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**Re: Qwest Corporation v. Dakota Electronics, Golden West
Technologies, Inc., Nextel West Corp., Vantek Communications,
Inc., and Priority Paging, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing are the original and 10 copies of the Petition for Approval of Interconnection Agreements to Implement FCC Ruling in *T-Mobile Order* regarding the above-referenced matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Topp', is written over the printed name 'Jason D. Topp'.

Jason D. Topp

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Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 17th day of March, 2006, the original and 10 copies of the foregoing **Petition for Approval of Interconnection Agreements to Implement FCC Ruling in *T-Mobile Order*** were served upon the following party:

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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2727 North Plaza Drive
Rapid City, SD 57702

Dakota Electronics
424 Brown County 19 South
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Vantek Communications, Inc.
c/o Stacey R. Hennen
2101 West 41st Street, Suite 2000
PO Box 495
Sioux Falls, SD 57101-0495

Nextel West Corp.
c/o Corporation Service Company
503 South Pierre Street
Pierre, SD 57501-4522

Priority Paging, Inc.
c/o 235 Crandon Blvd. S-4
Key Biscayne, FL 33149


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**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

QWEST CORPORATION,

Complainant,

v.

**DAKOTA ELECTRONICS,
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,
NEXTEL WEST CORP.,
VANTEK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,
AND PRIORITY PAGING, INC.**

Docket No. _____

Respondents.

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS TO
IMPLEMENT FCC RULING IN *T-MOBILE ORDER***

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") petitions the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") for an order pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(b) approving an interconnection agreement between Qwest and each of the Respondents to implement the ruling of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, T-Mobile et al. Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Incumbent LEC Wireless Termination Tariffs*, CC Docket 01-92, FCC 05-42, (Released February 24, 2005) (the "*T-Mobile Order*"), as follows:

Parties and Jurisdiction

1. Qwest is an incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") and regional Bell operating company ("RBOC") with its principal place of business in Denver, Colorado. Qwest is certified as a local exchange carrier in South Dakota pursuant to SD Codified Laws

§§ 49-31-1 through 49-31-89 and Certificates of Authority issued to Qwest's predecessor, Northwestern Bell.

2. Qwest seeks approval of the Type 1 Wireless interconnection agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A** with the following wireless carriers, consistent with the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 252(b):

Nextel West Corp.
c/o Corporation Service Company
503 South Pierre Street
Pierre, SD 57501-4522

Vantek Communications, Inc.
c/o Stacey R. Hennen
2101 West 41st Street, Suite 2000
P.O. Box 495
Sioux Falls, SD 57101-0495

3. Qwest also seeks arbitration and approval of the Type 1 and Type 2 Paging interconnection agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit B** with the following paging carriers:¹

Dakota Electronics
424 Brown County 19 South
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Golden West Technologies, Inc.
2727 North Plaza Drive
Rapid City, SD 57702

Priority Paging, Inc.
c/o 235 Crandon Blvd. S-4
Key Biscayne, FL 33149

¹ Both of these agreements are similar, and implement the requirements of the *T-Mobile Order* into the interconnection relationship between Qwest and each Respondent. The context of each agreement varies slightly to allow for certain differences between wireless telephony and paging providers.

4. As required by Section 252(b)(2)(B) of the Act, Qwest has delivered a copy of this Petition, together with all exhibits, to each of the providers identified above.

5. This Commission has jurisdiction to arbitrate and approve these agreements with the listed carriers pursuant to Section 251(b)(1) of the Act, and also pursuant to the *T-Mobile Order* and clarifying regulations adopted thereunder.

6. This Petition is timely filed, as Qwest initiated, then restarted negotiations on October 11, 2005. Thus, the 160th day after Qwest restarted negotiations is March 19, 2006.

7. Pursuant to Section 252(b)(4)(C) of the Act, this arbitration is to be concluded not later than nine months after the applicable request for negotiations was sent to each Respondent, which for purposes of this petition is July 11, 2006.

Background

8. The FCC has required Qwest to request and enter interconnection agreements for the termination of wireless traffic, and Qwest has diligently pursued such interconnection agreements with Respondents, without any response. The Respondents' failure to respond to Qwest's invitations to negotiate for an interconnection agreement, a failure to negotiate in good faith under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), has forced Qwest to seek approval of the interconnection agreement attached as Exhibit A as the preferable alternative to discontinuing services relating to termination of wireless traffic to Respondents.

9. In the *T-Mobile Order*, the FCC clarified a preference for contractual arrangements for wireless termination arrangements by (i) prohibiting LECs from imposing compensation obligations for non-access CMRS traffic pursuant to tariff, (ii) amending its rules to clarify that a LEC may request interconnection from a CMRS provider and invoke

the negotiation and arbitration procedures set forth in section 252 of the Act, and (iii) identifying state commission implemented or approved rates as the applicable interim rates once a LEC initiates the negotiation process.

10. In response to that order and the clarifying regulations (*see* 47 CFR § 20.11), Qwest implemented the interim rates approved by the *T-Mobile Order*, and initiated negotiations with Respondents by correspondence dated May 4, 2005 for wireless Type 1 and Type 2 carriers and paging Type 1 and Type 2 carriers. A copy of that notice is attached as **Exhibit C**. The notice included a proposed agreement.

11. Qwest also notified the Commission of its efforts to implement the *T-Mobile Order* on May 4, 2005. A copy of that letter is attached as **Exhibit D**.

12. Many carriers substantively responded to Qwest's initial request for negotiations, and Qwest has entered into and filed those agreements with the Commission.

13. Other carriers, including Respondents, did not respond to Qwest's initial request for negotiations, so Qwest sent a second request for negotiations on October 11, 2005. As an accommodation to the non-responding carriers, this letter also reset the time period for negotiations, so that the window for requesting arbitration opened on February 22, 2005 (the 135th day after October 11, 2005) and will close on March 19, 2005 (the 160th day). A copy of this second notice is attached as **Exhibit E**.

14. Qwest also notified the Commission of its second attempt to initiate negotiations on December 2, 2005. A copy of that letter is attached as **Exhibit F**.

15. A few more carriers responded to the second notice, and Qwest has entered into and filed those agreements with the Commission.

16. Other carriers, including Respondents, did not respond to Qwest's second notice, so Qwest sent a third request for negotiations on January 13, 2006 (for paging providers) or February 2 (for wireless providers). Copies of those requests are attached as **Exhibit G** and **Exhibit H**, respectively. These requests for negotiations also included a reference to the website address where the current template agreement could be located.

17. Respondents still failed to respond to Qwest's requests for negotiation, so Qwest sent yet another request to wireless and paging carriers on February 21, 2006. A copy of that request is attached as **Exhibit I**. Again, Qwest provided Respondents with the website address for the current template agreement.

18. Qwest followed up on these email notices with telephone calls to Respondents when a contact and phone number could be identified.

19. Also, during this timeframe, Qwest conducted teleconference negotiation sessions on November 16, 30, and December 7, 2005 for paging providers and on December 8, 2005 for wireless providers. Qwest made several changes and updated the negotiation template agreement in response to concerns raised by the providers attending those sessions.

Unresolved Issues

20. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(a)(2)(A) and SD Admin. Rule § 20:10:32:29, a party petitioning for arbitration or approval of an interconnection agreement is ordinarily required to submit a list or matrix of unresolved issues from their negotiations. That is impractical in this case.

21. In this case, apart from Respondents' failure to respond to Qwest's many invitations for negotiations, there are no unresolved issues, precisely because of Respondents' failure to negotiate in good faith, or even at all. Thus, Qwest is not aware of any disputes or unresolved issues with respect to the proposed agreement.

Request for Arbitration and Approval Without Disputed Issues

22. Section 252 of the Act and 47 CFR § 20.11 both impose on Respondents a duty to negotiate in good faith in response to the several requests for negotiation described above. Respondents' failure even to respond during an extended negotiation window violates this duty.

23. Because of the Respondents' violation of their duty to negotiate in good faith, Qwest asks that Respondents be barred from raising any disputed issues in response to this Petition. If any Respondent is allowed to raise disputes now, the statutory duty to negotiate in good faith would be rendered meaningless, and Respondents would be allowed to subvert the entire scheme for negotiation and arbitration set up in the Act.

24. Thus, Qwest requests that the Commission approve the agreement attached as **Exhibit A** as an interconnection agreement between Qwest and the Type 1 wireless carriers identified in paragraph 2 above, and approve the agreement attached as **Exhibit B** as an interconnection agreement between Qwest and the paging carriers identified in paragraph 3, as written, without changes or disputed issues.

25. While Qwest asks that Respondents be barred from raising any disputed issues in response to this Petition, Qwest does not ask the Commission to neglect its duties under section 252 of the Act to ensure that the agreements attached as **Exhibits A** and **B** meet the requirements of section 251 of the Act, including the regulations prescribed by the FCC

pursuant to section 251, or any other requirements within the Commission's state law authority that are consistent with the Act and FCC regulations, as permitted under section 252(e)(3) of the Act.

26. Indeed, **Exhibits A and B** fully comply with sections 251 and 252 of the Act, applicable state laws and the orders of this Commission, and are consistent with the *T-Mobile Order*. The agreements are not discriminatory, and are consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

27. The *T-Mobile Order* requires Qwest to enter interconnection agreements with wireless and paging providers to set the terms and conditions for the termination of traffic originated by these carriers. Pursuant to paragraph the *T-Mobile Order*, 47 CFR § 20.11, and 47 CFR 51.715(c), the interim arrangements for pricing have governed the exchange of traffic between Qwest and the Respondents thus far and will continue to apply during the pendency of this proceeding, but may expire with this Commission's order either approving or rejecting the proposed agreements. Thus, if the Commission will not approve the agreements, Qwest will be forced to discontinue service to Respondents until an appropriate interconnection agreement can be negotiated, approved, and filed. Qwest has taken every step possible to avoid such a drastic result, but cannot provide termination services to Respondents without an approved, filed agreement.

WHEREFORE, Qwest respectfully requests that this Commission:

1. Conduct a proceeding pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Act;
2. Bar Respondents from raising disputed issues in this arbitration as a consequence of their failure to negotiate in good faith as required by the Act;

3. Find that Qwest's proposed interconnection agreements contained in **Exhibits A** and **B** are consistent with applicable law and commercially reasonable;

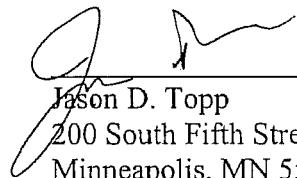
4. Issue an Order adopting and approving the proposed agreements contained in **Exhibit A** as an interconnection agreement between Qwest and the Type 1 wireless provider Respondents identified in paragraph 2 of this Petition;

5. Issue an Order adopting and approving the proposed agreements contained in **Exhibit B** as an interconnection agreement between Qwest and the paging provider Respondents identified in paragraph 3 of this Petition; and

6. Grant Qwest such other and further relief as may be necessary.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2006.

QWEST CORPORATION



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Type 1 Wireless Interconnection Agreement

Between

Qwest Corporation

And

[COMPANY]

For The State Of [STATE]

**Agreement Number
CDS-[XXXXXX-XXXX]**

Exhibit A

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SECTION 1.0 - GENERAL TERMS

1.1 This Type 1, two-way Wireless Interconnection Agreement is effective upon approval of the Commission, and is between [COMPANY], (WSP) [State where Incorporated] Corporation and Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), a Colorado corporation pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, for purposes of fulfilling Qwest's obligations under Sections 222, 251(a), (b), and (c), 252, 271, and other relevant provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. WSP is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") as a Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") Provider. Services provided by Qwest to WSP under this Agreement are provided pursuant to WSP's role as a CMRS provider of two-way traffic.

1.2 This Interconnection Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions and pricing under which Qwest will offer and provide to any requesting WSP network Interconnection and Ancillary services within the geographical areas in which both Qwest is providing Local Exchange Service at that time, and for which Qwest is the incumbent Local Exchange Carrier within the state of [STATE] for purposes of providing local two way Wireless Services. This Agreement is available for the term set forth herein.

1.3 In consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, Qwest and WSP mutually agree as follows:

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1.7 This Interconnection Agreement between WSP and Qwest can only be amended in writing as further set forth in Section 5.30, executed by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

1.7.1 Notwithstanding the above, if Qwest chooses to offer and WSP desires to purchase, new Interconnection services or additional Ancillary services which are not contained in this Agreement or a Tariff, Qwest will notify WSP of the availability of these new services through the Customer notification process. The Parties shall amend this Agreement under one (1) of the following two (2) options:

1.7.1.1 If WSP is prepared to accept Qwest's terms and conditions for such new product, WSP shall execute a form Advice Adoption Letter (the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit L), to be furnished by Qwest, and include as an attachment, the discreet terms and conditions available as Qwest has identified as pertaining to the new product. WSP shall submit the Advice Adoption Letter to the Commission for its approval. WSP shall also provide the Advice Adoption Letter to Qwest pursuant to the notice provisions in this Agreement and may begin ordering the new product pursuant to the terms of this Agreement as amended by such Advice Adoption Letter.

1.7.1.2 If WSP wishes to negotiate an amendment with different terms and conditions than defined by Qwest for such new product, WSP agrees to abide by those terms and conditions on an interim basis by executing the Interim

Advice Adoption Letter (the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit M) based upon the terms and conditions as Qwest has identified as pertaining to the new product. The Interim Advice Adoption Letter will terminate when the final amendment is approved. The rates and to the extent practicable, other terms and conditions contained in the final amendment will relate back to the date the Interim Advice Adoption Letter was executed. No new product offering or accompanying Interim Advice Adoption Letter will be construed to limit or add to any rates, terms or conditions existing in this Agreement.

