qwest demonstrates to the Commission by a preponderance of the evidence that such unbundling would create a likely and foreseeable threat to its ability to meet its carrier of last resort obligations as established by any regulatory authority. Qwest shall initiate such proceeding within seven (7) calendar days of denying CLEC's request (by written notice) to unbundle Dark Fiber where such fiber is available. In this proceeding, Qwest shall not object to using the most expeditious procedure available under state law, rule or regulation. Qwest shall be relieved of its unbundling obligations, related to the specific Dark Fiber at issue, pending the proceeding before the Commission. If Qwest fails to initiate such pending proceeding within such seven (7) day period, CLEC's request to unbundle Dark Fiber shall be reinstated and the ordering and provisioning processes of Section 9.7.3 shall continue.

9.7.2.6 Qwest will provide CLEC with access to the deployed Dark Fiber in its network in either single-mode or multi-mode. During the inquiry process, Qwest will inform CLEC of the availability of single-mode and multi-mode fiber.

9.7.2.7 Specifications, interfaces and parameters for Dark Fiber are described in Qwest's Technical Publication 77383.

9.7.2.8 CLEC is responsible for trouble isolation before reporting trouble to Qwest.

9.7.2.9 CLEC shall not use UDF as a substitute for special or switched access services, except to the extent CLEC provides "a significant amount of local exchange traffic" to its end users over the UDF as set forth by the FCC (See 9.23.3.7.2).

9.7.2.10 Upon thirty (30) calendar days notification to CLEC, Qwest may initiate a proceeding to reclaim Dark Fiber strands from CLEC that were not serving end user customers at the time of Qwest's notice to CLEC. In such proceeding, Qwest shall have the burden to prove that Qwest needs such fiber strands in order to meet its carrier of last resort obligations as established by any regulatory authority. In such proceeding, CLEC shall not object to using the most expeditious procedure available under state law, rule or regulation. CLEC shall be entitled to retain such strands of UDF for any purpose permitted under this Agreement pending the proceeding before the Commission; provided, however, that such use shall be at CLEC's sole risk of any reclamation approved by the Commission, including the risk of termination of service to end user customers. CLEC may designate five percent (5%) of its fibers along a fiber cable segment, or two (2) strands, whichever is greater, for maintenance spare, which fibers or strands are not subject to the reclamation requirements in this paragraph.

9.7.2.11 Reserved for Future Use

9.7.2.12 CLEC must have established Collocation or other technically feasible means of network demarcation pursuant to section 9.1.4 of this Agreement at both terminating points of the UDF-IOF or at the Serving Wire Center of either the UDF-Loop or the E-UDF unless Loop and transport combinations are ordered. Qwest will provide fiber cross connects at the Serving Wire Center to connect UDF-Loop or E-UDF with the UDF-IOF if such elements are ordered in combination. No Collocation is required in intermediate central offices within a UDF or at central offices where CLEC's UDFs are cross connected. CLEC has no access to UDF at those intermediate central offices.

9.7.2.12.1 CLEC-to-CLEC connections with UDF for the mutual exchange of traffic is permissible pursuant to the provisions in Section 9.7.

9.7.2.13 For UDF-Loop, CLEC is responsible for all work activities at the end user premises. All negotiations with the premises end user and or premises owner are solely the responsibility of CLEC.

9.7.2.14 For a UDF-Loop terminating at an existing end user premises FDP, Qwest will provide to CLEC an optical "jumper", not to exceed thirty (30) feet in length, connected to the Qwest UDF-Loop FDP.

9.7.2.15 The Remote Collocation provisions and §9.3.8.1 of this Agreement apply where CLEC needs to gain access to UDF at an outside plant structure.

9.7.2.16 CLEC will incur all costs associated with disconnecting the UDF from its side of the network demarcation point.

9.7.2.17 Qwest and CLEC will jointly participate in continuity testing within the provisioning interval established in Exhibit C. Qwest and CLEC must coordinate on the date and time for this continuity testing. As part of their respective duties regarding this continuity test, Qwest shall furnish a light detector at one termination point of the UDF, and CLEC shall furnish light generating equipment at the other termination point of the

UDF as described below:

9.7.2.17.1 UDF-IOF: Qwest and CLEC shall mutually agree on the Wire Center at which Qwest must provide a light detector and the Wire Center at which CLEC must provide light generating equipment.

9.7.2.17.2 UDF-Loop: Qwest will provide the light detector at the Serving Wire Center, and CLEC will provide the light generating equipment at the appropriate outside plant structure or end user customer premises.

9.7.2.17.3 E-UDF: Qwest will provide the light detector at the Serving Wire Center, and CLEC will provide the light generating equipment at the CLEC Wire Center.

9.7.2.18 If, within ten (10) days of the date Qwest provisioned an order for UDF, CLEC demonstrates that the UDF pair(s) provisioned over requested route do not meet the minimum parameters set forth in Technical Publication 77383, and if the trouble is in the Qwest UDF facility, not due to fault on the part of CLEC, then Qwest will at no additional cost, attempt to repair the UDF as it relates to Qwest cross connects and jumpers. If Qwest cannot repair the UDF to the minimum parameters set forth in Technical Publication 77383, Qwest will replace the UDF if suitable UDF pair(s) are available, at no additional nonrecurring charge. If Qwest cannot replace the UDF upon receipt of a CLEC disconnect order, Qwest will refund the nonrecurring charges associated with the provisioning excluding IRI, FVQP and Field Verification and will discontinue all recurring charges.

9.7.2.19 Qwest shall allow CLEC's to access UDF Loops, or sections of UDF Loops, at accessible terminals including FDPS or equivalent in the central office, customer premises or at Qwest owned outside plant location (e.g. CEV, RT or hut).

9.7.2.20 Qwest shall allow CLEC to access Dark Fiber that is a part of a meet point arrangement between Qwest and another Local Exchange Carrier if CLEC has an Interconnection agreement containing access to Dark Fiber with the connecting Local Exchange Carrier. Qwest rates, terms and conditions shall apply to the percentage of the route owned by Qwest.

9.7.3 Ordering Processes

Ordering processes and installation intervals are as follows:

9.7.3.1 The first step of the UDF ordering process is the inquiry process. The UDF inquiry is used to determine the availability of UDF between any two requested locations: between two (2) Qwest Wire Centers, between a Qwest Wire Center and an end user premises, or between a Qwest Wire Center and an appropriate outside plant structure, or a Qwest Wire Center and a CLEC Wire Center.

9.7.3.1.1 CLEC must submit a UDF inquiry through its account team. CLEC must specify the two (2) locations and the number of fibers requested.

9.7.3.1.2 Qwest will notify CLEC, within the interval set forth in Exhibit C of this Agreement, that: (i) UDF is available to satisfy CLEC's request, (ii) UDF is

not available to satisfy CLEC's request; or (iii) Qwest, in writing, denies CLEC's request pursuant to Section 9.7.2.5 (b), Qwest shall provide written notice of denials pursuant to (iii) above.

9.7.3.1.3 If there is UDF available, the UDF Inquiry Response will contain up to five (5) available UDF routes between the CLEC-specified end locations. If additional routes are available, Qwest will notify CLEC that such additional routes exist and negotiate how that additional information will be made available.

9.7.3.2 CLEC will establish network demarcation points to accommodate UDF optical terminations via Collocation or other technically feasible means or network demarcation pursuant to Section 9.1.4 of this Agreement. If Collocation and or other network demarcation arrangements have not been completed, CLEC must have obtained preliminary APOT address information (CFA – Carrier Facility Assignment) for its network demarcation points in each Qwest Wire Center where the UDF terminates prior to placing an order for UDF. When preliminary APOT has been established and delivered to CLEC, Qwest can begin processing the UDF provisioning order upon receipt of the UDF provisioning request. If the preliminary APOT address is changed by CLEC, a new provisioning time line for UDF must be established.

9.7.3.3 Based on the CLEC request (UDF-Loop, UDF-IOF or E -UDF), there are two (2) possible termination scenarios.

9.7.3.3.1 Termination at an Outside Plant Structure: If CLEC requests UDF-Loop going to an outside plant structure such as a Controlled Environmental Vault (CEV), or Remote Terminal (RT), the Remote Collocation provisions of this Agreement will apply. Qwest will prepare and submit to CLEC a quote along with the original Field Verification Quote Preparation form (FVQP) within the interval set forth in Exhibit C. Quotes are on an Individual Case Basis (ICB) and will include costs and an interval in accordance with Exhibit C.

9.7.3.3.2 Reserved for Future Use

9.7.3.3.3 Termination at Qwest Wire Center, End-user Premises or CLEC Wire Center: If spare fiber is available, and CLEC chooses to proceed, and the request is for UDF-IOF, UDF-Loop going to an end user premises, or E-UDF going to a CLEC Wire Center, Qwest will begin the provisioning process upon notification from CLEC to proceed and the receipt of fifty percent (50%) of the nonrecurring charges. The notification to proceed is accomplished by completing, signing and returning the original inquiry request to the account manager. Provisioning intervals for this type of request are set forth in Exhibit C. CLEC will be notified that provisioning is complete and the remaining nonrecurring charges and associated recurring charges will be billed.

9.7.3.4 An order may be canceled any time up to and including the service date. Cancellation charges will apply.

9.7.3.5 CLEC may reserve Dark Fiber for CLEC during Collocation builds. Prior to reserving space, CLEC must place an inquiry pursuant to section 9.7.3.1 of this Agreement and receive a UDF Inquiry Response that reflects that the route to be reserved is available. CLEC is also strongly encouraged to request a Field Verification

that the route to be reserved is available. If CLEC does not obtain Field Verification, CLEC assumes the risk that records upon which the UDF Inquiry Response is based may be in error. CLEC may reserve UDF for thirty (30), sixty (60), or ninety (90) days. CLEC may extend or renew reservations if there is delay in completion of the Collocation build. All applicable UDF recurring charges specified in sections 9.7.5.2 will be assessed at the commencement of the reservation. Nonrecurring charges for provisioning and cross connects will be assessed at the time of installation.

9.7.4 Maintenance and Repair

9.7.4.1 The Parties will perform cooperative testing and trouble isolation to identify where trouble points exist. CLEC cross connections will be repaired by CLEC and Qwest cross connections will be repaired by Qwest. Maintenance and Repair processes are contained in the Support Functions Section of this Agreement

9.7.4.2 If it is determined that the UDF does not meet the minimum parameters of Technical Publication 77383 without fault of CLEC, and if the trouble is in the Qwest UDF facility, then Qwest will attempt to repair the UDF as it relates to Qwest cross connects and jumper at no additional cost. If Qwest cannot repair the UDF to the minimum parameters set forth in Technical Publication 77383, then Qwest will replace the UDF at no additional cost if suitable UDF pair(s) are available. If Qwest cannot replace the UDF with available pairs, then it, upon receipt of a CLEC disconnect order, will discontinue the recurring charges effective as of the date of the commencement of the trouble.

9.7.5 Rate Elements

9.7.5.1 Dark Fiber rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement and include the following elements:

a) Initial Records Inquiry (IRI). This rate element is a pre-order work effort that investigates the availability of UDF. This is a one-time charge for each route check requested by CLEC. A simple IRI determines if UDF is available between two Qwest Wire Centers or between a Qwest Wire Center and Qwest customer premises. A complex IRI determines if UDF is available between a Qwest Wire Center and an outside structure (CEV, Hut, etc.) along the Loop fiber route. Qwest will bill CLEC the IRI immediately upon receipt of the inquiry. The IRI is a record search and does not guarantee the availability of UDF.

b) Field Verification and Quote Preparation (FVQP). This rate element is a pre-order work effort to estimate the cost of providing UDF access to CLEC at locations other than Qwest Wire Centers or an end user premises. Qwest will prepare a quote which will explain what work activities, timeframes, and costs are associated with providing access to this FDP location. This quote will be good for thirty (30) calendar days. The FVQP is not necessary when the request is between Qwest Wire Centers or between a Qwest Wire Center and customer premises (i.e., IRI). If FVQP is applicable pursuant to this section and CLEC orders UDF that has been reserved after a Field Verification has been performed, then the charge for FVQP will be reduced by the amount of the Field Verification charge assessed in the context of the reservation.

- c) **Field Verification.** This rate element is a work effort performed at CLEC's option before placing a request to reserve UDF to verify the availability of UDF that CLEC desires to reserve.

9.7.5.2 The following rate elements are used once the availability of UDF has been established and CLEC chooses to access UDF.

9.7.5.2.1 Unbundled Dark Fiber - IOF Rate Elements

- a) **UDF-IOF Termination (Fixed) Rate Element.** This rate element is a recurring rate element and provides a termination at the interoffice FDP within the Qwest Wire Center. Two UDF-IOF terminations apply per pair. Termination charges apply for each intermediate office terminating at an FDP or like cross connect point.
- b) **UDF-IOF Fiber Transport, (Per Pair) Rate Element.** This rate element has both a recurring and a nonrecurring component and applies per pair. This rate element provides a transmission path between Qwest Wire Centers. The recurring component of this rate element is mileage sensitive based on the route miles of the UDF rounded up to the next mile.
- c) **UDF-IOF Fiber Cross-Connect Rate Element.** This rate element has both a recurring and nonrecurring component and is used to extend the optical connection from the IOF FDP to CLEC's optical demarcation point (ICDF). A minimum of two (2) UDF-IOF fiber cross connects apply per pair. Cross-connect charges apply for each intermediate office terminating at an FDP or like cross connect point. The nonrecurring rate will not be charged for cross connects already in place prior to CLEC's order for UDF-IOF.

9.7.5.2.2 Unbundled Dark Fiber - Loop Rate Elements

- a) **UDF-Loop Termination (Fixed) Rate Element.** This rate element is a recurring rate element and provides a termination at the interoffice FDP within the Qwest Wire Center and at either the customer premises or an appropriate outside plant structure. Two UDF-Loop terminations apply per pair.
- b) **UDF-Loop Fiber (Per Pair) Rate Element.** This rate element has both a recurring and a nonrecurring component, and it applies per pair. This rate element provides a transmission path between the Qwest Serving Wire Center and either the customer premises or an appropriate outside plant structure.
- c) **UDF-Loop Fiber Cross-Connect Rate Element.** This rate element has both a recurring and nonrecurring component, is applied per pair, and is used to extend the optical connection from FDP to FDP. The nonrecurring rate will not be charged for cross connects already in place prior to CLEC's order for UDF-Loop.

9.7.5.2.3 Extended Unbundled Dark Fiber Rate Elements

- a) E-UDF Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This rate element is a recurring rate element and provides a termination at the interoffice FDP within the Qwest Wire Center and at the CLEC Wire Center. Two E-UDF terminations apply per pair.
- b) E-UDF Fiber (Per Pair) Rate Element. This rate element has both a recurring and a nonrecurring component, and it applies per pair. This rate element provides a transmission path between the Qwest Serving Wire Center and the CLEC Wire Center.
- c) E-UDF Fiber Cross-Connect Rate Element. This rate element has both a recurring and nonrecurring component, is applied per pair, and is used to extend the optical connection from FDP to FDP. The nonrecurring rate will not be charged for cross connects already in place prior to CLEC's order for E-UDF.

9.8 Shared Interoffice Transport

9.8.1 Description

9.8.1.1 Shared Transport is defined as interoffice transmission facilities shared by more than one carrier, including Qwest, between End Office Switches, between End Office Switches and tandem switches (local and access tandems), and between tandem switches.

9.8.2 Terms and Conditions

9.8.2.1 Shared Transport is only provided with Unbundled Local Switch Ports and Unbundled Network Element-Platform (UNE-P), as described in the UNE Combinations Section. The existing routing tables resident in the switch will direct both Qwest and CLEC traffic over Qwest's interoffice message trunk network.

9.8.2.2 CLEC may custom route operator services or directory assistance calls to unique operator services/directory services trunks.

9.8.2.3 Qwest has the following obligations with respect to Shared Transport:

- a) Provide Shared Transport in a way that enables the traffic of CLEC to be carried on the same transport facilities that Qwest uses for its own traffic.
- b) Provide Shared Transport transmission facilities between End Office Switches, between end office and tandem switches, and between tandem switches in its network.
- c) Permit CLEC that purchases unbundled Shared Transport and unbundled switching to use the same routing table that is resident in Qwest's switch.
- d) Permit CLEC to use shared (or dedicated) transport as an unbundled element to carry originating access traffic from, and terminating to, customers to

whom CLEC provides Local Exchange Service.