SECTION 2.0 - INTERPRETATION AND CONSTRUCTION

2.1 This Agreement includes this Agreement and all Exhibits appended hereto, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this Agreement and made a part hereof. All references to Sections and Exhibits shall be deemed to be references to Sections of, and Exhibits to, this Agreement unless the context shall otherwise require. The headings and numbering of Sections and Exhibits used in this Agreement are for convenience only and will not be construed to define or limit any of the terms in this Agreement or affect the meaning and interpretation of this Agreement. Unless the context shall otherwise require, any reference to any statute, regulation, rule, Tariff, technical reference, technical publication, or any publication of Telecommunications industry administrative or technical standards, shall be deemed to be a reference to the most recent version or edition (including any amendments, supplements, addenda, or successor) of that statute, regulation, rule, Tariff, technical reference, technical publication, or any publication of Telecommunications industry administrative or technical standards that is in effect. Provided, however, that nothing in this Section 2.1 shall be deemed or considered to limit or amend the provisions of Section 2.2. In the event a change in a law, rule regulation or interpretation thereof would materially change this Agreement, the terms of Section 2.2 shall prevail over the terms of this Section 2.1. In the case of any material change, any reference in this Agreement to such law, rule, regulation or interpretation thereof will be to such law, rule, regulation or interpretation thereof in effect immediately prior to such change until the processes set forth in Section 2.2 are implemented. The existing configuration of either Party's network may not be in compliance with the latest release of technical references, technical publications, or publications of Telecommunications industry administrative or technical standards.

2.2 The provisions in this Agreement are intended to be in compliance with and based on the existing state of the law, rules, regulations and interpretations thereof, including but not limited to state rules, regulations, and laws, as of the date hereof (the Existing Rules). Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed an admission by Qwest or WSP concerning the interpretation or effect of the Existing Rules or an admission by Qwest or WSP that the Existing Rules should not be changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude or estop Qwest or WSP from taking any position in any forum concerning the proper interpretation or effect of the Existing Rules or concerning whether the Existing Rules should be changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified. To the extent that the Existing Rules are vacated, dismissed, stayed or materially changed or modified, then this Agreement shall be amended to reflect such legally binding modification or change of the Existing Rules. Where the Parties fail to agree upon such an amendment within sixty (60) Days after notification from a Party seeking amendment due to a modification or change of the Existing Rules or if any time during such sixty (60) Day period the Parties shall have ceased to negotiate such new terms for a continuous period of fifteen (15) Days, it shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution provision of this Agreement. It is expressly understood that this Agreement will be corrected, or if requested by WSP, amended as set forth in this Section 2.2, to reflect the outcome of any applicable generic proceedings by the Commission for pricing, service standards, or other matters covered by this Agreement. Any amendment shall be deemed effective on the Effective Date of the legally binding change or modification of the Existing Rules for rates, and to the extent practicable for other terms and conditions, unless otherwise ordered. Where a Party provides notice to the other Party within thirty (30) Days of the effective date of an order issuing a legally binding change, any resulting amendment shall be deemed effective on the effective date of the legally binding change or modification of the Existing Rules for rates, and to the extent practicable for other terms and conditions, unless

otherwise ordered. In the event neither Party provides notice within (thirty) 30 Days, the effective date of the legally binding change shall be the Effective Date of the amendment unless the Parties agree to a different date. During the pendency of any negotiation for an amendment pursuant to this Section 2.2 the Parties shall continue to perform their obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, for up to sixty (60) Days. If the Parties fail to agree on an amendment during the sixty (60) Day negotiation period, the Parties agree that the first matter to be resolved during Dispute Resolution will be the implementation of an interim operating agreement between the Parties regarding the disputed issues, to be effective during the pendency of Dispute Resolution. The Parties agree that the interim operating agreement shall be determined and implemented within the first fifteen (15) Days of Dispute Resolution and the Parties will continue to perform their obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, until the interim operating agreement is implemented. For purposes of this section, "legally binding" means that the legal ruling has not been stayed, no request for a stay is pending, and any deadline for requesting a stay designated by statute or regulation, has passed.

2.3 Unless otherwise specifically determined by the Commission, in cases of conflict between the Agreement and Qwest's Tariffs, Product Catalog (PCAT), methods and procedures, technical publications, policies, product notifications or other Qwest documentation relating to Qwest's or WSP's rights or obligations under this Agreement then the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail. To the extent another document abridges or expands the rights or obligations of either Party under this Agreement, the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail.

SECTION 3.0 - WSP INFORMATION

3.1 Except as otherwise required by law, Qwest will not provide or establish Interconnection and Ancillary services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement prior to WSP's execution of this Agreement.

3.2 Prior to placing any orders for services under this Agreement, the Parties will jointly work with the Qwest Sales and Service organizations to gather the information below as appropriate. This information will then be used to:

Determine geographical requirements;

Identify WSP Identification IDs;

Determine Qwest system requirements to support WSP's specific activity;

Collect Credit Information;

Obtain Billing Information;

Create summary bills;

Establish input and output requirements;

Create and distribute Qwest and WSP Contact Lists; and

Identify WSP hours and holidays.

SECTION 4.0 - DEFINITIONS

4.1 "Access Service Request" or "ASR" means the industry standard forms and supporting documentation used for ordering Access Services. The ASR will be used to order trunking and facilities between WSP and Qwest for Local Interconnection Service.

4.2 "Access Services" refers to the interstate and intrastate Switched Access and private line transport services offered for the origination and/or termination of Interexchange traffic.

4.3 "Act" means the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et. seq.), as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and as from time to time interpreted in the duly authorized rules and regulations of the FCC or the Commission.

4.4 "ATIS" or "Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions" is a North American telecommunication industry standards forum which, through its committees and working groups, creates, and publishes standards and guidelines designed to enable Interoperability and Interconnection for Telecommunications products and services. ATIS Standards and Guidelines, as well as the standards of other industry fora, are referenced herein.

4.5 "Basic Exchange Telecommunications Service" means, unless otherwise defined in Commission rules and then it shall have the meaning set forth therein, a service offered to End User Customers which provides the End User Customer with a telephonic connection to, and a unique local telephone number address on, the public switched telecommunications network, and which enables such End User Customer to generally place calls to, or receive calls from, other stations on the public switched telecommunications network. Basic residence and business line services are Basic Exchange Telecommunications Services. As used solely in the context of this Agreement and unless otherwise agreed, Basic Exchange Telecommunications Service includes access to Ancillary services such as 911, Directory Assistance (DA) and Operator Services (OS).

4.6 "Bill and Keep" is as defined in the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 (Inter-carrier Compensation for ISP Bound Traffic). Bill and Keep is an arrangement where neither of two (2) interconnecting networks charges the other for terminating traffic that originates on the other network. Instead, each network recovers from its own End User Customers the cost of both originating traffic that it delivers to the other network and terminating traffic that it receives from the other network. Bill and Keep does not, however, preclude Inter-carrier charges for transport of traffic between Carriers' networks.

4.7 "Bill Date" means the date on which a Billing period ends, as identified on the bill.

4.8 "Bona Fide Request" or "BFR" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 16.

4.9 "Busy Line Verify/Busy Line Interrupt" or "BLV/BLI Traffic" means a call to an operator service in which the caller inquires as to the busy status of or requests an interruption of a Wireline call on another End User Customer's Basic Exchange Telecommunications Service line.

4.10 "Call Transport" is the switching and transmission of terminating traffic to the terminating party's end office switch that directly serves the called party.

4.11 "Central Office Switch" means a switch used to provide Telecommunications Services, including, but not limited to:

4.11.1 "End Office Switches" which are used to terminate End User Customer station loops, or equivalent, for the purpose of interconnecting to each other and to trunks; and

4.11.2 "Tandem Office Switches" are used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among other End Office Switches. A Wireless Carrier's switch(es) shall be considered Tandem Office Switch(es) to the extent such switch(es) serve(s) a comparable geographic area as Qwest's Tandem Office Switch. A fact-based consideration by the Commission of geography should be used to classify any switch on a prospective basis.

4.12 "Commercial Mobile Radio Service" or "CMRS" is defined in 47 U.S.C. Section 332 and FCC rules and orders interpreting that statute.

4.13 "Commission" means the [STATE] Commission.

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4.15 "Conversation Time" means the measurement of Type 1 Interconnection usage which begins when WSP's MSC is signaled by the terminating End Office that the call has been answered. Measured usage ends upon MSC recognition of disconnection by the earlier of WSP's End User Customer or the disconnection signal from the terminating End Office.

4.16 "Customer" is a Person to whom a Party provides or has agreed to provide a specific service or set of services, whether directly or indirectly. Customer includes Telecommunication Carriers. See also, End User Customer.

4.17 "Day" means calendar Days unless otherwise specified.

4.18 "Dial Tone Office" is the Qwest End Office which provides the Type 1 dial tone. 4.22 "Digital Signal Level" means one of several transmission rates in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.

4.18.1 "Digital Signal Level 0" or "DS0" is the 64 Kbps standard speed for digitizing one voice conversation using pulse code modulation. There are 24 DS0 channels in a DS1.

4.18.2 "Digital Signal Level 1" or "DS1" means the 1.544 Mbps first-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy. In the time-division Multiplexing hierarchy of the telephone network, DS1 is the initial level of Multiplexing. There are 28 DS1s in a DS3.

4.18.3 "Digital Signal Level 3" or "DS3" means the 44.736 Mbps third-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy. In the time-division Multiplexing hierarchy of the telephone network, DS3 is defined as the third level of Multiplexing..

4.19 "End User Customer" means a third party retail Customer that subscribes to a Telecommunications Service provided by either of the Parties or by another Carrier or by two or more Carriers.

4.20 "Entrance Facility" or "EF" means the dedicated facility between the CMRS provider's POI and the Qwest Serving Wire Center. This is also referred to as "Network Access Channel" or "NAC".

4.21 "Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll) is defined in accordance with Qwest's current IntraLATA Toll serving areas, as determined by Qwest's state and interstate Tariffs and excludes toll provided using Switched Access purchased by an IXC.

4.22 "Exchange Message Interface" or "EMI" means the format used for exchange of Telecommunications message information among Telecommunications Carriers. It is referenced in the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) document that defines industry guidelines for the exchange of message records.

4.23 "Exchange Message Record" or "EMR" is the standard used for exchange of telecommunications message information between telecommunications providers for billable, non-billable, sample, settlement and study data. EMR format is contained in BR-010-200-010 CRIS Exchange Message Record, an ATIS document that defines industry standards for Exchange Message Records.

4.24 "Exchange Service" or "Extended Area Service (EAS)/Local Traffic" means traffic that is originated and terminated within the Local Calling Area as determined by the Commission.

4.25 "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission.

4.26 "Firm Order Confirmation Date" or "FOC" means the notice Qwest provides to WSP to confirm that WSP's Access Service Order (ASR) has been received and has been successfully processed. The FOC confirms the schedule of dates committed to by Qwest for the provisioning of the service requested.

4.27 "Individual Case Basis" or "ICB" shall have the meaning set forth in Exhibit I.

4.28 "Information Service" is as defined in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and FCC Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 and includes ISP Bound Traffic.

4.29 "Information Services Providers" or "ISPs" are providers of Information Services.

4.36 "Interconnection" is as described in the Act and refers to the connection between networks for the purpose of transmission and routing of telephone Exchange Service traffic, Exchange Access and Jointly Provided Switched Access Traffic.

4.30 "Interconnections Database" or "ICONN" is a Qwest database, available on the Qwest Web Site, which includes business and residence access line counts, switch types, and switch generics.

4.31 "Interexchange Carrier" (IXC) means a Carrier that provides InterLATA or IntraLATA Toll services.

4.32 "InterLATA" describes Telecommunications functions originating in one Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) and terminating in another.

4.33 "InterMTA" describes Telecommunications functions originating in one MTA and terminating in another.

4.34 "Internet Related Traffic" includes ISP Bound traffic and refers to dial-up access through an entity which may include computer processing, protocol conversions, information storage or routing with transmission to enable users to access internet content or data services.

4.35 "IntraLATA" describes Telecommunications functions originating and terminating in the same LATA.

4.36 "ISP Bound Traffic" means the offering of information access pursuant to 47 U.S.C. P251 (g) and the Order with respect to Information Services as defined in 47 U.S.C. P153 (20), and includes Telecommunications traffic delivered to an ISP.

4.37 "IntraLATA Toll" (Transit) is defined in accordance with Qwest's current IntraLATA Toll serving areas, as determined by the state Commission.

4.38 Jointly Provided Switched Access see Meet Point Billing.

4.39 "Local Traffic" is traffic that is exchanged in a geographic area either by MTA or the Qwest Extended Area Service (EAS) boundaries. This includes Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll). Local Traffic excludes Transit Traffic.

4.40 "Local Access and Transport Area" or "LATA" is as defined in the Act.

4.41 "Local Calling Area" or "LCA" is a geographic area defined either by the MTA or the Qwest Extended Area Service (EAS) boundaries.

4.41.1 "MTA/Local" means the geographic area within the MTA in which WSP provides CMRS services. Local Interconnection rates apply for traffic originated and terminated within the same MTA. See Non-Local for exceptions.

4.41.2 "EAS/Local" means the geographic area defined by the EAS boundaries as determined by the Commission and defined in Qwest's Local and/or General Exchange Service Tariff. LEC End User Customers may complete a call without incurring toll charges. Traffic terminated by Qwest End User Customers within their EAS boundary is considered to be EAS/Local; Qwest End User Customers are billed toll charges for traffic terminated outside of their EAS boundary.

4.42 "Local Exchange Carrier" (LEC) means any Carrier that is engaged in the provision of telephone Exchange Service or Exchange Access. Such term does not include a Carrier insofar as such Carrier is engaged in the provision of a commercial mobile service under Section 332(c) of the Act, except to the extent that the FCC finds that such service should be included in the definition of such term.

4.43 "Local Exchange Routing Guide" or "LERG" means a Telcordia Technologies Reference Document used by LECs and IXC's to identify NPA-NXX routing and homing information as well as Network Element and equipment designations.

4.44 "Local Service Request" or "LSR" means the industry standard forms and supporting documentation used for ordering local services.

4.45 "Maintenance of Service charge" is a charge that relates to trouble isolation. Maintenance of Service charges are set forth in Exhibit A. Basic Maintenance of Service charges apply when the Qwest technician perform work during standard business hours. Overtime Maintenance of Service charges apply when the Qwest technician performs work on a business Day, but outside standard business hours, or on a Saturday. Premium Maintenance of Service charges apply when the Qwest technician performs work on either a Sunday or Qwest recognized holiday.

4.46 "Major Trading Area (MTA)" is a geographic area established in Rand McNally 1992 Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide and used by the FCC in defining CMRS license boundaries for CMRS providers for purposes of Sections 251 and 252 of the Act.

4.47 "Meet-Point Billing" or "MPB" or "Jointly Provided Switched Access" refers to an arrangement whereby two LECs (including a LEC and WSP) jointly provide Switched Access Service to an Interexchange Carrier, with each LEC (or WSP) receiving an appropriate share of the revenues from the IXC as defined by their effective Access Tariffs.

4.48 "Miscellaneous Charges" mean charges that Qwest may assess in addition to recurring and nonrecurring rates set forth in Exhibit A, for activities WSP requests Qwest to perform, activities WSP authorizes, or charges that are a result of WSP actions, such as cancellation charges, expedite charges, and charges for additional labor and maintenance. Miscellaneous Charges are not already included in Qwest's recurring or nonrecurring rates. Miscellaneous Charges are listed the applicable tariff, catalog, or price list.

4.49 "Mobile Switching Center" or "MSC" is a Wireless switching facility, which performs the switching for the routing of calls among its Wireless End User Customers in other Wireless or landline networks. In addition it contains recording and billing functionality.

4.50 "Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing" or "MECAB" refers to the document prepared by the Billing Committee of the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF), which functions under the auspices of the Carrier Liaison Committee (CLC) of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS). The MECAB document, published by Telcordia Technologies as Special Report SR-BDS-000983, contains the recommended guidelines for the Billing of an Access Service provided by two or more Telecommunications Carriers (including a WSP, LEC and/or a WSP), or by one LEC in two or more states within a single LATA.

4.51 "Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design" or "MECOD" Guidelines for Access Services - Industry Support Interface, refers to the document developed by the Ordering/Provisioning Committee under the auspices of the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF), which functions under the auspices of the Carrier Liaison Committee (CLC) of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS). The MECOD document, published by Telcordia Technologies as Special Report SR STS-002643, establishes recommended guidelines for processing orders for Access Service which is to be provided by two or more Telecommunications Carriers (including a WSP, LEC and/or a WSP). It is published by Telcordia Technologies as SRBDS 00983.

4.52 "Multifrequency Address Signaling" or "MF" denotes a signaling method in which a combination of two (2) out of six (6) voiceband frequencies are used to represent a digit or a control signal.

4.53 "Multiplexing" or "MUX" means the function which converts a 44.736 MBPS DS3 channel to 28 1.544 MBPS DS1 channels or a 1.544 DS1 channel to 24 DS0 channels utilizing time division Multiplexing.

4.54 "Non-Local" traffic is InterMTA, InterLATA, Roaming, and/or Jointly Provided Switched Access Traffic. Reciprocal Compensation does not apply to Non-Local Traffic. This Non-Local Traffic originated by WSP, includes InterMTA traffic and IntraMTA traffic delivered to Qwest via an IXC. Regarding traffic delivered to WSP, Non-Local includes all traffic carried by an IXC, and traffic destined for WSP's End User Customers that are Roaming in a different MTA, and all InterMTA/InterLATA traffic.

4.55 "North American Numbering Plan" or "NANP" means the numbering plan used in the United States that also serves Canada, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Marianna Islands and certain Caribbean Islands. The NANP format is a 10-digit number that consists of a 3-digit NPA code (commonly referred to as the area code), followed by a 3-digit NXX code and 4-digit line number.

4.56 "Party" means either Qwest or WSP and "Parties" means Qwest and WSP.

4.57 "Percent Local Usage (PLU) Factors" are percentages used in determining Minutes of Use (MOU) for Land to Mobile (L-M) and Mobile to Land (M-L) traffic.

4.57.1 "InterMTA" are factors that are used in reciprocal compensation to determine InterMTA, Roaming MOUs when WSP's End User Customer is initiating (M-L) or terminating (L-M) a call in another MTA.

4.57.2 "PLU 2B" is a factor for determining the portion of Qwest originated traffic that rides the Type 1 facility between Qwest's End Offices and WSP's POI for calculation of the facilities credit to WSP.

4.58 "Point of Interface" "Point of Interconnection" or "POI" is a physical demarcation between the networks of two LECs (including a LEC and WSP). The POI is that point where the exchange of traffic takes place. This point establishes the technical interface, the test point(s), and the point(s) for operational division of responsibility.

4.59 "Rate Center" identifies 1) the specific geographic point identified by specific vertical and horizontal (V&H) coordinates, which are used to measure distance sensitive End User Customer traffic to/from the particular NPA-NXX designations with the specific Rate Center, and 2) the corresponding geographic area which is associated with one or more particular NPA-NNX codes which have been assigned to a LEC for its provision of Telephone Exchange Service.

4.60 "Rate Center Area" is the geographic area within which basic Exchange Services are provided for NPA-NXX designations associated with a particular Rate Center.

4.61 "Reciprocal Compensation Credit" is defined as a monetary credit for two-way Wireline to Wireless traffic which is originated by a Qwest Wireline End User Customer within the LATA, transported by Qwest, and terminates to WSP's Wireless End User Customer within the MTA/Local area. When more than two (2) Carriers are involved in transporting a call, Reciprocal Compensation Credit does not apply.

4.62 "Roaming" is defined as a Telecommunications Service occurring when the End User Customer of one CMRS provider utilizes the facilities of another CMRS provider. Most often, Roaming occurs when the End User Customer is physically located outside the service area of his or her service provider.

4.63 "Serving Wire Center" denotes the Wire Center from which dial tone for Local Exchange Service would normally be provided to a particular End User Customer Premises.

4.64 "Special Request Process" or "SRP" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.

4.65 "Switched Access Service" means the offering of transmission and switching services to Interexchange Carriers for the purpose of the origination or termination of telephone Toll Service. Switched Access Services include: Feature Group A, Feature Group B, Feature Group D, 8XX access, and 900 access and their successors or similar Switched Access Services.

4.66 "Switched Access Traffic," as specifically defined in Qwest's interstate Switched Access Tariffs, is traffic that originates at one of the Party's End User Customers and terminates at an IXC Point of Presence, or originates at an IXC Point of Presence and terminates at one of the Party's End User Customers, whether or not the traffic transits the other Party's network.

4.67 "Tariff" as used throughout this Agreement refers to Qwest interstate Tariffs and state Tariffs, price lists, price schedules and catalogs.

4.68 "Telecommunications Carrier" means any provider of Telecommunications Services (such as LECs, Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs), WSPs, except that such term does not include aggregators of Telecommunications Services (as defined in Section 226 of the Act). A Telecommunications Carrier shall be treated as a Common Carrier under the Act only to the extent that it is engaged in providing Telecommunications Services, except that the Federal Communications Commission shall determine whether the provision of fixed and mobile satellite service shall be treated as common carriage.

4.69 "Telecommunications Services" means the offering of Telecommunications for a fee directly to the public, or to such classes of users as to be effectively available directly to the public, regardless of the facilities used.

4.70 "Transit Traffic" is any traffic that originates from one Telecommunications Carrier's network, transits a Tandem Telecommunications Carrier's network, and terminates to yet another Telecommunications Carrier's network. In the cases neither the originating nor the terminating End User Customer is a Customer of a Tandem Telecommunications Carrier. For the purposes of this Agreement, Transit Traffic does not include traffic carried by Interexchange Carriers. That traffic is defined as Jointly Provided Switched Access.

4.71 Trunk Group Servicing Request "TGSR" is the notification the Qwest Trunk Forecasting Group sends to the Service Delivery Center to advise of blocking conditions on Carrier trunk groups.

4.72 "Wire Center" denotes a building or space within a building that serves as an aggregation point on a given Carrier's network, where transmission facilities are connected or switched. Wire Center can also denote a building where one or more Central Offices, used for

the provision of Basic Exchange Telecommunications Services and Access Services, are located.

4.73 "Wireless" for the purposes of this Agreement, are Telecommunications Services provided by a 2-way CMRS Carrier in accordance with its CMRS license(s). This includes both Cellular and Personal Communications Service Providers.

4.74 "Wireless Carrier Resource Guide" is a Qwest document that provides information needed to request services available under this Agreement. It is available on Qwest's Web site: <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/pcat/wireless.html>.

4.75 "Wireless Service Provider" or "WSP" for purposes of this Agreement is a 2-way CMRS provider of local service.

4.76 "Wireline" are Telecommunications Services provided by Qwest or other non-CMRS Telecommunications Carriers. These services are provided via a fixed landline network where the End User Customers are stationary.

SECTION 5.0 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

5.1 General Provisions

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5.1.2 The Parties are each solely responsible for participation in and compliance with national network plans, including the National Network Security Plan and the Emergency Preparedness Plan.

5.1.3 Neither Party shall use any service related to or use any of the services provided in this Agreement in any manner that interferes with other Persons in the use of their service, prevents other Persons from using their service, or otherwise impairs the quality of service to other Carriers or to either Party's End User Customers. In addition, neither Party's provision of or use of services shall interfere with the services related to or provided under this Agreement.

5.1.3.1 If such impairment is material and poses an immediate threat to the safety of either Party's employees, Customers or the public or poses an immediate threat of a service interruption, that Party shall provide immediate notice by email to the other Party's designated representative(s) for the purposes of receiving such notification. Such notice shall include 1) identification of the impairment (including the basis for identifying the other Party's facilities as the cause of the impairment), 2) date and location of the impairment, and 3) the proposed remedy for such impairment for any affected service. Either Party may discontinue the specific service that violates the provision or refuse to provide the same type of service if it reasonably appears that the particular service would cause similar harm, until the violation of this provision has been corrected to the reasonable satisfaction of that Party and the service shall be reinstituted as soon as reasonably possible. The Parties shall work cooperatively and in good faith to resolve their differences. In the event either Party disputes any action that the other Party seeks to take or has taken pursuant to this provision, that Party may pursue immediate resolution by expedited or other Dispute Resolution.

5.1.3.2 If the impairment is service impacting but does not meet the parameters set forth in section 5.1.3.1, such as low level noise or other interference, the other Party shall provide written notice within five (5) calendar Days of such impairment to the other Party and such notice shall include the information set forth in subsection 5.1.3.1. The Parties shall work cooperatively and in good faith to resolve their differences. If the impairment has not been corrected or cannot be corrected within five (5) business days of receipt of the notice of non-compliance, the other Party may pursue immediate resolution by expedited or other Dispute Resolution.

5.1.3.3 If either Party causes non-service impacting impairment the other Party shall provide written notice within fifteen (15) calendar Days of the impairment to the other Party and such notice shall include the information set forth in subsection 5.1.3.1. The Parties shall work cooperatively and in good faith to resolve their differences. If either Party fails to correct any such impairment within fifteen (15) calendar Days of written notice, or if such non-compliance cannot be corrected within fifteen (15) calendar Days of written notice of non-compliance, and if the impairing Party fails to take all appropriate steps to correct as soon as reasonably possible, the other Party may pursue immediate resolution by expedited or other Dispute Resolution.

5.1.3.4 It is the responsibility of either Party to inform its End User Customers of service impacting impairment that may result in discontinuance of service as soon as the Party receives notice of same.

5.1.4 Each Party is solely responsible for the services it provides to its End User Customers and to other Telecommunications Carriers. This provision is not intended to limit the liability of either Party for its failure to perform under this Agreement.

5.1.5 The Parties shall work cooperatively to minimize fraud associated with third-number billed calls, calling card calls, and any other services related to this Agreement.

5.1.6 Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent either Party from seeking to recover the costs and expenses, if any, it may incur in (a) complying with and implementing its obligations under this Agreement, the Act, and the rules, regulations and orders of the FCC and the Commission, and (b) the development, modification, technical installation and maintenance of any systems or other infrastructure which it requires to comply with and to continue complying with its responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Qwest shall not assess any charges against WSP for services, facilities, Ancillary service and other related works or services covered by this Agreement, unless the charges are expressly provided for in this Agreement. All services and capabilities currently provided hereunder, to be provided hereunder, shall be priced in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Act and the rules and order of the Federal Communications Commission and orders of the Commission.