9.8.3 Rate Elements

9.8.3.1 Shared Transport will be billed on a minute-of-use basis in accordance with the UNE rates described in Exhibit A.

9.8.4 Ordering Process

9.8.4.1 Shared Transport is ordered with Unbundled Line Port and Unbundled Local Switching via the LSR process. Shared transport is assumed to be the choice of routing when ordering a port, unless specified differently by CLEC. Installation intervals are incorporated in the Unbundled Line Port and are listed in the PCAT.

9.8.5 Maintenance and Repair

9.8.5.1 Maintenance and Repair are the sole responsibility of Qwest.

9.9 Unbundled Customer Controlled Rearrangement Element (UCCRE)

Qwest shall provide Unbundled Customer Controlled Rearrangement Element (UCCRE) in a non-discriminatory manner according to the following terms and conditions.

9.9.1 Description

9.9.1.1 Unbundled Customer Controlled Rearrangement Element (UCCRE) provides the means by which CLEC controls the configuration of Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) or ancillary services on a near real time basis through a digital cross connect device. UCCRE utilizes the Digital Cross-Connect System (DCS). UCCRE is available in Qwest Wire Centers that contain a DCS and such DCS is UCCRE compatible.

9.9.2 Terms and Conditions

9.9.2.1 DCS ports are DS1, DS3 and Virtual Ports (Virtual Ports are for connecting one end user to another). The DCS port is connected to the demarcation point using tie cables via the appropriate DSX cross connect panel. The DSX panel serves both as a "Design-To" point and a network interface at the DCS. CLEC is responsible for designing to the "Design-To" point. CLEC may connect the UCCRE ports to its elements or CLEC designated equipment. If CLEC desires DS0 port functionality, CLEC will order a DS1 UCCRE port and provide its own multiplexer (or DS1 UDIT multiplexers) and connect them together. This combination will form the equivalent of 24 DS0-level ports.

9.9.2.2 The reconfiguration of the service is accomplished at the DS0 signal level. Reconfiguration of these services can be accomplished through two methods: Dial Up or Attendant Access.

9.9.2.2.1 Dial Up Access. Qwest will provide access to mutually agreed upon UCCRE points in those offices where UCCRE is available. Qwest will provide and engineer this service in the same manner that it is currently provided to Qwest's end users.

9.9.2.2.2 Attendant Access. When CLEC requests Qwest to make changes on its behalf, an attendant access charge will apply per transaction.

9.9.3 Rate Elements

9.9.3.1 Recurring rate elements include:

- 9.9.3.1.1 DS1 Port;
- 9.9.3.1.2 DS3 Port;
- 9.9.3.1.3 Dial Up Access; and
- 9.9.3.1.4 Attendant Access.

9.9.3.2 Nonrecurring rate elements include:

- 9.9.3.2.1 DS1 Port;
- 9.9.3.2.2 DS3 Port; and
- 9.9.3.2.3 Virtual Ports.

9.9.4 Ordering Process

9.9.4.1 Ordering processes and installation intervals are specified in Exhibit C of this Agreement and are the same as specified in the UNEs - UDIT Section. UCCRE is ordered via the ASR process.

9.9.4.2 UCCRE is ordered with the Basic Installation option. Qwest will begin the work activity on the negotiated due date and notify CLEC when the work activity is complete. Test results performed by Qwest are not provided to CLEC.

9.10 Local Tandem Switching

Qwest shall provide access to local tandem switching in a non-discriminatory manner according to the following terms and conditions.

9.10.1 Description

9.10.1.1 Access to local tandem switching includes the facilities connecting the trunk distribution frames to the switch and all the features, functions, and capabilities of the switch itself, including those facilities that establish a temporary transmission path between two other switches, but does not include the transport needed to complete the call. The local tandem switching element also includes the features, functions, and capabilities that are centralized in local tandem switches and their adjuncts, if any, rather than in separate end-office switches.

9.10.1.2 In the event that a Qwest Wire Center subtends only an access tandem, and does not subtend a local tandem, Qwest will provide unbundled access to such access tandem.

9.10.2 Terms and Conditions

9.10.2.1 If CLEC obtains its local tandem switching from a third party tandem provider, tandem-to-tandem connections will be required between Qwest and the third party tandem provider. The tandem-to-tandem connections must be local Interconnection trunk-type connections, and will be provided by CLEC. CLEC may provide the trunks itself, purchase them from a third party, or may purchase them from Qwest.

9.10.2.2 The requirement to provide access to unbundled local tandem switching includes: (i) trunk-connect facilities, including but not limited to the connection between trunk termination at a cross connect panel and a switch trunk card; (ii) the base switching function of connecting trunks to trunks; and (iii) the feature, functions, and capabilities that are centralized in local tandem switches and their adjuncts, if any (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. Qwest shall unbundle access to call recording equipment in a Qwest local tandem.

9.10.3 Rate Elements

9.10.3.1 A DS1 Tandem Trunk Port is a 4-wire DS1 trunk side switch port terminating at a DS1 demarcation point and incurs a nonrecurring charge. Each DS1 Tandem Trunk Port includes a subset of 24 DS0 channels capable of supporting local message type traffic and incurs a nonrecurring charge to establish trunk group members.

9.10.3.2 Use of local tandem switching is billed on an originating per minute of use basis.

9.10.4 Ordering Process

9.10.4.1 Requests for DS1 Tandem Trunk Port(s) must be followed by separate order(s) to channelize trunk ports into DS0 trunk group and members as defined in the UNEs – UDIT Section of this Agreement.

9.10.5 Maintenance and Repair

9.10.5.1 The Parties will perform cooperative testing and trouble isolation to identify where trouble points exist. CLEC cross connections will be repaired by CLEC and Qwest cross connections will be repaired by Qwest. Maintenance and Repair processes are contained in the Support Functions Section of this Agreement.

9.11 Local Switching

Qwest shall provide access to Unbundled Local Switching in a non-discriminatory manner according to the following terms and conditions.

9.11.1 Description

9.11.1.1 Access to Unbundled Local Switching encompasses line-side and trunk-side facilities, plus the features, functions, and capabilities of the switch. The features,

functions, and capabilities of the switch include the basic switching function, as well as the same basic capabilities that are available to Qwest's end user customers. Unbundled Local Switching also includes access to all vertical features that the switch is capable of providing, as well as any technically-feasible customized routing functions. Moreover, CLEC may purchase Unbundled Local Switching in a manner that permits CLEC to offer exchange access and termination of EAS/local traffic.

9.11.1.1.1 CLEC is not required to use Qwest's directory assistance services or operator services with its Unbundled Local Switching elements or UNE-P Combinations. CLEC may arrange to provide access to its own, or to a third party's, directory assistance or operator services platform with its unbundled switching elements and UNE-P Combinations.

9.11.1.1.2 Qwest offers access to GR-303 features and functionalities as outlined in this Section. As a condition of this virtual access, CLEC must deploy a Remote Digital Terminal (RT) "hosted" by a GR-303 capable Qwest switch. Under this architecture, and dependent on the existence and availability of GR-303 in any given office, a CLEC may deploy any compatible GR-303 remote terminal under the following conditions:

9.11.1.1.2.1 The Qwest central office must have existing GR-303 capability with spare capacity available for use by CLEC. In addition, while CLEC may deploy its choice of Remote Terminal, it must be compatible with the existing Qwest GR-303 interface.

9.11.1.1.2.2 The transport between the Qwest switch and the CLEC RT may be purchased from Qwest or provided by CLEC. If transport is provided by Qwest, the demarcation point will be at a physical cross connect point at the RT. If transport is provided by CLEC, the demarcation point will be at a physical cross connect in the Qwest central office.

9.11.1.1.2.3 Concentration levels will be in keeping with Qwest's current standard of 4:1 at the switch. The specific concentration ratios to be applied to the RTs will be determined on a case by case basis.

9.11.1.1.2.4 The TR-057 interface at the RT will be disabled. This interface enables the universal DLC applications and offers access to the OSS, provisioning, and performance monitoring systems from the RT. By disabling the TR-057 interface, Qwest ensures that it retains the physical and logical administration of the GR-303 interface and that security and system integrity concerns are minimized.

9.11.1.1.2.5 All traffic must be delivered at 64 clear channel. (i.e. voice compression will not be allowed).

9.11.1.1.2.6 GR-303 was designed for the delivery of circuit switched voice traffic as such, packetized traffic will not be accepted.

9.11.1.1.2.7 While Qwest will retain administration of the DLC, CLEC will be responsible for all traffic management. Changes in

provisioning will be made only at the request of CLEC. CLEC will be allowed to view channel availability and monitor traffic and blocking levels at the RT via a man-to-machine interface (MMI). The CLEC will not have the ability to make any changes as all provisioning will be done solely by Qwest at CLEC's request.

9.11.1.1.2.8 The parties will be responsible for the repair and maintenance of facilities on their side of the demarcation point. It is assumed that this will be done in an as yet undeveloped cooperative manner.

9.11.1.1.2.9 This specific network architecture option for virtual access to the GR-303 interface listed in this section is available via the Special Request Process (SRP). Any request that materially deviates from the language in this section regarding access to the GR-303 interface must be submitted via the Bona Fide Request (BFR) process.

9.11.1.2 Qwest's trunk ports are utilized to access routing tables resident in Qwest's switch, as necessary to provide access to shared transport. Shared transport is described earlier in this Section of this Agreement.

9.11.1.3 Unbundled Local Switching also permits CLEC to purchase a dedicated trunk port on the local switch. CLEC may direct originating traffic to such a dedicated trunk via customized routing.

9.11.1.3.1 Vertical features are software attributes on End Office Switches. Vertical features are available separately and are listed in Exhibit E of this Agreement. The Special Request Process contained in Exhibit F of the Agreement shall be used when ordering the activation and/or loading of vertical features on a switch, that are not currently activated or loaded on the switch. If features that are loaded on Qwest's switch(es) are migrated to AIN for Qwest's own use, the switch software for such features will be retained on the Qwest switch(es) for the use of CLEC and CLECs end user customers.

9.11.1.4 Line ports include:

- a) Analog Line Port; and
- b) Digital Line Port.

9.11.1.5 Trunk ports include but are not limited to:

- a) DS1 Trunk Port (including Local Message);
- b) PRI ISDN Trunk Port;
- c) DID/PBX Trunk Port;
- d) DS3 Trunk Port (including Local Message) may be requested by CLEC via the Special Request Process contained in Exhibit F of this Agreement; and

e) OCN Trunk Port (including Local Message) may be requested by CLEC via the Special Request Process contained in Exhibit F of this Agreement.

9.11.1.6 The following are attributes of line ports consistent with State Commission Rules and include but are not limited to:

- 9.11.1.6.1 Telephone number
- 9.11.1.6.2 Directory Listing
- 9.11.1.6.3 Dial Tone
- 9.11.1.6.4 Signaling (Loop or ground start)
- 9.11.1.6.5 On/Off Hook Detection;
- 9.11.1.6.6 Audible and Power Ringing
- 9.11.1.6.7 Automatic Message Accounting (AMA Recording);
- 9.11.1.6.8 Access to 911, Operator Services, and Directory Assistance; and
- 9.11.1.6.9 Blocking Options.

9.11.1.7 Analog Line Port. The analog line port is a two wire interface on the line-side of the End Office Switch that is extended to the MDF. A separate ITP must be ordered for each analog line-side port to provide the connection from the MDF to the demarcation point. The analog line port enables CLEC to access vertical features.

9.11.1.8 Reserved for Future Use

9.11.1.9 Digital Line Side Port (Supporting BRI ISDN)

9.11.1.9.1 Basic Rate Interface Integrated Services Digital Network (BRI ISDN) is a digital architecture that provides integrated voice and data capability (2 wire). A BRI ISDN Port is a Digital 2B+D (2 Bearer Channels for voice or data and 1 Delta Channel for signaling and D Channel Packet) line-side switch connection with BRI ISDN voice and data basic elements. For flexibility and customization, optional features can be added. BRI ISDN Port does not offer B Channel Packet service capabilities. The serving arrangement conforms to the internationally developed, published, and recognized standards generated by International Telegraph and Telephone Union (formerly CCITT).

9.11.1.9.2 Reserved for Future Use

9.11.1.10 Digital Trunk Ports

9.11.1.10.1 DS1 Local Message Trunk Port (Supporting Local Message Traffic). A DS1 Trunk Port is a DS1 trunk side switch port that is extended to the trunk main distributing frame and is connected to the demarcation point through an ITP. Each DS1 Trunk Port includes a subset of 24 DS0 channels capable of supporting local message type traffic. Requests for

DS1 Trunk Port(s) must be followed by a separate order for a Message Trunk Group, as further described in this Section.

9.11.1.10.2 Message Trunk Group. A Message Trunk Group is a software feature that establishes the trunk group and its associated trunk members. Signaling and addressing attributes are defined at the group level. Trunk members may be associated with individual channels of the DS1 Trunk Port.

9.11.1.10.3 Requests for establishing new outgoing and two-way Message Trunk Groups must be coordinated with and followed by requests for Customized Routing. Incoming only trunk groups do not require Custom Routing.

9.11.1.11 Unbundled DS1 PRI ISDN Trunk Port (Supporting DID/DOD/PBX). A DS1 trunk Port is a DS1 trunk-side switch port terminated at a DSX1 or equivalent. Each DS1 Trunk Port includes a subset of 24 DS0 channels capable of supporting DID/DOD/PBX type traffic. Requests for DS1 Trunk Port(s) must be followed by separate order(s) to establish new Trunk Group(s) or to augment existing Trunk Group(s).

9.11.1.11.1 Digital PRI ISDN Trunk Port. A Digital Trunk PRI ISDN Port is a four wire DS1 with connection at the DSX-1 bay (or equivalent). Digital Trunk DS1 activation is a logical subset or channel of a DS1 facility port.

9.11.1.11.1.1 PRI ISDN Trunk Ports are provisioned at a DS1 level. B-channels are provisioned to transmit information such as voice, circuit switched data, or video. A D-channel is provisioned to carry the control or signaling on a 64kbit(s) channel.

9.11.1.11.1.2 PRI Trunk Port requires a digital four-wire full duplex transmission path between ISDN capable Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) and a PRI ISDN- equipped Qwest central office.

9.11.1.11.1.3 The PRI central office trunk port is a DS1 which provides 24 64kbps channels. This product is dedicated call type of PRI with Custom protocol, up to 23 of the channels may be used as 64kbps B channels. The 24th channel must be configured as a D channel, which will carry the signaling and control information. The B channels transmit voice and data or Circuit Switched Data (only).

9.11.1.11.1.4 Reserved for Future Use

9.11.1.11.1.5 PRI ISDN includes 2-way DID functionality. DID is a special trunking arrangement that permits incoming calls from the exchange network to reach a specific PBX station directly without attendant assistance.

9.11.1.11.1.6 DID service is offered with an analog or digital 2-way. If digital, the individual DS0's are 2-way trunks using advanced service that requires DID ports.

9.11.1.11.1.7 The 23B+D Trunk Port configuration provides Ports for 23B-channels and 1 D-channel.

9.11.1.11.1.8 The 24-B Trunk Port configuration provides 24 B-channels on a DS1 Port. The signaling information is provided by the D-channel on the first D-channel Port.

9.11.1.11.1.9 The 23B Backup D Trunk Port configuration provides 23 B-channels and a backup D-channel Port is used if the primary D-channel Port fails.

9.11.1.12 Analog Trunk Ports

9.11.1.12.1 DS0 Analog Trunk Ports can be configured as DID, DOD, and Two-way.

9.11.1.12.2 Analog Trunk Ports provide a 2-Way Analog Trunk with DID, E&M Signaling and 2-Wire or 4-Wire connections. This trunk side connection inherently includes hunting within the trunk group.

9.11.1.12.3 All trunks are designed as 4-Wire leaving the central office. For 2-Wire service, the trunks are converted at the customer's location.

9.11.1.12.4 Two-way Analog DID Trunks are capable of initiating out going calls, and may be equipped with either rotary or Touch-tone (DTMF) for this purpose. When the trunk is equipped with DID Call Transfer feature, both the trunk and telephone instruments must be equipped with DTMF.