5.2 Term of Agreement

5.2.1 This Agreement shall be deemed effective upon approval by the Commission ("Effective Date"); however, the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Agreement upon execution. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Parties for a term of three (3) years and shall expire three (3) years from the Effective Date.

5.2.2 Upon expiration of the term of this Agreement, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until superseded by a successor agreement in accordance with this Section 5.2.2. Any Party may request negotiation of a successor agreement by written notice to the other Party no earlier than one hundred sixty (160) Days prior to the expiration of the term, or the Agreement shall renew on a month to month basis. The date of this notice will be the starting point for the negotiation window under section 252 of the Act.

5.3 Proof of Authorization

5.3.1 Each Party shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining Proof of Authorization (POA), as required by applicable federal and state law, as amended from time to time.

5.3.2 The Parties shall make POAs available to each other upon request in the event of an allegation of an unauthorized change in accordance with all Applicable Laws and rules and shall be subject to any penalties contained therein.

5.4 Payment

5.4.1 Amounts payable under this Agreement are due and payable within thirty (30) calendar Days after the date of invoice, or within twenty (20) calendar Days after receipt of the

invoice, whichever is later (payment Due Date). If the payment Due Date is not a business day, the payment shall be due the next business day.

5.4.2 One Party may discontinue processing orders for the failure of the other Party to make full payment for the relevant services, less any disputed amount as provided for in Section 5.4.4 of this Agreement, for the relevant services provided under this Agreement within thirty (30) calendar Days following the payment Due Date. The Billing Party will notify the other Party in writing at least ten (10) business days prior to discontinuing the processing of orders for the relevant services. If the Billing Party does not refuse to accept additional orders for the relevant services on the date specified in the ten (10) business days notice, and the other Party's non-compliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the Billing Party's right to refuse to accept additional orders for the relevant services from the non-complying Party without further notice. For order processing to resume, the billed Party will be required to make full payment of all charges for the relevant services not disputed in good faith under this Agreement. Additionally, the Billing Party may require a deposit (or additional deposit) from the billed Party, pursuant to this section. In addition to other remedies that may be available at law or equity, the billed Party reserves the right to seek equitable relief including injunctive relief and specific performance.

5.4.3 The Billing Party may disconnect any and all relevant services for failure by the billed Party to make full payment, less any disputed amount as provided for in Section 5.4.4 of this Agreement, for the relevant services provided under this Agreement within sixty (60) calendar Days following the payment Due Date. The billed Party will pay the applicable reconnect charge set forth in Exhibit A required to reconnect each resold End User Customer line disconnected pursuant to this paragraph. The Billing Party will notify the billed Party in at least ten (10) business days prior to disconnection of the unpaid service(s). In case of such disconnection, all applicable undisputed charges, including termination charges, shall become due. If the Billing Party does not disconnect the billed Party's service(s) on the date specified in the ten (10) business days notice, and the billed Party's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the Billing Party's right to disconnect any or all relevant services of the non-complying Party without further notice. For reconnection of the non-paid service to occur, the billed Party will be required to make full payment of all past and current undisputed charges under this Agreement for the relevant services. Additionally, the Billing Party will request a deposit (or recalculate the deposit) as specified in Section 5.4.5 and 5.4.7 from the billed Party, pursuant to this Section. Both Parties agree, however, that the application of this provision will be suspended for the initial three (3) Billing cycles of this Agreement and will not apply to amounts billed during those three (3) cycles. In addition to other remedies that may be available at law or equity, each Party reserves the right to seek equitable relief, including injunctive relief and specific performance.

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5.4.3 Qwest may disconnect any and all services for failure by CLEC to make full payment, less any disputed amount as provided for in Section 5.4.4 of this Agreement, for the services provided under this Agreement within sixty (60) Days of the due date on CLEC's bill. CLEC will pay the Tariff charge required to reconnect each resold end user line disconnected pursuant to this paragraph. Qwest will notify CLEC in writing at least thirty (30) business days prior to disconnection of the service(s). In case of such disconnection, all applicable charges, including termination charges, shall become due. If Qwest does not disconnect CLEC's service(s) on the date specified in the thirty (30) Days notice, and CLEC's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude Qwest's right to disconnect any or all

services of the noncomplying CLEC without further notice. For reconnection of service to occur, CLEC will be required to make full payment of all past and current charges. Additionally, Qwest will request a deposit (or additional deposit) from CLEC, pursuant to this section. Qwest agrees, however, that the application of this provision will be suspended for the initial three (3) Billing cycles of this Agreement and will not apply to amounts billed during those three (3) cycles.

5.4.4 Should WSP or Qwest dispute, in good faith, any portion of the nonrecurring charges or monthly Billing under this Agreement, the Parties will notify each other in writing within fifteen (15) calendar Days following the payment Due Date identifying the amount, reason and rationale of such dispute. At a minimum, WSP and Qwest shall pay all undisputed amounts due. Both WSP and Qwest agree to expedite the investigation of any disputed amounts, promptly provide all documentation regarding the amount disputed that is reasonably requested by the other Party, and work in good faith in an effort to resolve and settle the dispute prior to initiating any other rights or remedies.

5.4.4.1 If a Party disputes charges and does not pay such charges by the payment Due Date, such charges may be subject to late payment charges. If the disputed charges have been withheld and the dispute is resolved in favor of the Billing Party, the withholding Party shall pay the disputed amount and applicable late payment charges no later than the second Bill Date following the resolution. If the disputed charges have been withheld and the dispute is resolved in favor of the disputing Party, the Billing Party shall credit the bill of the disputing Party for the amount of the disputed charges and any late payment charges that have been assessed no later than the second Bill Date after the resolution of the dispute. If a Party pays the disputed charges and the dispute is resolved in favor of the Billing Party, no further action is required.

5.4.4.2 If a Party pays the charges disputed at the time of payment or at any time thereafter pursuant to Section 5.4.4.3, and the dispute is resolved in favor of the disputing Party the Billing Party shall, no later than the second Bill Date after the resolution of the dispute: (1) credit the disputing Party's bill for the disputed amount and any associated interest or (2) pay the remaining amount to WSP, if the disputed amount is greater than the bill to be credited. The interest calculated on the disputed amounts will be the same rate as late payment charges. In no event, however, shall any late payment charges be assessed on any previously assessed late payment charges.

5.4.4.3 If a Party fails to dispute a charge and discovers an error on a bill it has paid after the period set forth in section 5.4.4, the Party may dispute the bill at a later time through an informal process, through an Audit pursuant to the Audit provision of this Agreement, through the Dispute Resolution provision of this Agreement, or applicable state statutes or Commission rules.

5.4.5 Each Party will determine the other Party's credit status based on previous payment history or credit reports such as Dun and Bradstreet. If a Party has not established satisfactory credit with the other Party according to the above provisions or the Party is repeatedly delinquent in making its payments, or the Party is being reconnected after a disconnection of service or discontinuance of the processing of orders by the Billing Party due to a previous nonpayment situation, the Billing Party may require a deposit to be held as security for the payment of charges before the orders from the billed Party will be provisioned and completed or before reconnection of service. "Repeatedly delinquent" means any payment received thirty (30) calendar Days or more after the payment Due Date, three (3) or more times

during a twelve (12) month period. The deposit may not exceed the estimated total monthly charges for an average two (2) month period within the 1st three (3) months for all services. The deposit may be a surety bond if allowed by the applicable Commission regulations, a letter of credit with terms and conditions acceptable to the Billing Party, or some other form of mutually acceptable security such as a cash deposit. Required deposits are due and payable within thirty (30) calendar Days after demand.

5.4.6 Interest will be paid on cash deposits at the rate applying to deposits under applicable Commission regulations. Cash deposits and accrued interest will be credited to the billed Party's account or refunded, as appropriate, upon the expiration of the term of the Agreement or the establishment of satisfactory credit with the Billing Party, which will generally be one full year of timely payments of undisputed amounts in full by the billed Party. Upon a material change in financial standing, the billed Party may request and the Billing Party will consider a recalculation of the deposit. The fact that a deposit has been made does not relieve WSP from any requirements of this Agreement.

5.4.7 The Billing Party may review the other Party's credit standing and modify the amount of deposit required but in no event will the maximum amount exceed the amount stated in 5.4.5.

5.4.8 The late payment charge for amounts that are billed under this Agreement shall be in accordance with Commission requirements.

5.4.9 Each Party shall be responsible for notifying its End User Customers of any pending disconnection of a non-paid service by the billed Party, if necessary, to allow those Customers to make other arrangements for such non-paid services.

5.5 Taxes

5.5.1 Any federal, state, or local sales, use, excise, gross receipts, transaction or similar taxes, fees or surcharges resulting from the performance of this Agreement shall be borne by the Party upon which the obligation for payment is imposed under Applicable Law, even if the obligation to collect and remit such taxes is placed upon the other Party. However, where the selling Party is permitted by law to collect such taxes, fees or surcharges, from the purchasing Party, such taxes, fees or surcharges shall be borne by the Party purchasing the services. Each Party is responsible for any tax on its corporate existence, status or income. Whenever possible, these amounts shall be billed as a separate item on the invoice. To the extent a sale is claimed to be for resale tax exemption, the purchasing Party shall furnish the providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate as authorized or required by statute or regulation by the jurisdiction providing said resale tax exemption. Until such time as a resale tax exemption certificate is provided, no exemptions will be applied. If either Party (the Contesting Party) contests the application of any tax collected by the other Party (the Collecting Party), the Collecting Party shall reasonably cooperate in good faith with the Contesting Party's challenge, provided that the Contesting Party pays any costs incurred by the Collecting Party. The Contesting Party is entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery resulting from the contest, provided that the Contesting Party is liable for and has paid the tax contested.

5.6 Insurance

5.6.1 Each Party shall at all times during the term of this Agreement, at its own cost and expense, carry and maintain the insurance coverage listed below with insurers having a "Best's"

rating of B+XIII with respect to liability arising from that Party's operations for which that Party has assumed legal responsibility in this Agreement. If either Party or its parent company has assets equal to or exceeding \$10,000,000,000, that Party may utilize an Affiliate captive insurance company in lieu of a "Best's" rated insurer. To the extent that the parent company of a Party is relied upon to meet the \$10,000,000,000 asset threshold, such parent shall be responsible for the insurance obligations contained in this Section 5.6.1, to the extent its affiliated Party fails to meet such obligations.

5.6.1.1 Workers' Compensation with statutory limits as required in the state of operation and Employers' Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$100,000 each accident.

5.6.1.2 Commercial General Liability insurance covering claims for bodily injury, death, personal injury or property damage occurring or arising out of the use or occupancy of the premises, including coverage for independent contractor's protection (required if any work will be subcontracted), premises-operations, products and/or completed operations and contractual liability with respect to the liability assumed by each Party hereunder. The limits of insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate limit.

5.6.1.3 Business automobile liability insurance covering the ownership, operation and maintenance of all owned, non-owned and hired motor vehicles with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.

5.6.1.4 Umbrella/Excess Liability insurance in an amount of \$10,000,000 excess of Commercial General Liability insurance specified above. These limits may be obtained through any combination of primary and excess or umbrella liability insurance so long as the total limit is \$11,000,000.

5.6.1.5 "All Risk" Property coverage on a full replacement cost basis insuring all of WSP personal property situated on or within the Premises.

5.6.2 Each Party will initially provide certificate(s) of insurance evidencing coverage, and thereafter will provide such certificates upon request. Such certificates shall (1) name the other Party as an additional insured under commercial general liability coverage; (2) provide thirty (30) calendar Days prior written notice of cancellation of, material change or exclusions in the policy(s) to which certificate(s) relate; (3) indicate that coverage is primary and not excess of, or contributory with, any other valid and collectible insurance purchased by the other Party; and (4) acknowledge severability of interest/cross liability coverage.

5.7 Force Majeure

5.7.1 Neither Party shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Agreement from any cause beyond its control and without its fault or negligence including, without limitation, acts of nature, acts of civil or military authority, government regulations, embargoes, epidemics, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, floods, work stoppages, power blackouts, volcanic action, other major environmental disturbances, or unusually severe weather conditions (collectively, a Force Majeure Event). Inability to secure products or services of other Persons or transportation facilities or acts or omissions of transportation Carriers shall be considered Force Majeure Events to the extent any delay or failure in performance caused by these circumstances is beyond the Party's control and

without that Party's fault or negligence. The Party affected by a Force Majeure Event shall give prompt notice to the other Party, shall be excused from performance of its obligations hereunder on a Day to Day basis to the extent those obligations are prevented by the Force Majeure Event, and shall use reasonable efforts to remove or mitigate the Force Majeure Event. In the event of a labor dispute or strike the Parties agree to provide service to each other at a level equivalent to the level they provide themselves.

5.8 Limitation of Liability

5.8.1 Each Party's liability to the other Party for any loss relating to or arising out of any act or omission in its performance under this Agreement, whether in contract, warranty, strict liability, or tort, including (without limitation) negligence of any kind, shall be limited to the total amount that is or would have been charged to the other Party by such breaching Party for the service(s) or function(s) not performed or improperly performed. Each Party's liability to the other Party for any other losses shall be limited to the total amounts charged to WSP under this Agreement during the contract year in which the cause accrues or arises. Payments pursuant to the QPAP should not be counted against the limit provided for in this Agreement Section.

5.8.2 Neither Party shall be liable to the other for indirect, incidental, consequential, or special damages, including (without limitation) damages for lost profits, lost revenues, lost savings suffered by the other Party regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, warranty, strict liability, tort, including (without limitation) negligence of any kind and regardless of whether the Parties know the possibility that such damages could result.

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5.8.4 Nothing contained in this Section shall limit either Party's liability to the other for (i) willful or intentional misconduct or (ii) damage to tangible real or personal property proximately caused solely by such Party's negligent act or omission or that of their respective agents, subcontractors, or employees.

5.8.5 Nothing contained in this Section 5.8 shall limit either Party's obligations of indemnification specified in this Agreement, nor shall this Section 5.8 limit a Party's liability for failing to make any payment due under this Agreement.

5.9 Indemnity

5.9.1 The Parties agree that unless otherwise specifically set forth in this Agreement the following constitute the sole indemnification obligations between and among the Parties:

5.9.1.1 Each of the Parties agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party and each of its officers, directors, employees and agents (each an Indemnitee) from and against and in respect of any loss, debt, liability, damage, obligation, claim, demand, judgment or settlement of any nature or kind, known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated including, but not limited to, reasonable costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees), whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any Person or entity, for invasion of privacy, bodily injury or death of any Person or Persons, or for loss, damage to, or destruction of tangible property, whether or not owned by others, resulting from the Indemnifying Party's breach of or failure to perform under this Agreement, regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, warranty, strict liability, or tort including (without limitation) negligence of any kind.

5.9.1.2 In the case of claims or loss alleged or incurred by an End User Customer of either Party arising out of or in connection with services provided to the End User Customer by the Party, the Party whose End User Customer alleged or incurred such claims or loss (the Indemnifying Party) shall defend and indemnify the other Party and each of its officers, directors, employees and agents (collectively the Indemnified Party) against any and all such claims or loss by the Indemnifying Party's, End User Customers regardless of whether the underlying service was provided or Unbundled Element was provisioned by the Indemnified Party, unless the loss was caused by the willful misconduct of the Indemnified Party. The obligation to indemnify with respect to claims of the Indemnifying Party's End User Customers shall not extend to any claims for physical bodily injury or death of any Person or person, or for loss, damage to, or destruction of tangible property, whether or not owned by others, alleged to have resulted directly from the negligence or intentional conduct of the employees, contractors, agents, or other representatives of the Indemnified Party.

5.9.2 The indemnification provided herein shall be conditioned upon:

5.9.2.1 The Indemnified Party shall promptly notify the Indemnifying Party of any action taken against the Indemnified Party relating to the indemnification. Failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of any liability that the Indemnifying Party might have, except to the extent that such failure prejudices the Indemnifying Party's ability to defend such claim.

5.9.2.2 If the Indemnifying Party wishes to defend against such action, it shall give written notice to the Indemnified Party of acceptance of the defense of such action. In such event, the Indemnifying Party shall have sole authority to defend any such action, including the selection of legal counsel, and the Indemnified Party may engage separate legal counsel only at its sole cost and expense. In the event that the Indemnifying Party does not accept the defense of the action, the Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ counsel for such defense at the expense of the Indemnifying Party. Each Party agrees to cooperate with the other Party in the defense of any such action and the relevant records of each Party shall be available to the other Party with respect to any such defense.

5.9.2.3 In no event shall the Indemnifying Party settle or consent to any judgment pertaining to any such action without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party. In the event the Indemnified Party withholds consent, the Indemnified Party may, at its cost, take over such defense, provided that, in such event, the Indemnifying Party shall not be responsible for, nor shall it be obligated to indemnify the relevant Indemnified Party against, any cost or liability in excess of such refused compromise or settlement.

5.10 Intellectual Property

5.10.1 Except for a license to use any facilities or equipment (including software) solely for the purposes of this Agreement or to receive any service solely (a) as provided in this Agreement or (b) as specifically required by the then-applicable federal and state rules and regulations relating to Interconnection and access to Telecommunications facilities and services, nothing contained within this Agreement shall be construed as the grant of a license, either express or implied, with respect to any patent, copyright, trade name trade mark, service mark, trade secret, or other proprietary interest or intellectual property, now or hereafter owned, controlled or licensable by either Party. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as the

grant to the other Party of any rights or licenses to trade or service marks.

5.10.2 Subject to Section 5.9.2, each Party (the Indemnifying Party) shall indemnify and hold the other Party (the Indemnified Party) harmless from and against any loss, cost, expense or liability arising out of a claim that the use of facilities of the Indemnifying Party or services provided by the indemnifying Party provided or used pursuant to the terms of this Agreement misappropriates or otherwise violates the intellectual property rights of any third party. In addition to being subject to the provisions of Section 5.9.2, the obligation for indemnification recited in this paragraph shall not extend to infringement which results from (a) any combination of the facilities or services of the Indemnifying Party with facilities or services of any other Person (including the Indemnified Party but excluding the Indemnifying Party and any of its Affiliates), which combination is not made by or at the direction of the Indemnifying Party or (b) any modification made to the facilities or services of the Indemnifying Party by, on behalf of or at the request of the Indemnified Party and not required by the Indemnifying Party. In the event of any claim, the Indemnifying Party may, at its sole option (a) obtain the right for the Indemnified Party to continue to use the facility or service; or (b) replace or modify the facility or service to make such facility or service non-infringing. If the Indemnifying Party is not reasonably able to obtain the right for continued use or to replace or modify the facility or service as provided in the preceding sentence and either (a) the facility or service is held to be infringing by a court of competent jurisdiction or (b) the Indemnifying Party reasonably believes that the facility or service will be held to infringe, the Indemnifying Party shall notify the Indemnified Party and the parties shall negotiate in good faith regarding reasonable modifications to this Agreement necessary to (1) mitigate damage or comply with an injunction which may result from such infringement or (2) allow cessation of further infringement. The Indemnifying Party may request that the Indemnified Party take steps to mitigate damages resulting from the infringement or alleged infringement including, but not limited to, accepting modifications to the facilities or services, and such request shall not be unreasonably denied.

5.10.3 To the extent required under applicable federal and state law, Qwest shall use its best efforts to obtain, from its vendors who have licensed intellectual property rights to Qwest in connection with facilities and services provided hereunder, licenses under such intellectual property rights as necessary for WSP to use such facilities and services as contemplated hereunder and at least in the same manner used by Qwest for the facilities and services provided hereunder. Qwest shall notify WSP immediately in the event that Qwest believes it has used its best efforts to obtain such rights, but has been unsuccessful in obtaining such rights.

5.10.3.1 Qwest covenants that it will not enter into any licensing agreements with respect to any Qwest facilities, equipment or services, including software, that contain provisions that would disqualify WSP from using or interconnecting with such facilities, equipment or services, including software, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. Qwest warrants and further covenants that it has not and will not knowingly modify any existing license agreements for any network facilities, equipment or services, including software, in whole or in part for the purpose of disqualifying WSP from using or interconnecting with such facilities, equipment or services, including software, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. To the extent that providers of facilities, equipment, services or software in Qwest's network provide Qwest with indemnities covering intellectual property liabilities and those indemnities allow a flow-through of protection to third parties, Qwest shall flow those indemnity protections through to WSP.

5.10.4 Except as expressly provided in this Intellectual Property Section, nothing in this

Agreement shall be construed as the grant of a license, either express or implied, with respect to any patent, copyright, logo, trademark, trade name, trade secret or any other intellectual property right now or hereafter owned, controlled or licensable by either Party. Neither Party may use any patent, copyright, logo, trademark, trade name, trade secret or other intellectual property rights of the other Party or its Affiliates without execution of a separate agreement between the Parties.

5.10.5 Neither Party shall without the express written permission of the other Party, state or imply that: 1) it is connected, or in any way affiliated with the other or its Affiliates; 2) it is part of a joint business association or any similar arrangement with the other or its Affiliates; 3) the other Party and its Affiliates are in any way sponsoring, endorsing or certifying it and its goods and services; or 4) with respect to its marketing, advertising or promotional activities or materials, the resold goods and services are in any way associated with or originated from the other or any of its Affiliates. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent either Party from truthfully describing the Network Elements it uses to provide service to its End User Customers, provided it does not represent the Network Elements as originating from the other Party or its Affiliates in any marketing, advertising or promotional activities or materials.

5.10.6 Intentionally Left Blank.

5.10.7 Qwest and WSP each recognize that nothing contained in this Agreement is intended as an assignment or grant to the other of any right, title or interest in or to the trademarks or service marks of the other (the Marks) and that this Agreement does not confer any right or license to grant sublicenses or permission to third parties to use the Marks of the other and is not assignable. Neither Party will do anything inconsistent with the other's ownership of their respective Marks, and all rights, if any, that may be acquired by use of the Marks shall inure to the benefit of their respective Owners. The Parties shall comply with all Applicable Law governing Marks worldwide and neither Party will infringe the Marks of the other.

5.11 Warranties

5.11.1 EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES AGREE THAT NEITHER PARTY HAS MADE, AND THAT THERE DOES NOT EXIST, ANY WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND THAT ALL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES PROVIDED HEREUNDER ARE PROVIDED "AS IS," WITH ALL FAULTS.

5.12 Assignment

5.12.1 Neither Party may assign or transfer (whether by operation of law or otherwise) this Agreement (or any rights or obligations hereunder) to a third party without the prior written consent of the other Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either Party may assign or transfer this Agreement to a corporate Affiliate or an entity under its common control; without the consent of the other Party, provided that the performance of this Agreement by any such assignee is guaranteed by the assignor. Any attempted assignment or transfer that is not permitted is void ab initio. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties' respective successors and assigns.

5.12.2 In the event that Qwest transfers to any unaffiliated Party exchanges including End User Customers that WSP serves in whole or in part through facilities or services provided by

Qwest under this Agreement, the transferee shall be deemed a successor to Qwest's responsibilities hereunder for a period of ninety (90) Days from notice to WSP of such transfer or until such later time as the Commission may direct pursuant to the Commission's then applicable statutory authority to impose such responsibilities either as a condition of the transfer or under such other state statutory authority as may give it such power. In the event of such a proposed transfer, Qwest shall use its best efforts to facilitate discussions between WSP and the Transferee with respect to Transferee's assumption of Qwest's obligations pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

5.12.3 Nothing in this section is intended to restrict WSP's rights to opt into a Wireless Interconnection Agreement under § 252 of the Act.

5.13 Default

5.13.1 If either Party defaults in the payment of any amount due hereunder, or if either Party violates any other material provision of this Agreement, and such default or violation shall continue for thirty (30) calendar Days after written notice thereof, the other Party may seek relief in accordance with the Dispute Resolution provision of this Agreement. The failure of either Party to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement or the waiver thereof in any instance shall not be construed as a general waiver or relinquishment on its part of any such provision, but the same shall, nevertheless, be and remain in full force and effect.

5.14 Disclaimer of Agency

5.14.1 Except for provisions herein expressly authorizing a Party to act for another, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a Party as a legal representative or agent of the other Party, nor shall a Party have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind, express or implied, against or in the name or on behalf of the other Party unless otherwise expressly permitted by such other Party. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no Party undertakes to perform any obligation of the other Party whether regulatory or contractual, or to assume any responsibility for the management of the other Party's business.

5.15 Severability

5.15.1 In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained herein shall for any reason be held to be unenforceable or invalid in any respect under law or regulation, the Parties will negotiate in good faith for replacement language as set forth herein. If any part of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such invalidity or unenforceability will affect only the portion of this Agreement, which is invalid or unenforceable. In all other respects, this Agreement will stand as if such invalid or unenforceable provision had not been a part hereof, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

5.16 Nondisclosure

5.16.1 All information, including but not limited to specifications, microfilm, photocopies, magnetic disks, drawings, sketches, models, samples, tools, technical information, data, employee records, maps, financial reports, and market data, (i) furnished by one Party to the other Party dealing with business or marketing plans End User Customer specific, facility specific, or usage specific information, other than End User Customer information communicated for the purpose of providing Directory Assistance or publication of Directory

Database, or (ii) in written, graphic, electromagnetic, or other tangible form and marked at the time of delivery as "Confidential" or "Proprietary", or (iii) communicated and declared to the receiving Party at the time of delivery, or by written notice given to the receiving Party within ten (10) calendar Days after delivery, to be "Confidential" or "Proprietary" (collectively referred to as "Proprietary Information"), shall remain the property of the disclosing Party. A Party who receives Proprietary Information via an oral communication may request written confirmation that the material is Proprietary Information. A Party who delivers Proprietary Information via an oral communication may request written confirmation that the Party receiving the information understands that the material is Proprietary Information. Each Party shall have the right to correct an inadvertent failure to identify information as Proprietary Information by giving written notification within thirty (30) Days after the information is disclosed. The receiving Party shall from that time forward, treat such information as Proprietary Information.

5.16.2 Upon request by the disclosing Party, the receiving Party shall return all tangible copies of Proprietary Information, whether written, graphic or otherwise, except that the receiving Party may retain one copy for archival purposes.