9.11.1.12.5 Two-way Analog DID Trunks require E&M signaling. Qwest will use Type I and II E&M signaling to provide these trunks to the PBX. Type II E&M signaling from Qwest to the PBX will be handled as a Special Assembly request, through the Special Request Process (SRP) as provided for in Exhibit F to this Agreement.

9.11.2 Terms and Conditions

9.11.2.1 CLEC may purchase access to all vertical features that are loaded in Qwest's End Office Switch. CLEC may request features that are not activated and/or not loaded in a Qwest End Office Switch utilizing the Special Request Process contained in Exhibit F of this Agreement. If CLEC requests activation and/or loading of features in a switch, appropriate recurring and nonrecurring charges will apply. Features provided through AIN capabilities in Qwest's signaling network are not available.

9.11.2.2 Local switch ports include CLEC use of Qwest's signaling network for traffic originated from the line-side switching port. CLEC access to the Qwest signaling network shall be of substantially the same quality as the access that Qwest uses to provide service to its own end user customers.

9.11.2.3 CLEC shall be responsible for updating the 911/E911 database through Qwest's third party database provider for any unbundled switch port ordered. Additional 911/E911 provisions are contained in the Ancillary Services Section of this Agreement.

9.11.2.4 The line-side port includes the connection between the End Office Switch and the MDF. The connection from the MDF to the demarcation point shall be an ITP provided by Qwest pursuant to the rates in Exhibit A. The trunk-side port includes the connection between the End Office Switch and the TMDF. The connection from the TMDF to the demarcation point shall be an ITP provided by Qwest pursuant to the rates in Exhibit A. The demarcation point for line-side and trunk-side ports shall be as described earlier in this Section.

9.11.2.5 Unbundled Local Switching does not constitute a UNE, and is therefore not available at UNE rates, when CLECs end user customer to be served with Unbundled Local Switching has four (4) access lines or more and the lines are located in density zone 1 in specified Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). Unbundled Local Switching is available at market-based rates when CLECs end user customer to be served with Unbundled Local Switching has four (4) or more access lines and the lines are located in density zone 1 in specified MSAs. This exception applies to density zone 1 as it was defined by Qwest on January 1, 1999.

9.11.2.5.1 For the purposes of the above paragraph, the following Wire Centers constitute density zone 1 in each of the specified MSAs:

MSA	CLLI	Wire Center Name
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9.11.2.5.1.1 For end user customers located within the Wire Center specified above, CLEC will determine whether end user customers it intends to serve with UNEs have four access lines or more in advance of submitting an order to Qwest for Unbundled Local Switching at UNE rates. If the end user customer is served by four access lines or more, CLEC will not submit an order to Qwest for Unbundled Local Switching at UNE rates.

9.11.2.5.2 This exclusion will be calculated using the number of DS0-equivalent access lines CLEC intends to serve an end user customer within a Wire Center specified above.

9.11.2.5.3 Reserved for Future Use

9.11.2.5.4 Only dial-tone lines shall be used in counting the exclusion. Private line type data lines, alarm or security lines, or any other type of non-dial-tone lines shall not be used in the count.

9.11.2.5.5 The high frequency portion of a Loop shall not count as a second line.

9.11.2.5.6 End-user customers shall be considered individually in MDU buildings or any other multiple use or high-rise building or campus configuration, as long as they are individually billed as the customer of record.

9.11.2.5.7 CLEC may order new Unbundled Local Switching or UNE-P Combinations in quantities that exceed three (3). If CLEC orders four (4) or more such Unbundled Local Switching elements or UNE-P Combinations for an individual end user customer within the Wire Center(s) identified above in this section, market-based rates for the Unbundled Local Switching elements or for the unbundled switching component of the UNE-P service as provided in Exhibit

A to this Agreement shall apply.

9.11.2.5.7.1 When a CLEC's end user customer with three (3) lines or fewer served by UNE-P or unbundled switching adds lines so that it has four (4) or more lines, CLEC shall do one of the following regarding the original three (3) Unbundled Local Switching elements or UNE-P lines within sixty (60) days from the date the fourth line is added: 1) CLEC may retain such unbundled switching lines at a market-based rate or retain such UNE-P lines as UNE-P Combinations with a market-based rate for the unbundled switching component shown in Exhibit A of this Agreement; or 2) CLEC shall convert such lines from UNE-P lines or unbundled switching elements to resold services or other appropriate arrangement.

9.11.2.5.8 A BRI ISDN line counts as one line.

9.11.2.6 CLEC must order DID numbers in blocks of 20. One primary directory listing in the main directory is provided for each PBX system.

9.11.2.7 CLEC is required to subscribe to a sufficient number of trunk ports to adequately handle volume of incoming calls.

9.11.2.8 Additional line or trunk features not offered with the basic DID/PBX product, are available to CLEC on an Individual Case Basis.

9.11.2.9 Additional arrangements not offered with the basic PRI product are available to CLEC on an Individual Case Basis.

9.11.2.10 Qwest will provide access to Centrex Customer Management System (CMS) with unbundled switching.

9.11.2.11 Qwest will comply with the FCC's Open Network Architecture (ONA) rules for Network Disclosure. Should the ONA rules be modified so that Network Disclosure is no longer required, this Agreement shall be modified to include provision for disclosure of network interface changes.

9.11.3 Rate Elements

9.11.3.1 Each port type described above will have a separate associated port charge, including monthly recurring charges and one-time nonrecurring charges which are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement. Exhibit A contains both the UNE rates and market rates for this component of unbundled local switching. UNE Rates apply unless the end user customer to be served has four access lines or more and the lines are located in density zone 1 in MSAs specified earlier in this UNE Section. In the latter circumstance, market rates apply.

9.11.3.2 The rate structure for PRI ISDN trunk ports includes a monthly Minute of Use (MOU) recurring charge for the basic PRI ISDN product (23B+D plus standard features). Nonrecurring charges are incurred for the trunk port, first trunk and each additional trunk.

9.11.3.3 Originating local usage will be measured and billed based on minutes of use. Exhibit A contains the UNE rates and the market rates for this component of Unbundled Local Switching. UNE Rates apply unless the end user customer to be served has four access lines or more and the lines are located in density zone 1 in MSAs specified earlier in this Section. In the latter circumstance, market rates apply.

9.11.3.4 Vertical features will be offered as options for Unbundled Local Switching at rates set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement. Exhibit A contains the UNE rates and the market rates for this component of Unbundled Local Switching. UNE Rates apply unless the end user customer to be served has four access lines or more and the lines are located in density zone 1 in MSAs specified earlier in this Section. In the latter circumstance, market rates apply.

9.11.3.5 Subsequent Order Charge. A subsequent order charge, as set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement, applies when CLEC orders additional vertical features to an existing port.

9.11.4 Ordering

9.11.4.1 Installation intervals for Unbundled Switch Ports and switch-activated Vertical features are contained in the Exhibit C. The interval will start when Qwest receives a complete and accurate Local Service Request/Access Service Request (LSR/ASR). This date is considered the start of the service interval if the order is received prior to 3:00 p.m. The service interval will begin on the next business day for service requests received after 3:00 p.m. This interval may be impacted by order volumes and load control considerations. The service intervals have been established and are set forth in Exhibit C to this Agreement.

9.11.4.2 Switch-activated vertical features shall be ordered using the LSR (Local Service Request) process as described in the PCAT.

9.11.4.3 Vertical features that are loaded in a switch, but not activated, shall be ordered using the Special Request Process set forth in Exhibit F. Qwest will provide the cost and timeframe for activation of the requested vertical feature(s) to CLEC within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of the Special Request.

9.11.4.4 Vertical features that are not loaded in a switch shall be ordered using the Special Request Process set forth in Exhibit F. Qwest will provide information to CLEC on the feasibility of providing the vertical feature(s) within 15 business days of receipt of the Special Request.

9.11.4.5 Unbundled local switch ports are required when ordering unbundled Shared Transport as described in the PCAT.

9.11.5 Usage Billing Information

9.11.5.1 Exchange Access Service(s)

Qwest shall provide CLEC with usage information necessary to bill for InterLATA and IntraLATA exchange access in the form of either the actual usage or a negotiated or state-approved surrogate for this information.

9.11.5.2 Retail Service(s)

Qwest shall provide CLEC with information necessary for CLEC to bill its end user customers in the form of the actual information that is comparable to the information Qwest uses to bill its own end user customers.

9.11.5.3 Local Usage

Qwest shall record and provide to CLEC local/EAS usage data for originating, but not terminating, local traffic, including but not limited to transit traffic. Until such time that Qwest provides CLEC with local/EAS usage data for terminating local traffic, Qwest shall not charge CLEC for terminating minutes of use.

9.12 Customized Routing

9.12.1 Description

9.12.1.1 Customized Routing permits CLEC to designate a particular outgoing trunk that will carry certain classes of traffic originating from CLEC's end users. Customized routing enables CLEC to direct particular classes of calls to particular outgoing trunks which will permit CLEC to self-provide or select among other providers of interoffice facilities, operator services and directory assistance. Customized routing is a software function of a switch. Customized Routing may be ordered as an application with Resale or Unbundled Local Switching.

9.12.1.2 CLEC may elect to route its end user customers' traffic in the same manner as Qwest routes its end user customers' calls using existing Qwest line class code(s). This option eliminates assignment and deployment charges applicable to new CLEC line class code(s) required for custom or unique CLEC routing requests, as described in this Section.

9.12.2 Terms and Conditions

9.12.2.1 Customized Routing will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

9.12.2.2 CLEC has two (2) options by which to route its end user customers' calls:

a) CLEC may elect to route all of its end user customers' calls in the same manner as Qwest routes its end user customers' calls. This option allows CLEC to use the same line class code(s) used by Qwest and thus eliminates line class code(s) and deployment charges to CLEC.

b) CLEC may elect to custom route its end user customers' calls differently than Qwest routes its end user traffic. CLEC may choose different routing by traffic type, by prefix, etc. In this option, there will be a charge for the establishment and deployment of a new CLEC line class code(s). If a CLEC line class code(s) was previously established and deployed at a particular end office, only a deployment charge will apply per new end office location.

9.12.2.3 In both option (a) and (b) above, CLEC shall provide comprehensive routing information associated with any routing request. Qwest will provide line class

code(s) to CLEC for inclusion in CLEC LSR (Local Service Request).

9.12.3 Rate Elements

9.12.3.1 Charges for development of a new CLEC line class code(s) for routing of Directory Assistance and Operator Services traffic is included in Exhibit A. All other custom routing arrangements shall be billed on an Individual Case Basis for each custom routed request.

9.12.3.2 Charges for the installation of new line class codes for custom routing arrangements for directory assistance and operator services traffic is included in Exhibit A. Installation charges for all other custom routing arrangements shall be billed on an Individual Case Basis for each switch in which the code is deployed.

9.12.4 Ordering Process

9.12.4.1 CLEC shall issue a Service Inquiry form detailing its routing and facility requirements prior to a pre-order meeting with Qwest. Refer to the New Customer Questionnaire contained in the PCAT for a copy of the Service Inquiry.

9.12.4.2 After the Service Inquiry form is completed and provided to Qwest, the pre-order meeting will be jointly established to provide Qwest with the comprehensive network plan, specific routing requirements and desired due dates.

9.12.4.3 Qwest will provide CLEC a detailed time and cost estimate thirty (30) business days after the pre-order meeting.

9.12.4.4 If custom routing is requested, CLEC shall submit a 50% deposit for the establishment and deployment of a new CLEC line class code(s). Qwest will assign a new CLEC line class code(s) and provide it to CLEC for inclusion in the LSR (Local Service Request) which CLEC will subsequently issue for deployment of the line class code(s) by Qwest.

9.12.4.5 If CLEC elects to route their end users' calls in the same manner in which Qwest routes its end user customers' calls, establishment and deployment charges for new CLEC line class code(s) will not apply. Qwest will assign existing Qwest line class code(s) and provide to CLEC for inclusion in the LSR (Local Service Request).

9.12.4.6 CLEC must place the associated trunk orders prior to the establishment or deployment of Line Class Codes in specific end offices.

9.12.5 Maintenance and Repair

Maintenance and Repair are the sole responsibility of Qwest. Reference the Maintenance and Repair processes contained in this Agreement.

9.13 Access to Signaling

9.13.1 Description

9.13.1.1 Qwest will provide CLEC with non-discriminatory access to signaling

networks, including signaling links and Signaling Transfer Points (STP), call-related databases and Service Management Systems (SMS) on an unbundled basis. The individual call-related databases and associated SMS are addressed in Sections 9.14 – 9.17. Access to Qwest's signaling network provides for the exchange of signaling information necessary to exchange traffic and access call-related databases. Signaling networks enable CLEC the ability to send SS7 messages between its switches and Qwest's switches, and between CLEC's switches and those third party networks with which Qwest's signaling network is connected. CLEC may access Qwest's signaling network from a CLEC switch via unbundled signaling and unbundled signaling transport elements between CLEC's switch and Qwest STPs. CLEC may access Qwest's signaling network from each of its switches via a signaling link pair between its switch and the Qwest STPs. CLEC may make such connection in the same manner as Qwest connects one of its own switches to STPs. Access to Qwest's signaling network for purposes of Interconnection and the exchange of traffic is addressed in Section 7. The Common Channel Signaling used by the Parties shall be Signaling System 7.

9.13.1.2 Common Channel Signaling Access Capability/Signaling System 7 (CCSAC/SS7) provides multiple pieces of signaling information via the SS7 network. This signaling information includes, but is not limited to, specific information regarding calls made on associated Feature Group D trunks and/or LIS trunks, Line Information Database (LIDB) data, Local Number Portability (LNP), Custom Local Area Signaling Services (CLASS), 8XX set up information, Call Set Up information and transient messages.

9.13.1.3 Optional features of CCSAC/SS7 are dependent on specific CLEC design requirements as well as the existence of adequate transport facilities. Transport facilities must be in place to accommodate Call Set Up of related Feature Group D and/or LIS messages, transient messages, and other ancillary services (e.g., LIDB data and 8XX set up information).

9.13.2 Terms and Conditions

9.13.2.1 All elements of the unbundled CCSAC/SS7 arrangement will be developed on an Individual Case Basis based on CLEC's design requirements. All of CLEC's unbundled design elements are subject to facility requirements identified below.

9.13.2.2 At a minimum, transport facilities must exist from CLEC's Point of Presence or Signaling Point of Interface (SPOI) to the identified Qwest STP location. Unbundled transport facilities to accommodate CCSAC/SS7 signaling may be developed using Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) as defined in Section 9.

9.13.2.3 CLEC's CCSAC/SS7 design requirements will include, but are not limited to:

9.13.2.3.1 STP Port - This element is the point of termination to the signal switching capabilities of the STP. Access to a Qwest STP Port is required at a DS0 level.

9.13.2.3.2 Specific Point Code detail including the identification of CLEC's Originating, Destination and Signaling Options (i.e., ISDN User Part [ISUP] or Transaction Capabilities Application Part [TCAP] requirements).

9.13.2.3.3 All signaling routing requirements will be identified in CLEC's design. CLEC will provide industry standard codes identifying Qwest end offices, tandems, sub-tending end offices and STPs that will be included in the designed unbundled signaling arrangement.

9.13.2.4 The CCSAC/SS7 unbundled arrangement must meet the following requirements:

9.13.2.4.1 Both Qwest and CLEC are obligated to follow existing industry standards as described in Telecordia documents including but not limited to GR-905 CORE, GR-954-CORE, GR-394-CORE and Qwest Technical Publication 77342.

9.13.2.4.2 CLEC's switch or network SS7 node must meet industry and Qwest certification standards.

9.13.2.4.3 Unbundled transport facilities as identified in Section 9 of this Agreement must be provisioned at a minimum DS1 capacity at CLEC's Point of Presence or SPOI. This facility must be exclusively used for the transmission of network control signaling data.

9.13.2.4.4 Calling Party Number (CPN), or a reasonable alternative, will be delivered by each Party to the other, in accordance with FCC requirements, when received from another carrier or from the telephone equipment of the end user.

9.13.2.4.5 Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP) will be delivered by CLEC to Qwest in accordance with industry standards, where technically feasible.

9.13.2.4.6 Provisions relating to call related databases (i.e., 8XX, LIDB, Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN), etc.) are contained in other Sections of this Agreement. For example, LNP is described in Section 10.2, AIN in Section 9.14, LIDB in Section 9.15, 8XX in Section 9.16, and ICNAM in Section 9.17.

9.13.3 Rate Elements

Rates and charges for the unbundled CCSAC/SS7 elements will be assessed based on CLEC's specific design requirements. Both nonrecurring and monthly recurring rates may be applicable. Message rating applies to all messages traversing the Qwest signaling network. Messages which are transient in nature (not destined for Qwest databases) will be assessed message rates. Pricing detail is provided in Exhibit A of this Agreement. Rate elements for unbundled CCSAC/SS7 elements are:

9.13.3.1 Nonrecurring Rates. CCSAC Option Activation Charge – Assessed for adding or changing a point code in the signaling network. Qwest will charge CLEC based upon its selection of either basic or database activation, as detailed in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

9.13.3.2 Recurring Rates.

9.13.3.2.1 STP Port - a monthly recurring charge, per connection into the STP.

9.13.3.2.2 Signal Formulation Charge - a per call set up charge for formulating the ISUP message at a SS7 SP/SSP.

9.13.3.2.3 Signal Transport Charge - a per call set up request or data request charge for the transmission of signaling data between the local STP and an end office SP/SSP. This rate element includes separate charges for ISUP and TCAP messages.

9.13.3.2.4 Signal Switching Charge - a per call set up request or data request charge for switching an SS7 message at the local STP. This rate element includes separate charges for ISUP and TCAP messages.

9.13.4 Ordering

9.13.4.1 CCSAC/SS7 unbundled CLEC-designed elements will initially require design information from CLEC. Ordering for CCSAC/SS7 will be handled on an individual basis, using service activation meetings between CLEC and Qwest. CLEC will provide a Translation Questionnaire, Link Data Sheet and ASR during the service activation meetings.

9.13.4.2 Qwest will provide jeopardy notification, Design Layout Reports (DLR), Completion Notification and Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) in a non-discriminatory manner.

9.13.4.3 Due date intervals for CCSAC/SS7 will be established on an Individual Case Basis.

9.13.5 Maintenance and Repair

The Parties will perform cooperative testing and trouble isolation to identify where trouble points exist. CLEC cross connections will be repaired by CLEC and Qwest cross connections will be repaired by Qwest. Maintenance and Repair processes are contained in Section 12 of this Agreement.

9.14 AIN Services

9.14.1 Description

AIN services are offered and available as an enhancement to CLEC's SS7 capable network structure and operation of AIN Version 0.1 capable switches.

9.14.1.1 AIN Customized Services (ACS) - Allows CLEC to utilize Qwest's AIN service application development process to develop new AIN services or features. ACS is determined on an Individual Case Basis. The elements are also combined on an Individual Case Basis to meet CLEC's request. Services developed through the ACS process can either be implemented in Qwest's network or handed off to CLEC to be installed in its own network.

9.14.1.2 AIN Platform Access (APA) - This service allows CLEC to provide to its end users any AIN service that is deployed for CLEC utilizing the ACS process in Qwest's SCP. Qwest is responsible for the provisioning of these AIN services. CLEC

will be able to populate data for provisioning of the Call Processing Records (CPRs) stored in the SCP for AIN services. The process to provision, modify or update information in the AIN databases is predominately manual.

9.14.1.3 AIN Query Processing (AQP) - TCAP queries are used to collect information from the AIN database for use in call processing of the AIN based services above. CLEC launches a query from an AIN capable switch over the SS7 network to the Qwest Signal Transfer Point (STP). This query is directed to Qwest's SCP to collect data for the response to the originating switch.

9.14.2 Terms and Conditions

9.14.2.1 AIN Customized Services (ACS) - Since each proposed service is unique and complex, when ACS is ordered, Qwest conducts a feasibility study which estimates the amount of time and cost necessary to develop the proposed service or enhancement. The charges associated with the feasibility analysis, development and implementation shall be established pursuant to the BFR process as described in this Agreement. The service is developed and tested in a Qwest lab environment. If the service is implemented in Qwest's network, it goes through network test prior to implementation.

9.14.2.2 AIN Platform Access (APA)

9.14.2.2.1 Prior to activation of the AIN feature, CLEC's switch point code must be activated for AIN processing on the CCSAC/SS7 link (described in this Section) that is transporting the AIN query.

9.14.2.2.2 Qwest will provide requirements for data load preparation and delivery by CLEC.

9.14.2.2.3 In order to make AAOS service work, service logic must be loaded in the AIN application to provision an AIN service on the platform for CLEC. Qwest is responsible for provisioning the Call Processing Record (CPR) in the SCP.

9.14.2.2.4 Each end user line must be provisioned by the facility owner. CLEC is responsible for setting the AIN trigger in its switch.

9.14.2.2.5 AIN Query Processing. Qwest will certify and test CLEC switch for AIN message transmission to assure quality performance as described in this Section. Qwest and CLEC will test cooperatively.

9.14.3 Rate Elements

9.14.3.1 AIN Customized Services (ACS). Hourly rates are applicable for each component of the ACS service according to the estimates determined in the feasibility analysis. The specific charges for each component and the terms and conditions for payment shall be described in the BFR response described above.

9.14.3.2 AIN Platform Access (APA). APA is billed a monthly recurring and a one-time nonrecurring charge for each AIN feature activated, per telephone number.

9.14.3.3 AIN Query Processing. The AIN service rates will be developed and assessed in accordance with the specific service requested by CLEC.

9.14.4 Ordering

9.14.4.1 ACS is ordered on an Individual Case Basis and is coordinated through the Qwest account manager and product manager. Due date intervals for the proposal phase are detailed below:

- a) Within five (5) business days of an inquiry, Qwest will provide CLEC with the Service Request Form.
- b) Within ten (10) business days of receiving the Service Request, Qwest will provide a written acknowledgment of receipt.
- c) Within fifteen (15) business days of acknowledgment, Qwest will assess the Service Request and prepare for a meeting with CLEC to review the Service Request.
- d) Qwest will be available to attend a Service Request Meeting within five (5) business days of the completion of the assessment. The Service Request will be considered accepted once Qwest and CLEC come to an agreed-upon understanding of the service feature set and scope.
- e) Within thirty (30) business days of acceptance of the Service Request, Qwest will provide a response, the Service Evaluation, which includes an initial service evaluation and development time and cost estimates.
- f) Within ninety (90) business days of end user approval of the Service Evaluation, Qwest will complete a Feasibility Analysis, which includes development time and costs.

Remaining deliverables are negotiated with CLEC so that mutually-agreeable due dates based on service complexity are established.

9.14.4.2 APA is ordered using the LSR form.

9.14.4.3 In the event that Miscellaneous Charges apply, they will be applied consistent with the application used for equivalent services ordered by Qwest end users.

9.14.4.4 Upon receipt of a complete and accurate LSR, Qwest will load CLEC records into the AIN database within ten days. Qwest will also establish translations at the STP to allow query access from CLEC switch within ten days.

9.14.4.5 Completion notification will be either by e-mail or by fax.

9.14.4.6 AIN Query Processing (AQP) – is specific to the service ordered and must be established at the time of the APA ordering process.

9.15 Interconnection to Line Information Database (LIDB)

9.15.1 Line Information Database (LIDB) Storage

9.15.1.1 Description -- LIDB Storage

9.15.1.1.1 Line Information Database (LIDB) stores various telephone line numbers and Special Billing Number (SBN) data used by operator services systems to process and bill Alternately Billed Services (ABS) calls. The operator services system accesses LIDB data to provide originating line (calling number), billing number and terminating line (called number) information. LIDB is used for calling card validation, fraud prevention, billing or service restrictions and the sub-account information to be included on the call's billing record.

9.15.1.1.2 Telecordia's GR-446-CORE defines the interface between the administration system and LIDB including specific message formats (Telecordia's TR-NWP-000029, Section 10).

9.15.1.2 Terms and Conditions -- LIDB Storage

CLEC will provide initial data, add, update or delete data, and license said data to Qwest for placement in Qwest's LIDB. CLEC will provide and maintain necessary information to enable Qwest to provide LIDB services. CLEC will ensure, to the extent possible, the accuracy of the data provided to Qwest for storage in Qwest's LIDB, and supply updated and changed data in a timely manner.

9.15.1.3 Rate Elements -- LIDB Storage

LIDB Data Storage does not have a recurring charge. When electronic access becomes available, a one-time nonrecurring fee may be charged for the initial load of CLEC's data into LIDB.

9.15.1.4 Ordering -- LIDB Storage

Qwest will be responsible for loading and updating CLEC's line records into the LIDB database from the data provided by CLEC. The establishment of CLEC line records will be provisioned through an interim manual process. Updates, adds, changes and deletions subsequent to the initial file for establishment must be e-mailed to Qwest. Emergency updates (adds, changes, deletes) may be faxed. CLEC is responsible for the accuracy of the data sent to Qwest. Inquiries from CLEC must be faxed to Qwest using the approved forms appropriate for the type of inquiry requested.

9.15.2 Line Validation Administration System (LVAS) Access

9.15.2.1 Description -- LVAS Access

9.15.2.1.1 LVAS is the comprehensive administrative management tool which loads the LIDB data and coordinates line record updates in Qwest's redundant LIDB databases. LVAS is the vehicle that audits stored information and assures accurate responses.

9.15.2.1.2 LVAS access is available only to facility-based CLECs.

9.15.2.2 Terms and Conditions -- LVAS Access

9.15.2.2.1 CLEC will provide Qwest with the following information:

- a) The LIDB service requested (i.e., calling name, calling cards, Originating Line Number Screening (OLNS), ABS, etc.);
- b) CLEC's Revenue Accounting Office (RAO), Operating Customer Number (OCN), and/or Local Service Provider Identification (LSPI);
- c) The NPA NXX and signaling point codes for the operator or End Office Switches from which queries are launched;
- d) The identity of CLEC's SS7 provider for Number Portability, ABS, OLNS and calling name;
- e) The identity of CLEC's operator services provider for ABS queries;
- f) Intentionally Left Blank; and
- g) The contact names and fax numbers of all CLEC personnel to be contacted for fraud notification and LIDB data administration.

9.15.2.2.2 CLEC will e-mail to Qwest all updates, adds, changes, and deletions to the initial file in ASCII format.

9.15.2.2.3 Within one business day of receipt of the file, Qwest will attempt to load the file into LVAS. If Qwest successfully loads the file into LVAS, the originator of CLEC's files will be notified by Qwest.

9.15.2.2.4 In the event that Qwest is not successful in loading the file because errors were detected, Qwest will e-mail the file back to CLEC with an error notice.

9.15.2.2.5 Reserved for Future Use

9.15.2.2.6 Qwest will provide to CLEC the necessary methods and procedures when the LVAS electronic interface becomes available.

9.15.2.3 Rate Elements -- LVAS Access

9.15.2.3.1 LIDB Line Record Initial Load Charge - CLEC shall reimburse Qwest for all charges Qwest incurs relating to the input of CLEC's end user line record information, including the formatting of data so that it may be loaded into LVAS.

9.15.2.3.2 Mechanized Service Account Update - LVAS Access is the product which allows CLEC to add, update and delete telephone line numbers from the Qwest LIDB for CLEC's end users. Qwest will charge CLEC for each addition or update processed.

9.15.2.3.3 Individual Line Record Audit - CLEC may verify the data for a given ten (10) digit line number using an inquiry of its end user data.

9.15.2.3.4 Account Group Audit - CLEC may audit an individual Account Group NPA-NXX.

9.15.2.4 Expedited Request Charge for Manual Updates - CLEC may request an expedited manual update to the LIDB database that requires immediate action (i.e., deny PIN number). Qwest shall assess CLEC an expedited request charge for each manual update.

9.15.2.5 Ordering - LVAS Access.

LVAS report queries from CLEC must be faxed to Qwest MIDAS center using the approved forms appropriate for the type of inquiry requested.

9.15.2.6 Billing - Line Validation Administration System (LVAS) Access.

When electronic access becomes available, a per query rate may apply to each Mechanized Service Account Update, Individual Line Record Audit, Account Group Audit, and Expedited Request Charge for Manual Updates.

9.15.3 LIDB Query Service

9.15.3.1 Description - LIDB Query Service

9.15.3.1.1 LIDB Query Service provides information to query originators for use in processing Alternately Billed Services (ABS) calls. ABS call types include calling card, billed to third number, and collect calls.

9.15.3.1.2 On behalf of CLEC, Qwest will process LIDB queries from query originators (Telecommunications Carriers) requesting CLEC telephone line number data. Qwest allows LIDB query access through Qwest regional STPs.

9.15.3.2 Terms and Conditions - LIDB Query Service

9.15.3.2.1 All LIDB queries and responses from operator services systems and end offices are transmitted over a CCS network using a Signaling System 7 (SS7) protocol (TR-NWT-000246, Bell Communications Research Specification of Signaling System 7).

9.15.3.2.2 The application data needed for processing LIDB data are formatted as Transaction Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) messages. TCAP messages may be carried as an application level protocol using SS7 protocols for basic message transport.

9.15.3.2.3 The SCP node provides all protocol and interface support. CLEC SS7 connections will be required to meet Telecordia's GR905, TR954 and Qwest's Technical Publication 77342 specifications.

9.15.3.2.4 Qwest will include CLEC-provided data in Qwest's LIDB in accordance with section 9.15.1 (LIDB Storage), and allow access to the data subject to Qwest negotiated agreements with Telecommunications Carriers, allowing CLEC's end users the same benefits of said agreements as enjoyed by Qwest end users. Qwest will update CLEC data, as requested by CLEC. Qwest will perform services provided hereunder and determine the applicable standard for the data, in accordance with operating methods, practices and standards in effect. Qwest shall exercise reasonable efforts to provide accurate and complete LIDB information in Qwest's LIDB.

9.15.3.3 Rate Elements - LIDB Query Service

9.15.3.3.1 The recurring charges for LIDB queries for Alternately Billed Services (ABS) calls processed by an Operator Services Switch are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

9.15.3.3.2 LIDB Query rates apply in addition to all applicable CCSAC charges.

9.15.3.4 Ordering - LIDB Inquiry Service

9.15.3.4.1 LIDB requires a connection to the Common Channel Signaling Network (CCSN). Therefore, CLEC must have Common Channel Signaling Access Capability (CCSAC).

9.15.3.4.2 Provisioning of LIDB is done via the LIDB Access Request Form. Upon receipt of an accurate LIDB Access Request Form, Qwest will complete all necessary work and service will be available within seven (7) business days.

9.15.3.4.3 In addition to the LIDB Request Form, hub providers requesting LIDB services on behalf of CLEC must furnish Qwest a Proof of Authorization to prove that they have CLEC authorization to provide these services. This letter must be on file prior to provisioning.

9.15.4 Fraud Alert Notification

9.15.4.1 Description - Fraud Alert Notification

The WatchDog Fraud Management System (FMS) processes the LIDB query detail records to establish patterns and identify potential fraudulent situations. WatchDog issues an alert to the Qwest Fraud Investigation Unit (FIU). Qwest will notify CLEC of system alerts on CLEC end user lines.

9.15.4.2 Terms and Conditions - Fraud Alert Notification

Qwest will notify CLEC of system alerts on CLEC end user lines. At the direction of CLEC, Qwest will institute a block to prevent any further occurrence of fraud or uncollectible toll charges in accordance with practices used by Qwest for its own end users. Such practices include, but are not limited to, removing from valid data those data which incur fraud or uncollectible toll charges.

9.15.4.3 Rate Elements - Fraud Alert Notification

Fraud Alert Notification will be billed on a time and material basis per alert.

9.15.4.4 Ordering - Fraud Alert Notification

As part of the planning for LIDB Data Storage, CLEC will provide Qwest a contact for fraud notification. The contact must be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Qwest will not take any action when fraud notification is received other than to notify CLEC. CLEC may request that Qwest deny a calling card. Any request of this type must be followed up by a fax as a confirmation.

9.16 8XX Database Query Service

9.16.1 8XX Database Query Service is an originating service which provides the Carrier Identification Code (CIC) and/or the vertical features associated with the 8XX number. Call routing information in the SMS/800 Database reflects the desires of the owner of the 8XX number as entered in the SMS/800 by its chosen responsible organization.

9.16.2 8XX Optional Features

9.16.2.1 POTS Translation - Delivers the ten-digit Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS) number to CLEC. To determine that the call originated as an 8XX number, the trunk group must be provisioned with Automatic Number Identification (ANI). ANI digit 24 will be delivered to the trunk group.