5.16.3 Each Party shall keep all of the other Party's Proprietary Information confidential and will disclose it on a need to know basis only. In no case shall retail marketing, sales personnel, or strategic planning have access to such Proprietary Information. The Parties shall use the other Party's Proprietary Information only in connection with this Agreement. Neither Party shall use the other Party's Proprietary Information for any other purpose except upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Parties in writing.

5.16.4 Unless otherwise agreed, the obligations of confidentiality and non-use set forth in this Agreement do not apply to such Proprietary Information as:

- a) was at the time of receipt already known to the receiving Party free of any obligation to keep it confidential evidenced by written records prepared prior to delivery by the disclosing Party; or
- b) is or becomes publicly known through no wrongful act of the receiving Party; or
- c) is rightfully received from a third Person having no direct or indirect secrecy or confidentiality obligation to the disclosing Party with respect to such information; or
- d) is independently developed by an employee, agent, or contractor of the receiving Party which individual is not involved in any manner with the provision of services pursuant to the Agreement and does not have any direct or indirect access to the Proprietary Information; or
- e) is disclosed to a third person by the disclosing Party without similar restrictions on such third person's rights; or
- f) is approved for release by written authorization of the disclosing Party; or
- g) is required to be disclosed by the receiving Party pursuant to Applicable Law or regulation provided that the receiving Party shall give sufficient notice of the requirement to the disclosing Party to enable the disclosing Party to seek protective orders.

5.16.5 Nothing herein is intended to prohibit a Party from supplying factual information

about its network and Telecommunications Services on or connected to its network to regulatory agencies including the Federal Communications Commission and the Commission so long as any confidential obligation is protected. In addition either Party shall have the right to disclose Proprietary Information to any mediator, arbitrator, state or federal regulatory body, the Department of Justice or any court in the conduct of any proceeding arising under or relating in any way to this Agreement or the conduct of either Party in connection with this Agreement, including without limitation the approval of this Agreement, or in any proceedings concerning the provision of InterLATA services by Qwest that are or may be required by the Act. The Parties agree to cooperate with each other in order to seek appropriate protection or treatment of such Proprietary Information pursuant to an appropriate protective order in any such proceeding.

5.16.6 Effective Date of this Section. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Proprietary Information provisions of this Agreement shall apply to all information furnished by either Party to the other in furtherance of the purpose of this Agreement, even if furnished before the Effective Date.

5.16.7 Each Party agrees that the disclosing Party could be irreparably injured by a breach of the confidentiality obligations of this Agreement by the receiving Party or its representatives and that the disclosing Party shall be entitled to seek equitable relief, including injunctive relief and specific performance in the event of any breach of the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement. Such remedies shall not be deemed to be the exclusive remedies for a breach of the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement, but shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity.

5.16.8 Nothing herein should be construed as limiting either Party's rights with respect to its own Proprietary Information or its obligations with respect to the other Party's Proprietary Information under Section 222 of the Act.

5.16.9 Forecasts provided by either Party to the other Party shall be deemed Confidential Information and the Parties may not distribute, disclose or reveal, in any form, this material other than as allowed and described in subsections 5.16.9.1 and 5.16.9.2.

5.16.9.1 The Parties may disclose, on a need to know basis only, WSP individual forecasts and forecasting information disclosed by Qwest, to Qwest's legal personnel in connection with their representation of Qwest in any dispute regarding the quality or timeliness or the forecast as it relates to any reason for which WSP provided it to Qwest under this Agreement, as well as to WSP's wholesale account managers, wholesale LIS product managers, network and growth planning personnel responsible for preparing or responding to such forecasts or forecasting information. In no case shall retail marketing, sales or strategic planning have access to this forecasting information. The Parties will inform all of the aforementioned personnel with access to such Confidential Information, of its confidential nature and will require personnel to execute a nondisclosure agreement which states that, upon threat of termination, the aforementioned personnel may not reveal or discuss such information with those not authorized to receive it except as specifically authorized by law. Violations of these requirements shall subject the personnel to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

5.16.9.1.1 Upon the specific order of the Commission, Qwest may provide the forecast information that WSPs have made available to Qwest under this Agreement, provided that Qwest shall first initiate any procedures necessary to

protect the confidentiality and to prevent the public release of the information pending any applicable Commission procedures and further provided that Qwest provides such notice as the Commission directs to WSP involved, in order to allow it to prosecute such procedures to their completion.

5.16.9.2 The Parties shall maintain confidential forecasting information in secure files and locations such that access to the forecasts is limited to the personnel designated in subsection 5.16.9.1 above and such that no other personnel have computer access to such information.

5.17 Survival

5.17.1 Any liabilities or obligations of a Party for acts or omissions prior to the termination of this Agreement, and any obligation of a Party under the provisions regarding indemnification, Confidential or Proprietary Information, limitations of liability, and any other provisions of this Agreement which, by their terms, are contemplated to survive (or to be performed after) termination of this Agreement, shall survive cancellation or termination hereof.

5.18 Dispute Resolution

5.18. If any claim, controversy or dispute between the Parties, their agents, employees, officers, directors or affiliated agents should arise, and the Parties do not resolve it in the ordinary course of their dealings (the "Dispute"), then it shall be resolved in accordance with this Section. Each notice of default, unless cured within the applicable cure period, shall be resolved in accordance herewith. Dispute resolution under the procedures provided in this Section 5.18 shall be the preferred, but not the exclusive remedy for all disputes between Qwest and WSP arising out of this Agreement or its breach. Each Party reserves its rights to resort to the Commission or to a court, agency, or regulatory authority of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this Section 5.18 shall limit the right of either Qwest or WSP, upon meeting the requisite showing, to obtain provisional remedies (including injunctive relief) from a court before, during or after the pendency of any arbitration proceeding brought pursuant to this Section 5.18. However, once a decision is reached by the Arbitrator, such decision shall supersede any provisional remedy.

5.18.2 At the written request of either Party (the Resolution Request), and prior to any other formal dispute resolution proceedings, each Party shall within seven (7) calendar Days after such Resolution Request designate a vice-presidential level employee or a representative with authority to make commitments to review, meet, and negotiate, in good faith, to resolve the Dispute. The Parties intend that these negotiations be conducted by non-lawyer, business representatives, and the locations, format, frequency, duration, and conclusions of these discussions shall be at the discretion of the representatives. By mutual agreement, the representatives may use other procedures, such as mediation, to assist in these negotiations. The discussions and correspondence among the representatives for the purposes of these negotiations shall be treated as Confidential Information developed for purposes of settlement, and shall be exempt from discovery and production, and shall not be admissible in any subsequent arbitration or other proceedings without the concurrence of both of the Parties.

5.18.3 If the vice-presidential level representatives or the designated representative with authority to make commitments have not reached a resolution of the Dispute within fifteen (15) calendar Days after the Resolution Request (or such longer period as agreed to in writing by the Parties), or if either Party fails to designate such vice-presidential level representative or their

representative with authority to make commitments within seven (7) calendar Days after the date of the Resolution Request, then either Party may request that the Dispute be settled by arbitration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party may request that the Dispute be settled by arbitration two (2) calendar Days after the Resolution Request pursuant to the terms of Section 5.18.3.1. In any case, the arbitration proceeding shall be conducted by a single arbitrator, knowledgeable about the Telecommunications industry unless the Dispute involves amounts exceeding five million (\$5,000,000) in which case the proceeding shall be conducted by a panel of three (3) arbitrators, knowledgeable about the Telecommunications industry. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted under the then-current rules for commercial disputes of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or J.A.M.S./Endispute, at the election of the Party that initiates dispute resolution under this Section 5.18. Such rules and procedures shall apply notwithstanding any part of such rules that may limit their availability for resolution of a Dispute. The Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, not state law, shall govern the arbitrability of the Dispute. The arbitrator shall not have authority to award punitive damages. The arbitrator's award shall be final and binding and may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Each Party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees, and shall share equally in the fees and expenses of the arbitrator. The arbitration proceedings shall occur in the Denver, Colorado metropolitan area or in another mutually agreeable location. It is acknowledged that the Parties, by mutual, written agreement, may change any of these arbitration practices for a particular, some, or all Dispute(s). The Party which sends the Resolution Request must notify the Secretary of the Commission of the arbitration proceeding within forty-eight (48) hours of the determination to arbitrate.

5.18.3.1 All expedited procedures prescribed by the AAA or J.A.M.S./Endispute rules, as the case may be, shall apply to Disputes affecting the ability of a Party to provide uninterrupted, high quality services to its End User Customers, or as otherwise called for in this Agreement. A Party may seek expedited resolution of a Dispute if the vice-presidential level representative, or other representative with authority to make commitments, have not reached a resolution of the Dispute within two (2) calendar Days after the Resolution Request. In the event the Parties do not agree that a service affecting Dispute exists, the Dispute resolution shall commence under the expedited process set forth in this Section 5.18.3.1, however, the first matter to be addressed by the Arbitrator shall be the applicability of such process to such Dispute.

5.18.3.2 There shall be no discovery except for the exchange of documents deemed necessary by the Arbitrator to an understanding and determination of the Dispute. Qwest and WSP shall attempt, in good faith, to agree on a plan for such document discovery. Should they fail to agree, either Qwest or WSP may request a joint meeting or conference call with the Arbitrator. The Arbitrator shall resolve any Disputes between Qwest and WSP, and such resolution with respect to the need, scope, manner, and timing of discovery shall be final and binding.

5.18.3.3 Arbitrator's Decision

5.18.3.3.1 The Arbitrator's decision and award shall be in writing and shall state concisely the reasons for the award, including the Arbitrator's findings of fact and conclusions of law.

5.18.3.3.2 An interlocutory decision and award of the Arbitrator granting or denying an application for preliminary injunctive relief may be challenged in a forum of competent jurisdiction immediately, but no later than ten (10) business

days after the appellant's receipt of the decision challenged. During the pendency of any such challenge, any injunction ordered by the Arbitrator shall remain in effect, but the enjoined Party may make an application to the Arbitrator for appropriate security for the payment of such costs and damages as may be incurred or suffered by it if it is found to have been wrongfully enjoined, if such security has not previously been ordered. If the authority of competent jurisdiction determines that it will review, a decision granting or denying an application for preliminary injunctive relief, such review shall be conducted on an expedited basis.

5.18.3.4 To the extent that any information or materials disclosed in the course of an arbitration proceeding contain proprietary, trade secret or Confidential Information of either Party, it shall be safeguarded in accordance with Section 5.16 of this Agreement, or if the Parties mutually agree, such other appropriate agreement for the protection of proprietary, trade secret or Confidential Information that the Parties negotiate. However, nothing in such negotiated agreement shall be construed to prevent either Party from disclosing the other Party's information to the Arbitrator in connection with or in anticipation of an arbitration proceeding, provided, however, that the Party seeking to disclose the information shall first provide fifteen (15) calendar Days notice to the disclosing Party so that that Party, with the cooperation of the other Party, may seek a protective order from the arbitrator. Except as the Parties otherwise agree, or as the Arbitrator for good cause orders, the arbitration proceedings, including hearings, briefs, orders, pleadings and discovery shall not be deemed confidential and may be disclosed at the discretion of either Party, unless it is subject to being safeguarded as proprietary, trade secret or Confidential Information, in which event the procedures for disclosure of such information shall apply.

5.18.4 Should it become necessary to resort to court proceedings to enforce a Party's compliance with the dispute resolution process set forth herein, and the court directs or otherwise requires compliance herewith, then all of the costs and expenses, including its reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the Party requesting such enforcement shall be reimbursed by the non-complying Party to the requesting Party.

5.18.5 No-Dispute, regardless of the form of action, arising out of this Agreement, may be brought by either Party more than two (2) years after the cause of action accrues.

5.18.6 Nothing in this Section is intended to divest or limit the jurisdiction and authority of the Commission or the FCC as provided by state and federal law.

5.18.7 In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and the rules prescribed by the AAA or J.A.M.S./Endispute, this Agreement shall be controlling.

5.18.8 This Section does not apply to any claim, controversy or Dispute between the Parties, their agents, employees, officers, directors or affiliated agents concerning the misappropriation of use of intellectual property rights of a Party, including, but not limited to, the use of the trademark, trade name, trade dress or service mark of a Party.

5.19 Controlling Law

5.19.1 This Agreement is offered by Qwest and accepted by WSP in accordance with applicable federal law and the state law of [STATE]. It shall be interpreted solely in accordance

with applicable federal law and the state law of [STATE].

5.20 Responsibility for Environmental Contamination

5.20.1 Neither Party shall be liable to the other for any costs whatsoever resulting from the presence or release of any Environmental Hazard that either Party did not introduce to the affected work location. Both Parties shall defend and hold harmless the other, its officers, directors and employees from and against any losses, damages, claims, demands, suits, liabilities, fines, penalties and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) that arise out of or result from (i) any Environmental Hazard that the Indemnifying Party, its contractors or agents introduce to the Work Locations or (ii) the presence or release of any Environmental Hazard for which the Indemnifying Party is responsible under Applicable Law.

5.20.2 In the event any suspect materials within Qwest-owned, operated or leased facilities are identified to be asbestos containing, WSP will ensure that to the extent any activities which it undertakes in the facility disturb such suspect materials, such WSP activities will be in accordance with applicable local, state and federal environmental and health and safety statutes and regulations. Except for abatement activities undertaken by WSP or equipment placement activities that result in the generation of asbestos-containing material, WSP does not have any responsibility for managing, nor is it the owner of, nor does it have any liability for, or in connection with, any asbestos-containing material. Qwest agrees to immediately notify WSP if Qwest undertakes any asbestos control or asbestos abatement activities that potentially could affect WSP personnel, equipment or operations, including, but not limited to, contamination of equipment.