9.16.2.2 Call Handling and Destination Features - This will allow routing options by specifying a single carrier, multiple carriers, single termination or multiple terminations. Multiple terminations may require the POTS translation feature. Variable routing options are:

- a) Routing by originating NPA-NXX-XXXX;
- b) Time of day;
- c) Day of week;
- d) Specified date; and
- e) Allocation by percentage.

9.16.3 Rate Elements

9.16.3.1 The recurring charges for 8XX Database Query Service, POTS Translation, and Call Handling and Destination Features are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

9.16.3.2 The rates for 8XX Database Query Service only apply to queries from CLEC's switch to the Qwest 8XX Database. If CLEC routes 8XX traffic to Qwest for delivery to an Interexchange Carrier, the call shall be handled as jointly provided switched access. If CLEC routes such traffic to Qwest without performing the query, Qwest shall perform the query in accordance with its switched access Tariff.

9.16.3.3 Nonrecurring Options Activations Charge will apply for CLEC to activate 8XX Database Query Service. These rate elements are contained in the CCSAC/SS7 section of Exhibit A.

9.16.4 Ordering Process

9.16.4.1 CLEC shall order access to Qwest local STP (links and ports) prior to or in conjunction with 8XX Database Query Service.

9.16.4.2 The information and time intervals to order STP (links and ports) are contained in the Common Channel Signaling Capability/SS7 Section of this Agreement.

STP links and ports are required with 8XX Database Query Service.

9.16.4.3 8XX Database Query Service shall be provided within thirty (30) days after CLEC has access to the Qwest local STP.

9.16.5 Technical Requirements

9.16.5.1 Qwest shall make Qwest's Toll Free Number Database available, through its STPs, for CLEC to query from CLEC's designated switch.

9.16.5.2 The Toll Free Number Database shall return carrier identification and, where applicable, the queried toll free number, translated numbers and instructions as it would in response to a query from a Qwest switch.

9.16.6 Interface Requirements

The signaling interface between CLEC's or other local switch and the Toll-Free Number Database shall use the TCAP protocol as specified in the technical references together with the signaling network interface.

9.16.7 Technical References

SCPs/Databases shall be consistent with the following technical references:

9.16.7.1 GR-246-CORE, Bell Communications Research Specification of Signaling System Number 7, Issue 1 (Bellcore, December 1994);

9.16.7.2 GR-1432-CORE, CCS Network Interface Specification (CCSNIS) Supporting Signaling Connection Control Part (SCCP) and Transaction Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) (Bellcore, March 1994);

9.16.7.3 GR-954-CORE, CCS Network Interface Specification (CCSNIS) Supporting Line Information Database (LIDB) Service 6, Issue 1, Rev. 1 (Bellcore, October 1995);

9.16.7.4 GR-1149-CORE, OSSGR Section 10: System Interfaces, Issue 1 (Bellcore, October 1995) (Replaces TR-NWT-001149);

9.16.7.5 GR-1158-CORE, OSSGR Section 22.3: Line Information Database 6, Issue (Bellcore, October 1995); and

9.16.7.6 WGR-1428-CORE, CCS Network Interface Specification (CCSNIS) Supporting Toll Free Service (Bellcore, May 1995).

9.17 InterNetwork Calling Name (ICNAM)

9.17.1 Description

9.17.1.1 InterNetwork Calling Name (ICNAM) is a Qwest service that allows CLEC to query Qwest's ICNAM database and secure the listed name information for the requested telephone number (calling number), in order to deliver that information to CLEC's end users.

9.17.1.2 ICNAM database contains current listed name data by working telephone number served or administered by Qwest, including listed name data provided by other Telecommunications Carriers participating in the calling name delivery service arrangement.

9.17.2 Terms and Conditions

9.17.2.1 In response to queries properly received at Qwest's ICNAM database, Qwest will provide the listed name of the calling party that relates to the calling telephone number (when the information is actually available in Qwest's database and the delivery thereof is not blocked or otherwise limited by the calling party or other appropriate request). CLEC is responsible for properly and accurately launching and transmitting the query from its serving office to the Qwest database.

9.17.2.2 In response to proper signaling queries, Qwest will provide CLEC with ICNAM database end user information if the calling party's end user information is stored in the Qwest ICNAM database. As a result, the called party end user can identify the calling party listed name prior to receiving the call, except in those cases where the calling party end user has its ICNAM information blocked.

9.17.2.3 Qwest will allow CLEC to query Qwest's ICNAM database in order to obtain ICNAM information that identifies the calling party end user.

9.17.2.4 The ICNAM service shall include the database dip and transport from Qwest's regional STP to Qwest's SCP where the database is located. Transport from CLEC's network to Qwest's local STP is provided via Links, which are described and priced in the CCSAC/SS7 Section of this Agreement.

9.17.2.5 CLEC shall send queries conforming to the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) approved standards for SS7 protocol and per the following specification standard documents:

- a) Telcordia-SS7 Specification, TR-NPL-000246;
- b) ANSI-SS7 Specifications;
- c) Message Transfer Part T1.111;
- d) Signaling Connection Control Part T1.112;
- e) Transaction Capabilities Application Part T1.114;
- f) Telcordia-CLASS Calling Name Delivery;
- g) Generic Requirements, TR-NWT-001188; and
- h) Telcordia-CCS Network Interface Specifications, TR-TSV-000905.

9.17.2.6 CLEC acknowledges that transmission in the above protocol is necessary for Qwest to provision its ICNAM services. CLEC will adhere to other applicable standards, which include Telcordia specifications defining service applications,

message types and formats. Qwest may modify its network pursuant to other specification standards that may become necessary to meet the prevailing demands within the United States telecommunications industry. All such changes shall be announced in advance and coordinated with CLEC.

9.17.2.7 All queries to Qwest's ICNAM database shall use a subsystem number (the designation of application) value of 250 with a translation type value of 5. CLEC acknowledges that such subsystem number and translation type values are necessary for Qwest to properly process queries to Qwest's ICNAM database.

9.17.2.8 CLEC acknowledges and agrees that SS7 network overload due to extraordinary volumes of queries and/or other SS7 network messages can and will have a detrimental effect on the performance of Qwest's SS7 network. CLEC further agrees that Qwest, in its sole discretion, shall employ certain automatic and/or manual overload controls within the Qwest SS7 network to safeguard against any detrimental effects. Qwest shall report to CLEC any instances where overload controls are invoked due to CLEC's SS7 network, and CLEC agrees in such cases to take immediate corrective actions as necessary to cure the conditions causing the overload situation.

9.17.2.9 Qwest shall exercise reasonable efforts to provide accurate and complete ICNAM information in Qwest's ICNAM database. The ICNAM information is provided on an as-is Basis with all faults. Qwest does not warrant or guarantee the correctness or the completeness of such information; however, Qwest will access the same ICNAM database for CLEC's queries as Qwest accesses for its own queries. In no event shall Qwest have any liability for system outage or inaccessibility or for losses arising from the authorized use of the ICNAM data by CLEC.

9.17.2.10 CLEC shall arrange its Calling Party Number based services in such a manner that when a calling party requests privacy, CLEC will not reveal that caller's name or number to the called party (CLEC's end user). CLEC will comply with all FCC guidelines and, if applicable, the appropriate Commission rules, with regard to honoring the privacy indicator.

9.17.2.11 Qwest retains full and complete ownership and control over the ICNAM database and all information in its database. CLEC agrees not to copy, store, maintain or create any table or database of any kind from any response received after initiating an ICNAM query to Qwest's database. CLEC will prohibit its end users from copying, storing, maintaining, or creating any table or database of any kind from any response provided by CLEC to its end user after CLEC initiated an ICNAM query to Qwest's ICNAM database.

9.17.2.12 Qwest reserves the right to temporarily discontinue the ICNAM service if CLEC's incoming calls are so excessive as determined by Qwest to jeopardize the viability of the ICNAM service.

9.17.3 Rate Elements

Rate elements for ICNAM services are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

9.17.4 Billing

9.17.4.1 CLEC agrees to pay Qwest for each and every query initiated into Qwest's ICNAM database for any information, whether or not any information is actually provided.

9.17.4.2 ICNAM rates will be billed to CLEC monthly by Qwest for the previous month.

9.17.5 Ordering Process

9.17.5.1 CLEC shall order access to Qwest local STP (links and ports) prior to or in conjunction with ICNAM Services. Section 9.13 contains information on ordering SS7 and STP links and ports.

9.17.5.2 If CLEC has an existing database of names that needs to be compiled into the appropriate format, ICNAM service will begin thirty (30) days after Qwest has received from CLEC its database information.

9.17.5.3 If CLEC has no existing end user base, then ICNAM service will begin seven (7) days after Qwest receives CLEC order.

9.18 Additional Unbundled Elements

CLEC may request non-discriminatory access to and, where appropriate, development of, additional UNEs not covered in this Agreement pursuant to the Bona Fide Request Process.

9.19 Construction Charges

Qwest will conduct an individual financial assessment of any request that requires construction of network capacity, facilities, or space for access to or use of UNEs. When Qwest constructs to fulfill CLEC's request for UNEs, Qwest will bid this construction on a case-by-case basis. Qwest will charge for the construction through nonrecurring charges and a term agreement for the remaining recurring charge, as described in the Construction Charges Section. When CLEC orders the same or substantially similar service available to Qwest end user customers, nothing in this Section shall be interpreted to authorize Qwest to charge CLEC for special construction where such charges are not provided for in a Tariff or where such charges would not be applied to a Qwest end user customer. If Qwest agrees to construct a network element that satisfies the description of a UNE contained in this agreement, that network element shall be deemed a UNE.

9.20 Unbundled Packet Switching

Qwest shall provide CLEC with unbundled Packet Switching in a non-discriminatory manner according to the following terms and conditions.

9.20.1 Description

9.20.1.1 Unbundled Packet Switching provides the functionality of delivering and routing packet data units via a virtual channel to a CLEC demarcation point. Unbundled Packet Switching includes use of a distribution Loop and virtual transport facilities as well as the DSLAM functionality with the routing and addressing functions of the packet

switch necessary to generate the virtual channel.

9.20.2 Terms and Conditions

9.20.2.1 CLEC may obtain unbundled packet switching only when all four of the following conditions are satisfied in a specific geographic area:

9.20.2.1.1 Qwest has deployed digital Loop carrier systems, including but not limited to, integrated digital Loop carrier or universal digital Loop carrier systems or has deployed any other system in which fiber optic facilities replace copper facilities in the distribution section.

9.20.2.1.2 There are no spare copper Loops available capable of supporting the xDSL services the requesting carrier seeks to offer.

9.20.2.1.3 Qwest has placed a DSLAM for its own use in a Remote Qwest Premises but has not permitted CLEC to collocate its own DSLAM at the same Remote Qwest Premises or collocating a CLEC's DSLAM at the same Qwest Premises will not be capable of supporting xDSL services at parity with the services that can be offered through Qwest's Unbundled Packet Switching.

9.20.2.1.4 Qwest has deployed packet switching capability for its own use.

9.20.2.2 A demarcation point must be established to the Qwest packet switch serving the DSLAM of the end user customer to which CLEC is providing data services.

9.20.2.3 Qwest will provide CLEC with virtual channels at a physical network demarcation point such as a DSX-1 or DSX-3 in the central office in which the packet switch is located.

9.20.2.4 The ATM virtual channels provided to CLEC shall conform with ATM User-to-Network Interface (UNI) specifications as described in ITU-T 1.371/ATM Forum.

9.20.2.5 CLEC must specify the number of virtual channels, the bit rate for each virtual channel, and the quality of service for each virtual channel. Qwest will commit to satisfy the request to the extent feasible. Qwest will provide CLEC with Unspecified Bit-Rate (UBR) for each channel, and a minimum bit rate.

9.20.2.6 Qwest will provision CLEC specified options as available for each virtual channel in its OSS.

9.20.2.7 Qwest shall provide CLEC with Packet Network Management capacity through its service order activities. CLEC shall have access to Qwest's Packet Network Management Systems if, and only if, such Packet Network Management System capacity can be partitioned and made available to CLEC.

9.20.2.8 CLEC shall provide the customer premises modem. Customer premises equipment including modem and filters must be compatible with specific DSLAM equipment deployed by Qwest.

9.20.3 Rate Elements

9.20.3.1 Unbundled Packet Switch Customer Channel – This rate element consists of two (2) rate sub elements: DSLAM functionality and virtual transport.

9.20.3.1.1 DSLAM - –Both a nonrecurring rate and a recurring rate shall apply. Rates will vary depending on the following factors: (a) Uncommitted Bit Rate or, (b) Committed Bit Rate at 256 Kbps, 512 Kbps, 768 Kbps, 1 Mbps, or 7 Mbps.

9.20.3.1.2 Virtual Transport – This includes virtual Loop transport from the DSLAM to the Qwest Wire Center and virtual interoffice transport from the Wire Center serving the end user customer to the Wire Center containing the packet switch. Both a nonrecurring rate and a recurring rate shall apply. If CLEC provisions its own transport, then this rate element shall not apply.

9.20.3.2 Unbundled Packet Switch Loop Capability – This element includes Loop facilities between the remote DSLAM and the end user customer premises and will vary depending on the type of Loop elements, which may be either a Dedicated Loop or Shared Loop. If CLEC provisions its own transport from the end user customer to the DSLAM, this rate element shall not apply.

9.20.3.3 Unbundled Packet Switch Interface Port - CLEC obtains the Unbundled Packet Switch Interface Port currently contained within Qwest's network. This Port may be a DS1 or DS3 Port on a packet switch allowing virtual channels to be connected and transmitted to CLEC network.

9.20.4 Ordering Process

9.20.4.1 Prior to placing an order for unbundled packet switching CLEC must have provided Qwest a Collocation application, Collocation space availability report pursuant to Section 8.2.1.9, or a Collocation forecast to place a DSLAM in a Qwest Remote Premises containing a Qwest DSLAM and been denied such access.

9.20.4.1.1 Upon CLEC request, Qwest will disclose the location of all DSLAM's Qwest has deployed in Remote Premises throughout the state.

9.20.4.1.2 To the extent that CLEC submits an order for Unbundled Packet Switching before the Collocation Application, Collocation space availability report pursuant to Section 8.2.1.9, or Collocation Forecast is denied, Qwest shall respond to the Collocation request and Unbundled Packet Switching order in parallel.⁸

9.20.4.2 Prior to placing an order for Unbundled Packet Switch Customer Channel, CLEC must have established or be in the process of establishing continuity between CLEC network and an Unbundled Packet Switch Interface Port.

9.20.4.3 To order unbundled packet switching, CLEC will place two (2) orders via an LSR, which orders will be provisioned according to the intervals set forth in Exhibit C

⁸ Staff Emerging Services Report at 57-58.

once the continuity as set forth in the preceding section is established.

9.20.4.3.1 Network Interface Order to establish connectivity between CLEC network and Qwest Unbundled Packet Switch Interface Port: CLEC must specify bandwidth requirement of DS1 or DS3. Qwest will combine transport UNE to Unbundled Packet Switch Interface Port.

9.20.4.3.2 Customer channel order to establish linkage between end user customer equipment and Qwest's packet network: CLEC must specify remote DSLAM address, end user customer address, quality of service requested, and bit-rate requested.

9.20.5 Maintenance and Repair

Maintenance and Repair of unbundled Packet Switching are the sole responsibility of Qwest. Maintenance and Repair processes are contained in Section 12.

9.21 UNE-P Line Splitting

9.21.1 Description

Line Splitting provides CLEC/DLEC with the opportunity to offer advanced data service simultaneously with an existing UNE-P by using the frequency range above the voice band on the copper Loop. The advanced data service may be provided by the customer of record or another data service provider chosen by the customer of record. A POTS splitter must be inserted into the UNE-P to accommodate establishment of the advanced data service. The POTS splitter separates the voice and data traffic and allows the copper Loop to be used for simultaneous DLEC data transmission and CLEC provided voice service to the end user. "CLEC" will herein be referred to as the voice service provider while "DLEC" will be referred to as the advanced data service provider. CLEC and DLEC may be the same entity. Only one (1) customer of record determined by the CLEC/DLEC partnership will be identified to Qwest.

9.21.2 Terms and Conditions

9.21.2.1 General

9.21.2.1.1 The customer of record will order the insertion of a POTS splitter. Qwest is not responsible for providing the splitter, filter(s) and/or other equipment necessary for the end user to receive separate voice and data service across a single copper Loop.

9.21.2.1.2 To order Line Splitting, CLEC/DLEC must have a POTS splitter installed in the Qwest Wire Center that serves the end user. The POTS splitter must meet the requirements for central office equipment Collocation set by the FCC or be compliant with ANSI T1.413.

9.21.2.1.3 CLEC/DLEC may provide any xDSL services that are compatible with CLEC UNE-P POTS service in accordance with ANSI T1.413 or IEEE 820 or other industry standards.

9.21.2.1.4 There may be only one DLEC at any given time that provides

advanced data service on any given UNE-P.

9.21.2.1.5 The customer of record will be able to request conditioning of the Unbundled Loop portion of the UNE-P. Qwest will perform requested conditioning of shared Loops to remove load coils and excess bridged taps. If CLEC requests conditioning and such conditioning significantly degrades the voice services on the Loop of the UNE-P to the point that it is unacceptable to CLEC, CLEC shall pay the conditioning rate set forth in Exhibit A to recondition the Loop.

9.21.2.1.6 POTS splitters may be installed in Qwest Wire Centers in either of the following ways at the discretion of CLEC/DLEC: (a) via the standard Collocation arrangements set forth in the Collocation Section; or (b) via Common Area Splitter Collocation as set forth in the Shared Loop Section of this Agreement. Under either option, POTS splitters will be appropriately hard-wired or pre-wired so that Qwest is not required to inventory more than two (2) points of termination. For UNE-P Line Splitting, Qwest shall use the same number of cross connections and the same length of the tie pairs as it uses for Line Sharing.

9.21.2.1.7 Reserved for Future Use

9.21.2.1.8 POTS splitter Collocation requirements are covered in the Shared Loop Section of this Agreement.

9.21.3 Rate Elements

The following UNE-P Line Splitting rate elements are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

9.21.3.1 Recurring Rates for UNE-P Line Splitting.

9.21.3.1.1 Interconnection TIE Pairs (ITP). A monthly recurring charge to recover the costs associated with the use of 2 ITPs, one for voice and one for voice/data.

9.21.3.1.2 OSS Charge – A monthly recurring charge to recover the cost of the OSS modifications necessary to provide access to the high frequency portion of the UNE-P Loop.

9.21.3.2 Nonrecurring Rates for the UNE-P Line Splitting

9.21.3.2.1 Basic Installation Charge for UNE-P Line Splitting – A nonrecurring charge for each UNE-P Line Splitting installed will apply.

9.21.3.2.2 Charge for conditioning Loop associated with UNE-P – A nonrecurring charge for either conditioning the Loop by removing load coils and/or excess bridged taps; or reconditioning the line if necessary to assure the quality of the voice service on the UNE-P.

9.21.3.3 Nonrecurring Rates for Maintenance and Repair

9.21.3.3.1 Trouble Isolation Charge – A nonrecurring charge for Trouble isolation will be applied in accordance with the Support Functions – Maintenance

and Repair Section.

9.21.3.3.2 Additional Testing – The customer of record may request Qwest to perform additional testing, and Qwest may decide to perform the requested testing on a case-by-case basis. A nonrecurring charge will apply in accordance with Exhibit A.

9.21.3.4 Rates for POTS Splitter Collocation are included in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

9.21.3.5 All of these rates are interim and will be subject to true-up based on either mutually agreed permanent rates or permanent rates established in a cost proceeding conducted by the Commission. In the event interim rates are established by the Commission before permanent rates are set, the interim rates set forth in Exhibit A will be changed to reflect the interim rates set by the Commission; however, no true up will be performed until mutually agreed to permanent rates are established or permanent rates are established by the Commission.

9.21.4 Ordering Process

9.21.4.1 UNE-P Line Splitting

9.21.4.1.1 As a part of the pre-order process, CLEC/DLEC may access Loop characteristic information through the Loop Information Tool described in the Support Functions Section. The customer of record will determine, in its sole discretion and at its risk, whether to add data services to any specific UNE-P associated Loop.

9.21.4.1.2 The customer of record will provide on the LSR, the appropriate frame terminations that are dedicated to POTS splitters. Qwest will administer all cross connects/jumpers on the COSMIC/MDF and IDF.

9.21.4.1.3 Basic Installation “lift and lay” procedure will be used for all Line Splitting orders. Under this approach, a Qwest technician “lifts” the Loop from its current termination in a Qwest Wire Center and “lays” it on a new termination connecting to CLEC’s/DLEC’s collocated equipment in the same Wire Center.

9.21.4.1.4 The customer of record shall not place orders for UNE-P Line Splitting until all work necessary to provision UNE-P Line Splitting in a given Qwest Wire Center, including, but not limited to, POTS splitter installation and TIE Cable reclassification or augmentation has been completed.

9.21.4.1.5 If a Line Splitting LSR is placed to change from Line Sharing to UNE-P Line Splitting or to change the voice provider in a UNE-P Line Splitting arrangement and the data provider does not change or move splitter location, the data service will not be interrupted.

9.21.4.1.6 The customer of record shall submit the appropriate LSR’s associated with establishing UNE-P and Line Splitting.

9.21.5 Billing

9.21.5.1 Qwest shall provide a bill to the customer of record, on a monthly basis, within seven to ten (7-10) calendar days of the last day of the most recent billing period, in an agreed upon standard electronic billing format, billing information including (1) a summary bill, and (2) individual end user sub-account information consistent with the samples available for CLEC/DLEC review.

9.21.5.2 Qwest shall bill the customer of record for all recurring and nonrecurring Line Splitting rate elements.

9.21.6 Repair and Maintenance

9.21.6.1 Qwest will allow CLEC/DLEC to access UNE-P Line Splitting at the point where the combined voice and data Loop is cross connected to the POTS splitter.

9.21.6.2 The customer of record will be responsible for reporting to Qwest voice service troubles provided over UNE-P Line Splitting. Qwest will be responsible to repair troubles on the physical line between network interface devices at the user premises and the point of demarcation in Qwest Wire Centers. CLEC/DLEC will be responsible for repairing data services provided on UNE-P Line Splitting. Qwest, CLEC and DLEC each will be responsible for maintaining its equipment. The entity that controls the POTS splitters will be responsible for their maintenance.

9.21.6.3 Qwest, CLEC and DLEC will continue to develop repair and maintenance procedures for UNE-P Line Splitting and agree to document final agreed to procedures in a methods and procedures document that will be made available on Qwest's website: <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/productsservices/pcat/index.html>. In the interim, Qwest and CLEC/DLEC agree that the following general principles will guide the repair and maintenance process for UNE-P Line Splitting.

9.21.6.3.1 If an end user complains of a voice service problem that may be related to the use of an UNE-P for data services, Qwest and CLEC/DLEC will work together with the end user to solve the problem to the satisfaction of the end user. Qwest will not disconnect the data service without authorization from the customer of record.

9.21.6.3.2 CLEC and DLEC are responsible for their respective end user base. CLEC/DLEC will have the responsibility for initiation and resolution of any service trouble report(s) initiated by their respective end users.

9.21.6.3.3 Qwest will test for electrical faults (e.g. opens, and/or foreign voltage) on UNE-P Line Splitting in response to trouble tickets initiated by CLEC. When trouble tickets are initiated by CLEC, and such trouble is not an electrical fault (e.g. opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage) in Qwest's network, Qwest will assess customer of record the TIC Charge.

9.21.6.3.4 When trouble reported by the customer of record is not isolated or identified by tests for electrical faults (e.g. opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage), Qwest may perform additional testing at the request of the customer of record on a case-by-case basis. The customer of record may request that Qwest perform additional testing and Qwest may decide not to perform requested testing where it believes, in good faith, that additional testing is unnecessary because the test

requested has already been performed or otherwise duplicates the results of a previously performed test. In this case, Qwest will provide the customer of record with the relevant test results on a case-by-case basis. If this additional testing uncovers electrical fault trouble (e.g. opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage) in the portion of the network for which Qwest is responsible, the customer of record will not be charged by Qwest for the testing. If this additional testing uncovers a problem in the portion of the network for which CLEC/DLEC is responsible, Qwest will assess the appropriate Miscellaneous Charge to the customer of record.

9.21.6.4 When POTS splitters are installed in Qwest Wire Centers via Common Area Splitter Collocation, CLEC/DLEC will order and install additional splitter cards as necessary to increase the capacity of the POTS splitters. CLEC/DLEC will leave one unused, spare splitter card in every shelf to be used for repair and maintenance until such time as the card must be used to fill the shelf to capacity.

9.21.6.5 When POTS splitters are installed in Qwest Wire Centers via standard Collocation arrangements, CLEC/DLEC may install test access equipment in its Collocation areas in those Wire Centers for the purpose of testing UNE-P Line Splitting. This equipment must meet the requirements for central office equipment set by the FCC.

9.21.6.6 Qwest, CLEC and DLEC will work together to address end user initiated repair requests and to prevent adverse impacts to the end user.

9.21.7 Customer of Record and Authorized Agents

9.21.7.1 "Customer of record" is defined for purposes of this section as the CLEC that is the billed customer for Line Splitting. The customer of record may designate an authorized agent pursuant to the terms of sections 9.21.7.2 and 9.21.7.3 to perform ordering and/or maintenance and repair functions.

9.21.7.2 In order for the authorized agent of the customer of record to perform ordering and/or maintenance and repair functions, the customer of record must provide its authorized agent the necessary access and security devices, including but not limited to user identifications, digital certificates and SecurID cards, that will allow the authorized agent to access the records of the customer of record. Such access will be managed by the customer of record.

9.21.7.3 The customer of record shall hold Qwest harmless with regard to any harm to customer of record as a direct and proximate result of the acts or omissions of the authorized agent of the customer of record or any other person who has obtained from the customer of record the necessary access and security devices through the customer of record, including but not limited to user identifications, digital certificates and SecurID cards, that allow such person to access the records of the customer of record unless such access and security devices were wrongfully obtained by such person through the willful or negligent behavior of Qwest.

9.22 Reserved for Future Use

9.23 Unbundled Network Elements Combinations (UNE Combinations)

9.23.1 General Terms

9.23.1.1 Qwest shall provide CLEC with non-discriminatory access to combinations of Unbundled Network Elements including but not limited to the UNE-Platform (UNE-P) and Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL), according to the following terms and conditions.

9.23.1.2 Qwest will offer to CLEC UNE Combinations, on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable and non-discriminatory in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the requirements of Section 251 and Section 252 of the Act, the applicable FCC rules, and other applicable laws. The methods of access to UNE Combinations described in this section are not exclusive. Qwest will make available any other form of access requested by CLEC that is consistent with the Act and the regulations thereunder. CLEC shall be entitled to access to all combinations functionality as provided in FCC rules and other applicable laws. Qwest shall not require CLEC to access any UNE combinations in conjunction with any other service or element unless specified in this Agreement or as required for technical feasibility reasons. Qwest shall not place any use restrictions or other limiting conditions on UNE combination(s) accessed by CLEC except as specified in this Agreement or required by Existing Rules.

9.23.1.2.1 Changes in law, regulations or other "Existing Rules" relating to UNEs and UNE Combinations, including additions and deletions of elements Qwest is required to unbundled and/or provide in a UNE Combination, shall be incorporated into this Agreement pursuant to Section 2.2. CLEC and Qwest agree that the UNEs identified in Section 9 are not exclusive and that pursuant to changes in FCC rules, state laws, or the Bona Fide Request process, CLEC may identify and request that Qwest furnish additional or revised UNEs to the extent required under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act and other applicable laws. Failure to list a UNE herein shall not constitute a waiver by CLEC to obtain a UNE subsequently defined by the FCC or the state Commission

9.23.1.2.2 In addition to the UNE combinations provided by Qwest to CLEC hereunder, Qwest shall permit CLEC to combine any UNE provided by Qwest with another UNE provided by Qwest or with compatible network components provided by CLEC or provided by third parties to CLEC in order to Telecommunications Services. UNE Combinations will not be directly connected to a Qwest Finished Service, whether found in a Tariff or otherwise, without going through a Collocation, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CLEC can connect its UNE Combination to Qwest's Directory Assistance and Operator Services platforms.

9.23.1.3 When ordered as combinations of UNEs, network elements that are currently combined and ordered together will not be physically disconnected or separated in any fashion except for technical reasons or if requested by CLEC. Network elements to be provisioned together shall be identified and ordered by CLEC as such. When CLEC orders in combination UNEs that are currently interconnected and functional, such UNEs shall remain interconnected or combined as a working service

without any disconnection or disruption of functionality.

9.23.1.4 When ordered in combination, Qwest will combine for CLEC UNEs that are ordinarily combined in Qwest's network, provided that facilities are available.

9.23.1.5 When ordered in combination, Qwest will combine for CLEC UNEs that are not ordinarily combined in Qwest's network, provided that facilities are available and such combination:

9.23.1.5.1 Is technically feasible;

9.23.1.5.2 Would not impair the ability of other carriers to obtain access to UNEs or to interconnect with Qwest's network; and

9.23.1.5.3 Would not impair Qwest's use of its network.

9.23.1.6 When ordered in combination, Qwest will combine CLEC UNEs with Qwest UNEs, provided that facilities are available and such combination:

9.23.1.6.1 Is technically feasible;

9.23.1.6.2 Shall be performed in a manner that provides Qwest access to necessary facilities;

9.23.1.6.3 Would not impair the ability of other carriers to obtain access to UNEs or to interconnect with Qwest's network; and

9.23.1.6.4 Would not impair Qwest's use of its network.

9.23.2 Description

UNE Combinations are available in, but not limited to, the following standard products: a) UNE-P in the following form: (i) 1FR/1FB Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS), (ii) ISDN – either Basic Rate or Primary Rate, (iii) Digital Switched Service (DSS), (iv) PBX Trunks, and (v) Centrex; b) EEL (subject to the limitations set forth below). If CLEC desires access to a different UNE Combination, CLEC may request access through the Special Request Process set forth in this Agreement. Qwest will provision UNE combinations pursuant to the terms of this Agreement without requiring an amendment to CLEC's Interconnection agreement, provided that all UNEs making up the UNE Combination are contained in CLEC's Interconnection agreement. If Qwest develops additional UNE combination products, CLEC can order such products without using the Special Request Process, but CLEC may need to submit a CLEC questionnaire amendment before ordering such products.

9.23.3 Terms and Conditions

9.23.3.1 Qwest shall provide non-discriminatory access to UNE Combinations on rates, terms and conditions that are non-discriminatory, just and reasonable. The quality of a UNE Combination Qwest provides, as well as the access provided to that UNE Combination, will be equal between all carriers requesting access to that UNE Combination; and, where technically feasible, the access and UNE Combination provided by Qwest will be provided in "substantially the same time and manner" to that

which Qwest provides to itself. In those situations where Qwest does not provide access to UNE Combinations itself, Qwest will provide access in a manner that provides CLEC with a meaningful opportunity to compete.

9.23.3.2 "UNE-P-POTS": 1FR/1FB lines are available to CLEC as a UNE Combination. UNE-P POTS is comprised of the following Unbundled Network Elements: Analog - 2 wire voice grade Loop, Analog Line Side Port and Shared Transport. All the vertical switch features that are technically feasible for POTS are available with UNE-P-POTS. For complete descriptions please refer to the appropriate Unbundled Network Elements in this Agreement.

9.23.3.3 "UNE-P-PBX": PBX Trunks are available to CLEC as a UNE Combination. There are two (2) types of UNE-P-PBX: Analog Trunks and Direct Inward Dialing (DID) Trunks. UNE-P-PBX is comprised of the following Unbundled Network Elements: 2/4 Wire Analog Loop, Analog/DID Trunks, and Shared Transport. All the vertical switch features that are technically feasible for Analog and DID PBX Trunks are available with UNE-P-PBX. For complete descriptions please refer to the appropriate Unbundled Network Elements in this Agreement.

9.23.3.4 "UNE-P-DSS": Digital Switched Service (DSS) is available to CLEC as a UNE Combination. UNE-P-DSS is comprised of the following Unbundled Network Elements: DS1 Capable Loop, Digital Line-Side Port and Shared Transport. All the vertical switch features that are technically feasible for Digital Switched Service are available with UNE-P-DSS. For complete descriptions please refer to the appropriate Unbundled Network Elements in this Agreement.