5.21 Notices

5.21.1 Any notices required by or concerning this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given if delivered personally, delivered by prepaid overnight express service, or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by email where specified in this Agreement to Qwest and WSP at the addresses shown below:

Qwest Corporation
Director Interconnection Agreements
1801 California, Room 2410
Denver, CO 80202
Email: Intagree@Qwest.com
Phone: (303)965-3029
Fax: (303)-896-7077

With copy to:

Qwest Law Department
Attention: Corporate Counsel, Interconnection
1801 California Street, 10th Floor
Denver, CO 80202

and to WSP at the address shown below:

[COMPANY]

Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Email :
Phone :
Fax :

If personal delivery is selected to give notice, a receipt acknowledging such delivery must be obtained. Each Party shall inform the other of any change in the above contact Person and/or address using the method of notice called for in this Section 5.21:

5.22 Responsibility of Each Party

5.22.1 Each Party is an independent contractor, and has and hereby retains the right to exercise full control of and supervision over its own performance of its obligations under this Agreement and retains full control over the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of all employees assisting in the performance of such obligations. Each Party will be solely responsible for all matters relating to payment of such employees, including compliance with social security taxes, withholding taxes and all other regulations governing such matters. Each Party will be solely responsible for proper handling, storage, transport and disposal at its own expense of all (i) substances or materials that it or its contractors or agents bring to, create or assume control over at Work Locations, and (ii) Waste resulting there from or otherwise generated in connection with its or its contractors' or agents' activities at the Work Locations. Subject to the limitations on liability and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, each Party shall be responsible for (i) its own acts and performance of all obligations imposed by Applicable Law in connection with its activities, legal status and property, real or personal, and (ii) the acts of its own Affiliates, employees, agents and contractors during the performance of that Party's obligations hereunder.

5.23 No Third Party Beneficiaries

5.23.1 The provisions of this Agreement are for the benefit of the Parties and not for any other Person. This Agreement will not provide any Person not a Party to this Agreement with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, claim of action, or other right in excess of those existing by reference in this Agreement.

5.24 Intentionally Left Blank.

5.25 Publicity

5.25.1 Neither Party shall publish or use any publicity materials with respect to the execution and delivery or existence of this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other Party. Nothing in this section shall limit a Party's ability to issue public statements with respect to regulatory or judicial proceedings.

5.26 Executed in Counterparts

5.26.1 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

5.27 Compliance

5.27.1 Each Party shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to its performance under this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, Qwest and WSP agree to keep and maintain in full force and effect all permits, licenses, certificates, and other authorities needed to perform their respective obligations hereunder.

5.28 Compliance with the Communications Assistance Law Enforcement Act of 1994

5.28.1 Each Party represents and warrants that any equipment, facilities or services provided to the other Party under this Agreement comply with the Communications Assistance Law Enforcement Act (CALEA). Each Party shall indemnify and hold the other Party harmless from any and all penalties imposed upon the other Party for such noncompliance and shall at the non-compliant Party's sole cost and expense, modify or replace any equipment, facilities or services provided to the other Party under this Agreement to ensure that such equipment, facilities and services fully comply with CALEA.

5.29 Cooperation

5.29.1 The Parties agree that this Agreement involves the provision of Qwest services in ways such services were not previously available and the introduction of new processes and procedures to provide and bill such services. Accordingly, the Parties agree to work jointly and cooperatively in testing and implementing processes for pre-ordering, ordering, maintenance, Provisioning and Billing and in reasonably resolving issues which result from such implementation on a timely basis. Electronic processes and procedures are addressed in Section 11 of this Agreement.

5.30 Amendments

5.30.1 Amendments; Waivers. The provisions of this Agreement, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Agreement may not be given without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representative. No waiver by any party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

5.31 Entire Agreement

5.31.1 This Agreement (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the parties with regard to the subjects of this Agreement and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subjects of this Agreement.

SECTION 6.0 - INTERCONNECTION

6.1 Interconnection Facility Options

6.1.1 This Section describes the Interconnection of Qwest's network and WSP's own network for the purpose of exchanging MTA/Local traffic. Qwest will provide Interconnection at the trunk side of an end office switch. "Interconnection" is as described in the Act and refers to the connection between networks for the purpose of transmission and routing of telephone exchange service traffic and Exchange Access traffic. Interconnection is provided for the purpose of connecting End Office Switches to End Office Switches for the exchange of MTA/Local traffic.

6.1.1.1 Qwest will provide to WSP Interconnection at least equal in quality to that provided to itself, to any subsidiary, affiliate, or any other party to which it provides Interconnection. Qwest will provide Interconnection under rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable and non-discriminatory.

6.1.2 Methods of Interconnection

6.1.2.1 The Parties will negotiate the facilities arrangement between their networks. WSP shall establish Type 1 trunk groups to the Qwest End Office in each of the EAS/Local Calling Areas where WSP provides service. The following alternatives are negotiable: (1) an analog DS0, DS1 or DS3 Entrance Facility; or (2) another Carrier.

6.1.2.1.1 Qwest Provided Entrance Facility. Interconnection may be accomplished through the provision of an analog DS0, DS1 or DS3 Entrance Facility. An Entrance Facility extends from the Qwest Serving Wire Center to WSP's switch location or POI. Entrance Facilities may not extend beyond the serving area, by the Qwest Serving Wire Center. The rates for Entrance Facilities are provided in Exhibit A. Qwest's Private Line Transport service is available as an alternative to entrance facilities, when WSP uses such Private Line Transport service for multiple services.

6.1.2.2 Qwest agrees to provide local Interconnection trunk diversity to the same extent it does so in Qwest's local network.

6.2 Exchange of Traffic

6.2.1 Description

6.2.1.1 Reciprocal traffic exchange addresses the exchange of traffic between WSP's network and Qwest's network. Reciprocal traffic exchange covered by this Agreement is for Wireless Interconnection for CMRS Carriers only in association with CMRS two-way services. Other Interconnections are covered by a separate agreement or Tariff. Wireless two-way Interconnection is intended for Wireless to Wireline or Wireline to Wireless, but not Wireline to Wireline communications. For purposes of this Agreement, Fixed Wireless is considered a Wireline architecture. The Wireless Interconnection provided shall not be used to terminate other types of traffic on Qwest's network, such as Wireline originated traffic. Any incidental services (e.g. directory assistance, operator services, etc.) will be billed at the standard rates for those services.

Where either Party interconnects and delivers traffic to the other from third parties, each Party shall bill such third parties the appropriate charges pursuant to its respective Tariffs or contractual offerings for such third party terminations. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, by an amendment to this Agreement, the Parties will directly exchange traffic between their respective networks without the use of third party transit providers.

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6.2.1.3 The traffic types to be exchanged under this Agreement include:

6.2.1.3.1 Local Traffic as defined in this Agreement.

6.2.1.3.2 Non-Local traffic as defined in this Agreement.

6.2.1.4 Traffic having special billing requirements includes, but are not limited to, the following:

6.2.1.4.1 Directory Assistance

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6.2.1.4.3 Toll and Assistance Operator Services

6.2.1.4.4 Toll Free Services; and

6.2.1.4.5 ISP Bound Traffic.

6.2.1.5 Toll Blocking Service is a Selective Class of Call Screening (CustomNet). Selective Class of Call Screening restricts, by operator screen identification, outgoing toll calls from trunks to collect, third party billed, and/or credit card calls only. Direct dialed calls to Directory Assistance, 800/877/888, E911/911, 950, and Qwest Repair are permitted. It is available when WSP sends its traffic on outgoing Ancillary Trunks.

6.2.1.6 Billed Number Screening allows WSP the capability of restricting incoming collect and/or third number billed calls from being billed to their Ancillary Trunks. Although these lines are outgoing trunks, the capability does exist to terminate a collect and/or third number billed call to the line. Other long distance companies may or may not subscribe to Billing Validation or recognize the billed number screening indicator. Therefore, calls placed on other long distance company networks may complete and bill collect and/or third number billed calls to the WSP account. Qwest is not responsible for any calls completed on other long distance company networks.

6.2.2 Wireless Interconnection Requirements

As a part of the Wireless Interconnection requirements, WSP will establish Type 1 trunk groups to the Qwest r End Office Switch(es), as required.

6.2.2.1 Type 1 Interconnections

6.2.2.1.1 Type 1 is an intraLATA/intrastate final route trunk group between a CMRS Point of Interconnection (POI) and a Qwest central office switch.

6.2.2.1.1.1 The Type 1 Interconnection is a trunk side connection with line treatment (except for a 2-wire analog channel, which is available as a line side connection). Each trunk is translated like a line. Qwest provides the following: the transmission medium; signaling and supervision. Maintenance and restoral are provided as detailed in the applicable sections of the state tariffs. Restoral is subject to the terms of the Telecommunications Service Priority System (TSP) for National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunication (FCC #1, Section 10.8.1D)

6.2.2.1.1.2 All Type 1 Services have the following features described in this Section. Blocks of telephone numbers will be assigned to the CMRS provider from an NXX assigned to the Qwest switch which is the Dial Tone End Office of the CMRS provider's switch location. This will usually be the Serving Wire Center (SWC). In the event sufficient numbers are not available to meet the CMRS provider's three year forecast, a new NXX, if practicable, will be assigned to the dial tone office from which numbers will be allocated. All numbers are assigned and administered by Qwest. The CMRS provider performs subadministration (assigning specific numbers to individual subscribers).

6.2.2.1.1.3 Reservation and implementation of numbers will be in blocks of 20 or 100. A nonrecurring charge applies per Section 5.3.4 of the Exchange and Network Services Tariff/Price List/Catalog.

6.2.2.1.1.4 WSP must have a POI within the EAS/Local Calling Area of the designated rate center of the assigned Direct-Inward-Dialing (DID) numbers.

6.2.3 Trunking Requirements

6.2.3.1 The Parties will provide designed Interconnection facilities that meet the same technical criteria and service standards, such as probability of blocking in peak hours and transmission standards, in accordance with current industry standards.

6.2.3.2 Two-way trunk groups will be established wherever possible and where the Qwest switch can support the rating and billing of mobile to land traffic. Separate trunk groups will be established based on billing, signaling, and network requirements.

6.2.3.3 Although, two-way trunk groups are the preferred method of Interconnection, one-way trunk groups may be established. If either Party elects to provision its own one-way trunks for delivery of Local Traffic to be terminated on the other Party's network, the other Party must also provision its own one-way trunks to the extent that traffic volumes warrant.

6.2.3.4 Trunk group connections will be made at a DS1 or multiple DS1 level. Ancillary service trunk groups may be made at either a DS1 or DS0 level.

6.2.3.5 The Parties may elect to purchase transport services from each other or from a third party that has leased the Private Line Transport Service facility from Qwest. Such transport delivers the originating Party's local traffic to the terminating Party's End Office for call termination.

6.2.3.6 Multifrequency Signaling. Inband Multifrequency (MF) wink start signaling will be used with Type 1.

6.2.3.7 Interface Code Availability.

Supervisory signaling specifications, and the applicable network channel interface codes for Type 1 trunks, are the same as those defined in Telcordia Reference Documents GR-145-CORE and BR-795-403-100.

6.2.3.8 Measurement of terminating local Interconnection minutes begins when WSP's MSC receives answer supervision from the called end user's end office. The measurement of terminating call usage over Type 1 trunks ends when WSP's MSC receives disconnect supervision from either the called end user's end office, indicating the call has disconnected, or WSP's Point of Interconnection, whichever is recognized first by the entry switch. This is commonly referred to as "conversation time". Qwest will only charge WSP for actual minutes of use and/or fractions thereof of completed calls. Minutes of use are aggregated at the end of the billing cycle and rounded to the nearest whole minute.

6.2.3.8.1 Where feasible, Qwest will provide as a part of WSP bill, recording and rating of mobile to land traffic exchanged over the Wireless Interconnection. If data necessary for billing is lost, Qwest will estimate usage based on the previous three (3) months' usage.

6.2.4 Terms and Conditions

6.2.4.1 Transport and Termination of Local Traffic.

6.2.4.1.1 Local Traffic will be exchanged as Type 1 Service.

6.2.4.2 Non-Local Traffic

6.2.4.2.1 Non-Local Traffic will be exchanged over Type 1 facilities and usage will be rated using the FCC's Access Tariff and the applicable Switched Access rates.

6.2.4.3 Transit Traffic

6.2.4.3.1 This Agreement does not allow for the exchange of Transit Traffic between each Party's network. If the Parties wish to exchange Transit Traffic, the Parties will enter into a separate amendment to this Agreement.

6.2.4.4 Jointly Provided Switched Access

6.2.4.4.1 This Agreement does not allow for the exchange of Jointly Provided Switched Access traffic between each Party's network. If the Parties

wish to exchange Jointly Provided Switched Access Traffic, the Parties will enter into a separate amendment to this Agreement.

6.2.4.7 Type 1 Forecasting

6.2.4.7.1 Both WSP and Qwest shall work in good faith to define a mutually agreed upon forecast of Type 1 trunking.

6.2.4.7.2 Both Parties shall have the obligation to participate in joint planning meetings at semi-annual intervals to establish trunk design and provisioning requirements. The Parties agree to provide mutual trunk forecast information to ensure End User Customer call completion between the Parties' networks. Such forecasts shall be for Type 1 trunking, which impacts the switch capacity and facilities of each Party.