9.23.3.5 "UNE-P-ISDN": ISDN lines are available to CLEC as a UNE Combination. All the vertical switch features that are technically feasible for ISDN are available with UNE-P-ISDN. There are two types of UNE-P-ISDN:

- a) Basic rate (UNE-P-ISDN-BRI) is comprised of the following Unbundled Network Elements: Basic ISDN Capable Loop, BRI Line Side Port and Shared Transport; and
- b) Primary rate (UNE-P-ISDN-PRI) – UNE-P-ISDN-PRI is comprised of the following Unbundled Network Elements: Basic ISDN Capable Loop, Digital Line Side Port and Shared Transport.

For complete descriptions please refer to the appropriate Unbundled Network Elements in this Agreement.

9.23.3.6 UNE-P-Centrex: – Centrex Service is available to CLEC as a UNE Combination. Centrex is comprised of the following Unbundled Network Elements: Analog - 2 wire voice grade Loop, Analog Line Side Port, and Shared Transport. All the vertical switch features that are technically feasible for Centrex service are available with UNE-P-Centrex.

9.23.3.6.1 CLEC may also request a service change from Centrex 21, Centrex Plus or Centron service to UNE-P-POTS. The UNE-P-POTS line will contain the UNEs established in Section 9.23.3.2 of this Agreement.

9.23.3.6.2 Qwest will provide access to Customer Management System (CMS) with UNE-P-Centrex.

9.23.3.7 Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) -- EEL is a combination of Loop and dedicated interoffice transport and may also include multiplexing or concentration capabilities. EEL transport and Loop facilities may utilize DS0 through OC-192 or other existing bandwidths. DS0, DS1 and DS3 bandwidths are defined products. In addition, other existing bandwidths can be ordered through the Special Request Process set forth in Exhibit F. Qwest has two EEL options: "EEL-Conversion" (EEL-C) and "EEL-Provision" (EEL-P).

9.23.3.7.1 Unless CLEC is specifically granted a waiver from the FCC which provides otherwise, and the terms and conditions of the FCC waiver apply to CLEC's request for a particular EEL, CLEC cannot utilize combinations of Unbundled Network Elements that include Unbundled Loop and unbundled interoffice dedicated transport to create a UNE Combination unless CLEC establishes to Qwest that it is using the combination of network elements to provide a significant amount of local exchange traffic to a particular end user customer. The significant amount of local use requirement does not apply to combinations of Loop and multiplexing when the high side of the multiplexer is connected via an ITP to CLEC Collocation.

9.23.3.7.2 To establish that an EEL is carrying a "Significant Amount of Local Exchange Traffic," one of the following three (3) local service options must exist:

9.23.3.7.2.1 Option 1: CLEC must certify to Qwest that it is the exclusive provider of an end user customer's Local Exchange Service and that the Loop transport combination originates at a customer's premises and that it terminates at CLEC's Collocation arrangement in at least one Qwest central office. This condition, or option, does not allow Loop-transport combinations to be connected to Qwest's Tariffed services.

9.23.3.7.2.2 Option 2: CLEC must certify that it provides local exchange and exchange access service to the end user customer's premises and handles at least one-third (1/3) of the end user customer's local traffic measured as a percent of total end user customer local dial tone lines; and for DS1 level circuits and above, at least fifty percent (50%) of the activated channels on the Loop portion of the Loop and transport combination have at least five percent (5%) local voice traffic individually; and the entire Loop facility has at least ten percent (10%) local voice traffic; and the Loop/transport combination originates at a customer's premises and terminates at CLEC's Collocation arrangement in at least one Qwest central office; and if a Loop/transport combination includes multiplexing, each of the multiplexed facilities must meet the above criteria outlined in this paragraph. (For example, if DS1 Loops are multiplexed onto DS3 transport, each of the individual DS1 facilities must meet the criteria outlined in this paragraph in order for the DS1/DS3 Loop/transport combination to qualify for UNE treatment). This condition, or option, does not allow Loop-transport combinations to be connected to Qwest's Tariffed services.

9.23.3.7.2.3 Option 3: CLEC must certify that at least fifty percent (50%) of the activated channels on a circuit are used to provide originating and terminating local dial tone service and at least fifty percent (50%) of the traffic on each of these local dial tone channels is local voice traffic; and the entire Loop facility has at least thirty-three percent (33%) local voice traffic; and if a Loop/transport combination includes multiplexing, each of the multiplexed facilities must meet the above criteria. For example, if DS1 Loops are multiplexed onto DS3 transport, each of the individual DS1 facilities must meet the criteria as outlined in this paragraph in order for the DS1/DS3 Loop/transport combination to qualify for UNE treatment. This condition, or option, does not allow Loop-transport combinations to be connected to Qwest's Tariffed services. Under this option, Collocation is not required. Under this option, CLEC does not need to provide a defined portion of the end user customer's local service, but the active channels on any Loop-transport combinations, and the entire facility, must carry the amount of local exchange traffic specified in this option.

9.23.3.7.2.4 When CLEC certifies to Qwest through a certification letter, or other mutually agreed upon solution, that the combination of elements is carrying a "Significant Amount of Local Exchange" Traffic, then Qwest will provision the EEL or convert the Special Access circuit to an EEL-C. For each EEL or Special Access circuit, CLEC shall indicate in the certification letter under which local usage option, set forth in paragraph 9.23.3.7.2.1, 9.23.3.7.2.2 or 9.23.3.7.2.3, it seeks to qualify the circuit.

9.23.3.7.2.5 CLEC's local service certification shall remain valid only so long as CLEC continues to satisfy one (1) of the three (3) options set forth in Section 9.23.3.7.2 of this Agreement. CLEC must provide a service order converting the EEL to Private Line/Special Access Circuit to Qwest within thirty (30) days if CLEC's certification on a given circuit is no longer valid.

9.23.3.7.2.6 In order to confirm reasonable compliance with these requirements, Qwest may perform audits of CLEC's records according to the following guidelines:

- a) Qwest may, upon thirty (30) days written notice to a CLEC that has purchased Loop/transport combinations as UNEs, conduct an audit to ascertain whether those Loop/transport combinations were eligible for UNE treatment at the time of conversion and on an ongoing basis thereafter.
- b) CLEC shall make reasonable efforts to cooperate with any audit by Qwest and shall provide Qwest with relevant records (e.g., network and circuit configuration data, local telephone numbers) which demonstrate that CLEC's Unbundled Loop transport combination is configured to provide Local Exchange Service in accordance with its certification.
- c) An independent auditor hired and paid for by Qwest shall

perform any audits, provided, however, that if an audit reveals that CLEC's EEL circuit(s) do not meet or have not met the certification requirements, then CLEC shall reimburse Qwest for the cost of the audit.

d) An audit shall be performed using industry audit standards during normal business hours, unless there is a mutual agreement otherwise.

e) Qwest shall not exercise its audit rights with respect to a particular CLEC (excluding affiliates), more than once in any calendar year, unless an audit finds non-compliance. If an audit does find non-compliance, Qwest shall not exercise its audit rights for 60 days following that audit, and if any subsequent audit does not find non-compliance, then Qwest shall not exercise its audit rights for the remainder of the calendar year.

f) At the same time that Qwest provides notice of an audit to CLEC under this paragraph, Qwest shall send a copy of the notice to the Federal Communications Commission.

g) Audits conducted by Qwest for the purpose of determining compliance with certification criteria shall not effect or in any way limit any audit rights that Qwest may have pursuant to an Interconnection agreement between CLEC and Qwest.

h) Qwest shall not use any other audit rights it may have pursuant to an Interconnection agreement between CLEC and Qwest to audit for compliance with the local exchange traffic requirements of Section 9.23.3.7.2. Qwest shall not require an audit as a prior prerequisite to provisioning EELs.

i) CLEC shall maintain appropriate records to support its certification. However, CLEC has no obligation to keep any records that it does not keep in the ordinary course of its business.

9.23.3.7.2.7 Qwest will not provision EEL or convert Private Line/Special Access to an EEL if Qwest records indicate that the Private Line/Special Access is or the EEL will be connected directly to a Tariffed service or if, in options 1 and 2 above, the EEL would not terminate at CLEC's Collocation arrangement in at least one Qwest central office.

9.23.3.7.2.8 If an audit demonstrates that an EEL does not meet the local use requirements of Section 9.23.3.7.2 on average for two (2) consecutive months for which data is available, then the EEL shall be converted to special access or private line rates within thirty (30) days.

9.23.3.7.2.9 If CLEC learns for any reason that an EEL does not meet the local use requirements of Section 9.23.3.7.2, then the EEL shall be converted to special access or private line rates within thirty 30 days. CLEC has no ongoing duty to monitor EELs to verify that they continue to

satisfy the local use requirements of Section 9.23.3.7.2, except that if any service order activity occurs relating to an EEL, then CLEC must verify that the EEL continues to satisfy the local use requirements of Section 9.23.3.7.2. Any disputes regarding whether an EEL meets the local use requirements shall be handled pursuant to the dispute resolution provisions of this SGAT. While a dispute is pending resolution, the status quo will be maintained and the EEL will not be converted to special access or private line rates.

9.23.3.7.2.10 No private line or other Unbundled Loop shall be available for conversion into an EEL or be combined with other elements to create an EEL if it utilizes shared use billing, commonly referred to as ratcheting. Any change to a private line or other Unbundled Loop including changes to eliminate shared use billing for any or all circuits, prior to conversion of those circuits to EEL shall be conducted pursuant to the processes, procedures, and terms pursuant to which such private line or Loop was provisioned. Any appropriate charges from such processes, procedures, and terms shall apply (sometimes referred to as "grooming charges).

9.23.3.7.2.11 EEL-C is the conversion of an existing Private Line/Special Access service to a combination of Loop and transport UNEs. Retail and/or resale private line circuits (including multiplexing and concentration) may be converted to EEL-C if the conversion is technically feasible and they meet the terms of this Section 9.23.3.-7. Qwest will make EEL-Conversion Combinations available to CLEC upon request. Qwest will provide CLEC with access to EEL-Conversion Combinations according to the standard intervals set forth in Exhibit C.

9.23.3.7.2.11.1 CLEC must utilize EEL-C to provide a significant amount of Local Exchange Service in accordance with the three options listed under Section 9.23.3.7.2.

9.23.3.7.2.12 EEL-P – EEL-P is a combination of Loop and dedicated interoffice transport used for the purpose of connecting an end user customer to a CLEC switch. EEL-P is a new installation of circuits for the purpose of CLEC providing services to end user customers.

9.23.3.7.2.12.1 Terms and Conditions

9.23.3.7.2.12.2 CLEC must utilize EEL-P to provide a significant amount of Local Exchange Service to each end user customer served in accordance with the three options listed under Section 9.23.3.7.2.

9.23.3.7.2.12.3 One end of the interoffice facility must originate at a CLEC Collocation in a Wire Center other than the Serving Wire Center of the Loop.

9.23.3.7.2.12.4 EEL combinations may consist of Loops and interoffice transport of the same bandwidth (Point-to-Point

EEL). When multiplexing is requested, EEL may consist of Loops and interoffice transport of different bandwidths (Multiplexed EEL). CLEC may also order combinations of interoffice transport, concentration capability and DS0 Loops.

9.23.3.7.2.12.5 When concentration capability is requested, CLEC will purchase the appropriate concentration equipment and provide it to Qwest for installation in the Wire Center.

9.23.3.7.2.12.6 Installation intervals are set forth in Exhibit C and are equivalent to the respective Private Line Transport Service on the following web-site address: <http://www.qwest.com/carrier/guides/sig/index.html>.

9.23.3.7.2.12.7 Concentration capability installation intervals will be offered at an ICB.

9.23.3.7.2.12.8 EEL-P is available only where existing facilities are available.

9.23.3.8 Ordering

9.23.3.8.1 Reserved for Future Use

9.23.3.8.2 CLEC will submit EEL orders using the LSR process.

9.23.3.8.3 Qwest will install the appropriate Channel Card based on the DS0 EEL Link LSR order and apply the charges.

9.23.3.8.4 Requests for Concentration will be submitted using the Virtual Collocation process. Virtual Collocation intervals will be adhered to.

9.23.3.8.5 One LSR is required when CLEC orders Point-to-Point EEL. Multiplexed EEL, EEL Transport and EEL Links must be ordered on separate LSRs.

9.23.3.9 Rate Elements

9.23.3.9.1 EEL Link. The EEL Link is the Loop connection between the end user customer premises and the Serving Wire Center. EEL Link is available in DS0, DS1 and DS3 and higher bandwidths as they become available. Recurring and nonrecurring charges apply.

9.23.3.9.2 EEL Transport. EEL Transport consists of the dedicated interoffice facilities between Qwest Wire Centers. EEL Transport is available in DS0, DS1, DS3, OC3, OC12 and higher bandwidths as they become available. Recurring and nonrecurring charges apply.

9.23.3.9.3 EEL Multiplexing. EEL multiplexing is offered in DS3 to DS1 and DS1 to DS0 configurations. All other multiplexing arrangements will be ICB. EEL multiplexing is ordered with EEL Transport. Recurring and nonrecurring

charges apply.

9.23.3.9.4 DS0 Low Side Channelization and DS0 MUX Low Side Channelization. EEL DS0 Channel Cards are required for each DS0 EEL Link connected to a 1/0 EEL Multiplexer. Channel Cards are available for analog Loop Start, Ground Start, Reverse Battery and No Signaling.

9.23.3.9.5 Concentration Capability. Concentration Capability rates will be provided as an ICB. Cost recovery includes, but is not limited to, space preparation and space lease, equipment installation, cabling and associated terminations and structure installation, personnel training (if required) and delivery of required power. Recurring and nonrecurring charges apply.

9.23.3.10 CLEC may request access to and, where appropriate, development of, additional UNE Combinations. For UNEs Qwest currently combines in its network CLEC can use the Special Request Process (SRP) set forth in Exhibit F. For UNEs that Qwest does not currently combine, CLEC must use the Bona Fide Request Process (BFR). In its BFR or SRP request, CLEC must identify the specific combination of UNEs, identifying each individual UNE by name as described in this Agreement.

9.23.3.11 The following terms and conditions are available for all types of UNE-P:

9.23.3.11.1 UNE-P will include the capability to access long distance service (InterLATA and IntraLATA) of CLEC's customer's choice on a 2-PIC basis, access to 911 Emergency Services, capability to access CLEC's Operator Services platform, capability to access CLEC's Directory Assistance platform and Qwest customized routing service; and, if desired by CLEC, access to Qwest Operator Services and Directory Assistance Service.

9.23.3.11.2 If Qwest provides and CLEC accepts operator services, directory assistance, and IntraLATA long distance as a part of the basic exchange line, it will be offered with standard Qwest branding. CLEC is not permitted to alter the branding of these services in any manner when the services are a part of the UNE-P line without the prior written approval of Qwest. However, at the request of CLEC and where technically feasible, Qwest will rebrand operator services and directory assistance in CLEC's name, in CLEC's choice of name, or in no name in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

9.23.3.11.3 CLEC may order Customized Routing in conjunction with UNE-P for alternative operator service and/or directory assistance platforms. CLEC shall be responsible to combine UNE-P with all components and requirements associated with Customized Routing needed to utilize related functionality. For a complete description of Customized Routing, refer to that Section of this Agreement.

9.23.3.11.4 Qwest shall provide to CLEC, for CLEC's end user customers, E911/911 call routing to the appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Qwest shall not be responsible for any failure of CLEC to provide accurate end user customer information for listings in any databases in which Qwest is required to retain and/or maintain end user customer information. Qwest shall provide CLEC's end user customer information to the ALI/DMS (Automatic

Location Identification/Database Management System). Qwest shall use its standard process to update and maintain, on the same schedule that it uses for its end user customers, CLEC's end user customer service information in the ALI/DMS used to support E911/911 services. Qwest assumes no liability for the accuracy of information provided by CLEC.

9.23.3.11.5 CLEC shall designate the Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) assignments on behalf of its end user customers for InterLATA and IntraLATA services. CLEC shall follow all applicable laws, rules and regulations with respect to PIC changes and Qwest shall disclaim any liability for CLEC's improper PIC change requests.

9.23.3.11.6 Feature and InterLATA or IntraLATA PIC changes or additions for UNE-P, will be processed concurrently with the UNE-P order as specified by CLEC.

9.23.3.12 If CLEC is obtaining services from Qwest under an arrangement or agreement that includes the application of termination liability assessment (TLA) or minimum period charges, and if CLEC wishes to convert such services to UNEs or a UNE Combination, the conversion of such services will not be delayed due to the applicability of TLA or minimum period charges. The applicability of such charges is governed by the terms of the original agreement, Tariff or arrangement.

9.23.3.13 For installation of new UNE combinations, CLEC will not be assessed UNE rates for UNEs ordered in combination until access to all UNEs that make up such combination have been provisioned to CLEC as a combination, unless a UNE is not available until a later time and CLEC elects to have Qwest provision the other elements before all elements are available. For conversions of existing resale services to UNE-P Combinations, CLEC will be billed at the UNE-P rate, and billing at the resold rate will cease, on the due date scheduled for the conversion, so long as the due date of the conversion was a standard or longer interval, unless CLEC has caused or requested a delay of the conversion.

9.23.3.14 Reserved for Future Use

9.23.3.15 When end user customers switch from Qwest to CLEC, or to CLEC from any other competitor and is obtaining service through a UNE Combination, such end user customers shall be permitted to retain their current telephone numbers if they so desire.

9.23.3.16 In the event Qwest terminates the provisioning of any UNE Combination service to CLEC for any reason, CLEC shall be responsible for providing any and all necessary notice to its end user customers of the termination. In no case shall Qwest be responsible for providing such notice to CLEC's end user customers. Qwest shall only be required to notify CLEC of Qwest's termination of the UNE Combination service on a timely basis consistent with Commission rules and notice requirements.

9.23.3.17 CLEC, or CLEC's agent, shall act as the single point of contact for its end user customers' service needs, including without limitation, sales, service design, order taking, provisioning, change orders, training, maintenance, trouble reports, repair, post-sale servicing, billing, collection and inquiry. CLEC shall inform its end user customers

that they are end user customers of CLEC. CLEC's' end user customers contacting Qwest will be instructed to contact CLEC, and Qwest's end user customers contacting CLEC will be instructed to contact Qwest. In responding to calls, neither Party shall make disparaging remarks about each other. To the extent the correct provider can be determined, misdirected calls received by either Party will be referred to the proper provider of Local Exchange Service; however, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prohibit Qwest or CLEC from discussing its products and services with CLEC's or Qwest's end user customers who call the other Party.

9.23.3.18 Reserved for Future Use

9.23.4 Rates and Charges

9.23.4.1 The rates and charges for the individual Unbundled Network Elements that comprise UNE Combinations are contained in Exhibit A for both recurring and nonrecurring application.

9.23.4.1.1 Recurring monthly charges for each Unbundled Network Element that comprise the UNE Combination shall apply when a UNE Combination is ordered. The recurring monthly charges for each UNE, including but not limited to, Unbundled 2-wire Analog Loop, Analog Line Side Port and Shared Transport, are contained in Exhibit A.

9.23.4.1.2 Nonrecurring charges, if any, will apply based upon the cost to Qwest of provisioning the UNE Combination and providing access to the UNE Combination. These nonrecurring charges, if any, are described in Exhibit A.

9.23.4.2 If the Commission takes any action to adjust the rates previously ordered, Qwest will make a compliance filing to incorporate the adjusted rates into Exhibit A. Upon the compliance filing by Qwest, the Parties will abide by the adjusted rates on a going-forward basis, or as ordered by the Commission.

9.23.4.3 CLEC shall be responsible for billing its end user customers served over UNE Combinations for all Miscellaneous Charges and surcharges required of CLEC by statute, regulation or otherwise required.

9.23.4.4 CLEC shall pay Qwest the PIC change charge associated with CLEC end user customer changes of InterLATA or IntraLATA Carriers. Any change in CLEC's end user customers' InterLATA or IntraLATA carrier must be requested by CLEC on behalf of its end user customer.

9.23.4.5 If an end user customer is served by CLEC through a UNE combination, Qwest will not charge, assess, or collect Switched Access charges for InterLATA or IntraLATA calls originating or terminating from that end user customer's phone after conversion to a UNE Combination is complete.

9.23.4.6 Qwest shall have a reasonable amount of time to implement system or other changes necessary to bill CLEC for Commission-ordered rates or charges associated with UNE Combinations.

9.23.5 Ordering Process

9.23.5.1 Most UNE Combinations and associated products and services are ordered via an LSR. Ordering processes are contained in this Agreement and in the PCAT. The following is a high-level description of the ordering process:

9.23.5.1.1 Reserved for Future Use

9.23.5.1.2 Reserved for Future Use

9.23.5.1.3 Step 1: Complete product questionnaire with account team representative.

9.23.5.1.4 Step 2: Obtain Billing Account Number (BAN) through account team representative.

9.23.5.1.5 Step 3: Allow 2-3 weeks from Qwest's receipt of a completed questionnaire for accurate loading of UNE combination rates to the Qwest billing system.

9.23.5.1.6 Step 4: After account team notification, place UNE combination orders via an LSR or ASR as appropriate.

9.23.5.1.7 Additional information regarding the ordering processes are located at: http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/solutions/clecFacility/une_p_c.html

9.23.5.2 Prior to placing an order on behalf of each end user customer, CLEC shall be responsible for obtaining and have in its possession a Proof of Authorization as set forth in this Agreement.

9.23.5.3 Standard service intervals for each UNE Combination are set forth in Exhibit C. For UNE Combinations with appropriate retail analogues, CLEC and Qwest will use the standard provisioning interval for the equivalent retail service. CLEC and Qwest can separately agree to due dates other than the standard interval.

9.23.5.4 Due date intervals are established when Qwest receives a complete and accurate Local Service Request (LSR) or ASR made through the IMA, EDI or Exact interfaces or through facsimile. For UNE-P-POTS, UNE-P-Centrex, and UNE-P-ISDN-BRI, the date the LSR or ASR is received is considered the start of the service interval if the order is received on a business day prior to 7:00 p.m. For UNE-P-POTS, UNE-P-Centrex, and UNE-P-ISDN-BRI, the service interval will begin on the next business day for service requests received on a non-business day or after 7:00 p.m. on a business day. For UNE-P-DSS, UNE-P-ISDN-PRI, UNE-P-PBX, EEL, and all other UNE combinations, the date the LSR or ASR is received is considered the start of the service interval if the order is received on a business day prior to 3:00 p.m. For UNE-P-DSS, UNE-P-ISDN-PRI, UNE-P-PBX, EEL, and all other UNE combinations, the service interval will begin on the next business day for service requests received on a non-business day or after 3:00 p.m. on a business day. Business days exclude Saturdays, Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (4th of July), Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

9.23.5.5 The Parties' obligations and responsibilities for providing and maintaining end user customer listings information are contained in the Listings and E911/911

Emergency Services sections of this Agreement. Nevertheless, to the extent that the option is available to CLEC to specify that the end user customer's existing listing(s) be retained upon conversion to Unbundled Local Switching elements or UNE-P Combinations, Qwest shall be responsible for ensuring that the end user customer's listing(s) is retained "as is" in Qwest's listings data bases.

9.23.5.6 When Qwest's end user customer or the end user customer's new service provider orders the discontinuance of the end user customer's existing service in anticipation of moving to another service provider, Qwest will render its closing bill to the end user customer effective with the disconnection. If Qwest is not the local service provider, Qwest will issue a bill to CLEC for that portion of the service provided to CLEC should CLEC's end user customer, a new service provider, or CLEC request service be discontinued to the end user customer. Qwest will notify CLEC by FAX, OSS interface, or other agreed upon processes when an end user customer moves to another service provider. Qwest shall not provide CLEC or Qwest retail personnel with the name of the other service provider selected by the end user customer.

9.23.5.7 For UNE Combinations, CLEC shall provide Qwest and Qwest shall provide CLEC with points of contact for order entry, problem resolution, repair, and in the event special attention is required on service request.

9.23.6 Billing

9.23.6.1 Qwest shall provide CLEC, on a monthly basis, within seven to ten (7-10) calendar days of the last day of the most recent billing period, in an agreed upon standard electronic billing format, billing information including (1) a summary bill, and (2) individual end user customer sub-account information consistent with the samples available for CLEC review.

9.23.7 Maintenance and Repair

9.23.7.1 Qwest will maintain facilities and equipment that comprise the service provided to CLEC as a UNE Combination. CLEC or its end user customers may not rearrange, move, disconnect or attempt to repair Qwest facilities or equipment, other than by connection or disconnection to any interface between Qwest and the end user customer, without the written consent of Qwest.

9.24 Loop Splitting

9.24.1 Description

Loop Splitting provides CLEC/DLEC with the opportunity to offer advanced data service simultaneously with voice over an existing Unbundled Loop by using the frequency range above the voice band on the copper Loop. The advanced data service may be provided by the customer of record or another data service provider chosen by the customer of record. The POTS splitter separates the voice and data traffic and allows the copper Loop to be used for simultaneous DLEC data transmission and CLEC provided voice service to the end user. "CLEC" will herein be referred to as the voice service provider while "DLEC" will be referred to as the advanced data service provider. CLEC and DLEC may be the same entity. Only one (1) customer of record determined by the CLEC/DLEC partnership will be identified to Qwest.

9.24.1.1 With regard to Qwest current requirement that Loop Splitting be offered over an existing Unbundled Loop, Qwest acknowledges that there are ongoing industry discussions regarding the provisioning of Loop Splitting over a new Unbundled Loop. If as a result of those discussions, a process is developed for Loop Splitting over a new Loop, Qwest will amend its SGAT to eliminate the limitation of Loop Splitting to existing Unbundled Loops.

9.24.2 Terms and Conditions

9.24.2.1 General

9.24.2.1.1 Qwest is not responsible for providing the splitter, filter(s) and/or other equipment necessary for the end user to receive separate voice and data service across a single copper Loop.

9.24.2.1.2 To order Loop Splitting, CLEC/DLEC must have a POTS splitter installed in the Qwest Wire Center that serves the end user. The POTS splitter must meet the requirements for central office equipment Collocation set by the FCC or be compliant with ANSI T1.413.

9.24.2.1.3 There may only be one DLEC at any given time that provides advanced data service on any given Unbundled Loop.

9.24.2.1.4 If Loop Splitting is requested for an analog Loop, the Loop must be converted to a 2/4 wire non-loaded Loop or ADSL compatible Loop.

9.24.2.1.4.1 The customer of record will be able to request conditioning of the Unbundled Loop. Qwest will perform requested conditioning of Unbundled Loops to remove load coils and excess bridged taps under the terms and conditions associated with Loop conditioning contained in Section 9.2 of this Agreement.

9.24.2.1.4.2. If requested conditioning significantly degrades the existing service over the Unbundled Loop to the point that it is unacceptable to CLEC, customer of record shall pay to convert back to an analog Loop.

9.24.2.1.5 POTS splitters may be installed in Qwest Wire Centers in either of the following ways at the discretion of CLEC/DLEC: (a) via the standard Collocation arrangements set forth in the Collocation Section; or (b) via Common Area Splitter Collocation as set forth in the Line Sharing Section of this Agreement. Under either option, POTS splitters will be appropriately hard-wired or pre-wired so that points of termination are kept to a minimum. For Loop Splitting, Qwest shall use the same length of tie pairs as it uses for Line Sharing, except for the additional CLEC to CLEC connection, which is not required for Line Sharing.

9.24.2.1.6 POTS splitter Collocation requirements are covered in the Line Sharing Section of this Agreement.

9.24.3 Rate Elements

The following Loop Splitting rate elements are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

9.24.3.1 Recurring Rates for Loop Splitting.

9.24.3.1.1 Interconnection TIE Pairs (ITP)- A monthly recurring charge to recover the costs associated with the use of ITPs.

9.24.3.1.2 OSS Charge – A monthly recurring charge to recover the cost of the OSS modifications necessary to provide access to the high frequency portion of the Unbundled Loop.

9.24.3.2 Nonrecurring Rates for the Loop Splitting

9.24.3.2.1 Basic Installation Charge for Loop Splitting – A nonrecurring charge for Loop Splitting installed will apply.

9.24.3.3 Nonrecurring Rates for Maintenance and Repair

9.24.3.3.1 Trouble Isolation Charge – A nonrecurring charge for Trouble isolation will be applied in accordance with the Support Functions – Maintenance and Repair Section.

9.24.3.3.2 Additional Testing – The customer of record may request Qwest to perform additional testing, and Qwest may decide to perform the requested testing on a case-by-case basis. A nonrecurring charge will apply in accordance with Exhibit A.

9.24.3.4 Rates for POTS Splitter Collocation are included in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

9.24.3.5 All of these rates are interim and will be subject to true-up based on either mutually agreed permanent rates or permanent rates established in a cost proceeding conducted by the Commission. In the event interim rates are established by the Commission before permanent rates are set, the interim rates set forth in Exhibit A will be changed to reflect the interim rates set by the Commission; however, no true up will be performed until mutually agreed to permanent rates are established or permanent rates are established by the Commission.

9.24.4 Ordering Process

9.24.4.1 Loop Splitting

9.24.4.1.1 As a part of the pre-order process, CLEC/DLEC may access Loop characteristic information through the Loop Information Tool described in the Support Functions Section. The customer of record will determine, in its sole discretion and at its risk, whether to add data services to any specific Unbundled Loop.

9.24.4.1.2 The customer of record will provide on the LSR, the appropriate frame terminations that are dedicated to POTS splitters. Qwest will administer all cross connects/jumpers on the COSMIC/MDF and IDF.

9.24.4.1.3 Basic Installation "lift and lay" procedure will be used for all Loop Splitting orders. Under this approach, a Qwest technician "lifts" the Loop from its current termination in a Qwest Wire Center and "lays" it on a new termination connecting to CLEC's/DLEC's collocated equipment in the same Wire Center.

9.24.4.1.4 The customer of record shall not place orders for Loop Splitting until all work necessary to provision Loop Splitting in a given Qwest Wire Center, including, but not limited to, POTS splitter installation and TIE Cable reclassification or augmentation has been completed.

9.24.4.1.5 The customer of record shall submit the appropriate LSR's associated with establishing Unbundled Loop and Loop Splitting.

9.24.4.1.6 If a Loop Splitting LSR is placed to change from Line Sharing to Loop Splitting or to change the voice provider in an existing Loop Splitting arrangement and the data provider does not change or move splitter location, the data service will not be interrupted.

9.24.5 Billing

9.24.5.1 Qwest shall provide a bill to the customer of record, on a monthly basis, within seven to ten (7-10) calendar days of the last day of the most recent billing period, in an agreed upon standard electronic billing format.

9.24.5.2 Qwest shall bill the customer of record for all recurring and nonrecurring Loop Splitting rate elements.

9.24.6 Repair and Maintenance

9.24.6.1 Qwest will allow CLEC/DLEC to access Loop Splitting at the point where the combined voice and data Loop is cross connected to the POTS splitter.

9.24.6.2 The customer of record will be responsible for reporting to Qwest service troubles provided over Loop Splitting. Qwest will be responsible to repair troubles on the physical line between network interface devices at the user premises and the point of demarcation in Qwest Wire Centers. Qwest, CLEC and DLEC each will be responsible for maintaining its equipment. The entity that controls the POTS splitters will be responsible for their maintenance.

9.24.6.3 Qwest, CLEC and DLEC will continue to develop repair and maintenance procedures for Loop Splitting and agree to document final agreed to procedures in a methods and procedures document that will be made available on Qwest's website.

9.24.7 Customer of Record and Authorized Agents

9.24.7.1 "Customer of Record" is defined for the purposes of this section as the CLEC that is the billed customer for Loop Splitting. The customer of record may designate an authorized agent pursuant to the terms of sections 9.24.7.2 and 9.24.7.3 to perform ordering and/or maintenance and repair functions.

9.24.7.2 In order for the authorized agent of the customer of record to perform

ordering and/or maintenance and repair functions, the customer of record must provide its authorized agent the necessary access and security devices, including but not limited to user identifications, digital certificates and SecurID cards, that will allow the authorized agent to access the records of the customer of record. Such access will be managed by the customer of record.

9.24.7.3 The customer of record shall hold Qwest harmless with regard to any harm customer of record as a direct and proximate result of the acts or omissions of the authorized agent of the customer of record or any other person who has obtained from the customer of record the necessary access and security devices, including but not limited to user identifications, digital certificates and SecurID cards, that allow person to access the records of the customer of record unless such access and security devices through the customer of record were wrongfully obtained by such person through the willful or negligent behavior of Qwest.