6.2.4.7.3 Switch capacity growth jobs requiring the addition of new switching modules may require six months for order and install. To align with the timeframe needed to provide for the requested facilities, including engineering, ordering, installation and make ready activities, the Parties will utilize Qwest standard forecast timelines, as defined in the standard Qwest Type 1 Trunk Forecast Forms for growth planning. For capacity growth, Qwest will utilize WSP semi-annual forecasts and near-term demand submitted on Unforecasted Demand Notification Form to ensure availability of switch capacity.

6.2.4.7.4 Each Party will utilize the forecast cycle outlined on the Qwest Type 1 Trunk Forecast Forms, which stipulates that forecasts be submitted on a semi-annual basis. The forecast will identify trunking requirements for a two-year period. From the semi-annual close date as outlined in the forecast cycle, the receiving Party will have one (1) month to determine network needs and place vendor orders which require a six (6) month minimum to complete the network build. Seven (7) months after submission of the initial forecast, Qwest will have the necessary capacity in place to meet the WSP forecast. After the initial Forecast, Qwest will ensure that capacity is available to meet WSP's needs as described in the WSP forecasts.

6.2.4.7.5 Both Parties will follow the forecasting and provisioning requirements of this Agreement for the appropriate sizing of trunks, and use of direct End Office routing.

6.2.4.7.6 In the event of a dispute regarding forecast quantities, the Parties will make capacity available in accordance with the lower forecast, while attempting to resolve the matter informally. If the Parties fail to reach resolution, the Dispute Resolution provision of this Agreement shall apply.

6.2.4.7.7 Joint planning meetings will be used to bring clarity to the process. Qwest shall work cooperatively with WSP in determining proper volumes of Interconnection facilities through joint, cooperative planning sessions. Each Party will provide adequate information associated with the Qwest Type 1 Trunk Forecast Forms in addition to its forecasts. No later than two weeks prior to the joint planning meetings, the Parties shall exchange information to facilitate the planning process. Both Parties shall provide information on major network

projects anticipated for the following year that may impact the other Party's forecast or Interconnection requirements Qwest shall provide WSP a report reflecting then current spare capacity at each Qwest switch that may impact the Interconnection traffic. Qwest shall also provide a report reflecting then current blocking of local direct and alternate final trunk groups, Interconnection and non-Interconnection alike. WSP will be provided Interconnection trunk group data on its own trunks. The information is Qwest-proprietary, provided under non-disclosure and is to be used solely for Interconnection network planning.

6.2.4.7.8 In addition to the above information, WSP shall provide:

- (a) Completed Qwest Type 1 Trunk Forecast Forms; and
- (b) Any planned use of an alternate Local Tandem Provider.

6.2.4.7.9 In addition to the above information, the following information will be available through the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) or the Interconnections (ICONN) Database. The LERG is available through Telcordia. ICONN is available through the Qwest Web site located at: <http://www.qwest.com/cgi-bin/iconn/iconn.pl>.

- (a) Qwest Tandems and Qwest End Offices (LERG);
- (b) CLLI codes (LERG);
- (c) Business/Residence line counts (ICONN);
- (d) switch type (LERG or ICONN); and
- (e) Current and planned switch generics (ICONN).

Qwest will notify WSP six (6) months prior to LERG amendment, the anticipation of a new Local Tandem switch.

6.2.4.7.10 Qwest Network Disclosure of deployment information for specific technical capabilities (e.g., ISDN deployment, 64 CCC, etc.) shall be provided on Qwest's web site, <http://www.qwest.com/disclosures>.

6.2.4.7.11 When appropriate, Qwest will notify WSP through the Qwest Trunk Group Servicing Request (TGSR) process of the need to take action and place orders in accordance with the forecasted trunk requirements. WSP shall respond to the TGSR within ten (10) business Days of receipt.

6.2.4.7.12 The following terms shall apply to the forecasting process:

6.2.4.7.12.1 WSP forecasts shall be provided to Qwest as detailed in the standard Wireless Type 1 Trunk Forecast Form.

6.2.4.7.12.2 WSP forecasts provided to Qwest, information provided by WSP to Qwest outside of the normal forecasting process to modify the forecast, and forecasting information disclosed by Qwest to WSP shall be

deemed Confidential Information and the Parties may not distribute, disclose or reveal, in any form, this material other than as allowed and described in subsections 5.16.9.1 and 5.16.9.2.

6.2.4.7.13 If a trunk group is consistently utilized (trunks required over trunks in service) at less than fifty percent (50%) of rated busy hour capacity each month of any consecutive three (3) month period, Qwest will notify WSP of Qwest's desire to resize the trunk group. Such notification shall include Qwest's information on current utilization levels. If WSP does not submit an ASR to resize the trunk group within thirty (30) calendar Days of the written notification, Qwest may reclaim the unused facilities and rearrange the trunk group. When reclamation does occur, Qwest shall not leave the WSP assigned trunk group with less than twenty five percent (25%) excess capacity. Ancillary trunks are excluded from this treatment.

6.2.4.7.14 Each Party shall provide a specified point of contact for planning, forecasting and trunk servicing purposes.

6.2.4.7.15 Interconnection facilities provided on a route that involves extraordinary circumstances may be subject to the Construction Charges, as detailed in Section 19 of this Agreement. When Qwest claims extraordinary circumstances exist, it must apply to the Commission for approval of such charges by showing that WSP alone is the sole cause of such construction. Qwest shall initiate such proceeding within ten (10) calendar Days of notifying WSP in writing that it will not construct the requested facilities, or within ten (10) calendar Days of notice from WSP in writing that Qwest must either commence construction of the facilities or initiate such proceeding with the Commission. 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 obligation of constructing such facilities during the pendency of the proceeding before the Commission. If the Commission approves such charges, Qwest and WSP will share costs in proportion to each Party's use of the overall capacity of the route involved. Qwest and WSP may also choose to work in good faith to identify and locate alternative routes that can be used to accommodate WSP forecasted build. Extraordinary circumstances include, but are not limited to, natural obstructions such as lakes, rivers, or steep terrain, and legal obstructions such as governmental, federal, Native American or private rights of way. The standard Qwest forecast period of six (6) months may not apply under these circumstances. Construction Charges shall not apply in the event that construction is an augment of an existing route.

6.2.4.8 Testing

6.2.4.8.1 Acceptance Testing. At the time of installation of a Type 1 trunk group, and at no additional charge, acceptance tests will be performed to ensure that the service is operational and meets the applicable technical parameters.

6.2.4.8.2 Testing Capabilities

6.2.4.8.2.1 Type 1 acceptance testing is provided where equipment is available, with the following test lines: seven-digit access to balance (100

type), milliwatt (102 type), nonsynchronous or synchronous, automatic transmission measuring (105 type), data transmission (107 type), loop-around, short circuit, open circuit, and non-inverting digital loopback (108 type), and such other acceptance testing that may be needed to ensure that the service is operational and meets the applicable technical parameters.

6.2.4.8.2.2 In addition to Type 1 acceptance testing, other tests are available (e.g., additional cooperative acceptance testing, automatic scheduled testing, cooperative scheduled testing, manual scheduled testing, and non-scheduled testing) at the applicable rates found in Miscellaneous Charges as listed the applicable tariff, catalog, or price list. Testing fees will be paid by WSP when requesting testing.

6.2.4.8.3 Repair Testing. At the time of repair of a Type 1 trunk group, at no additional charge, tests will be performed to ensure that the service is operational and meets the applicable technical parameters.

6.2.4.9 Mileage Measurement. Where required, the mileage measurement for Type 1 rate elements is determined in the same manner as the mileage measurement for V & H methodology as outlined in NECA Tariff No. 4.

6.3 Reciprocal Compensation

6.3.1 Interconnection Facility Options

6.3.1.1 The Reciprocal Compensation Provisions of this Agreement shall apply to the exchange of Local Traffic between WSP's network and Qwest's network. Where either Party interconnects and delivers traffic to the other from third parties, each Party shall bill such third parties the appropriate charges pursuant to its respective Tariffs, Price Lists or contractual offerings for such third party terminations. Absent a separately negotiated agreement to the contrary, the Parties will directly exchange traffic between their respective networks without the use of third party transit providers.

6.3.1.2 Entrance Facilities and Trunking

6.3.1.2.1 Recurring and nonrecurring rates for Entrance Facilities and trunking are specified in Exhibit A and will apply for those DS0, DS1 or DS3 facilities dedicated to use by Type 1 Service.

6.3.1.2.2 If WSP chooses to use an existing facility purchased as Private Line Transport Service from the state or FCC Access Tariffs, the rates from those Tariffs will apply.

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6.3.1.4 Direct Trunked Transport is available as follows:

6.3.1.4.1 Direct Trunked Transport (DTT) is available between the Serving Wire Center of the POI and Qwest's End Office Switches. The applicable rates are described in Appendix A. DTT facilities are provided as dedicated DS0, DS1

or DS3 facilities.

6.3.1.4.2 Mileage shall be measured for DTT based on V&H coordinates between the Serving Wire Center of the POI and the Qwest End Office.

6.3.1.4.3 Fixed and Per Mile Charges per DS0, DS1 and DS3 are applicable and are defined for DTT in Appendix A of this Agreement.

6.3.2 Trunk Rearrangement Nonrecurring Charges

6.3.2.1 Nonrecurring charges for rearrangement may be assessed by the provider for each Type 1 trunk rearrangement ordered, as identified in Section 5.3.4 of the Exchange & Network Services Tariff.

6.3.3 Miscellaneous Charges

6.3.3.1 Cancellation charges will apply to cancelled Type 1 trunk orders, based upon the critical dates, terms and conditions in accordance with the Access Service Tariff Section 5.2.3, and the Trunk Nonrecurring Charges referenced in this Agreement.

6.3.3.2 Expedite requests for trunk orders are allowed. Expedites are requests for intervals that are shorter than the interval defined in Qwest's Service Interval Guide (SIG) or Individual Case Basis (ICB) due date. Charges as set forth in State Access Tariffs apply for expedites.

6.3.3.3 Construction charges are described in Section 19 and charges are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

6.3.3.4 "Other Miscellaneous Charges will be applied as discussed in the definition of Miscellaneous Charges."

6.3.4 Multiplexing

6.3.4.1 Multiplexing options (DS1/DS3 MUX) are available at rates described in Exhibit A.

6.3.5 Channel Performance

6.3.5.1 Conditioning to extend signaling on a two-wire analog channel when the Serving Wire Center is not the Dial Tone Office.

6.3.6 Connectivity

6.3.6.1 Connectivity The equipment at the Dial Tone Office which connects the channel to the Company's switch.

6.3.7 Dial Outpulsing

6.3.7.1 Dial Outpulsing Analog or digital equipment at the Dial Tone Office which transmits the digits of the dialed number to the Carrier on land to mobile calls.

6.3.8 Facilities Credit

6.3.8.1 When WSP leases facilities from Qwest for Entrance Facility (EF), Direct Trunked Transport (DTT) and Multiplexing, Qwest's charges shall be adjusted to account for the portion of the facility used to transport traffic originated by Qwest's End User Customers to WSP, as follows.

6.3.8.1.1 A credit will be calculated by multiplying the sum of the total monthly two way channel facility for the EF, DTT, and multiplexer state specific charges by a Percent Local Usage 2B(PLU 2B) factor of 0.185 (eighteen and one half percent). This PLU 2B factor can be updated every six months subject to review and validation by Qwest, based on a three-month study of actual usage of Qwest originated land to mobile traffic to total traffic exchanged between the Parties. This factor will be supplied to Qwest thirty (30) Days prior to its effective date. If WSP does not supply a new factor, the previous factor will remain in effect until the next update. This credit will be applied each month for the term of this Agreement.

6.3.8.1.2 The Parties agree that the Facilities Credit is intended to apply only to 2-way Type 1 Interconnection facilities.

6.3.9 Local Traffic

6.3.9.1 Bill and Keep

6.3.9.1.2 Each Party shall terminate local and extended area service calls on a mutual exchange of traffic basis, at no charge to the originating provider.

6.3.10 Non-Local Traffic

6.3.10.1 Applicable Qwest Switched Access Tariff rates apply to Non-Local Traffic routed to an End Office. Applicable Qwest Switched Access Tariff rates also apply to InterMTA and Roaming traffic originated by, or terminating to, Qwest. Relevant rate elements could include Direct Trunked Transport, Tandem switching, Tandem Transmission, and Local switching, as appropriate.

6.3.10.2 The completion of Non-Local calls is based on the location of the Wireless subscriber and Qwest landline end user traffic originating and terminating outside of the CMRS defined Local Calling Area and for roaming traffic, the rates found in the applicable interstate Switched Access Tariff are applicable.

6.3.11 Signaling Parameters

6.3.11.1 Inband Multifrequency (MF) wink start signaling will be used with Type 1.

6.4 Ordering

6.4.1 When ordering Type 1 Service, the ordering Party shall specify requirements on the Access Service Request: (ASR) 1) the type and number of Type 1 Interconnection facilities to terminate at the Point of Interconnection in the Serving Wire Center; 2) the type of interoffice

transport, (i.e., Direct Trunked Transport); and 3) any optional features. When the ordering Party requests facilities, routing, or optional features different than those determined to be available, the Parties will work cooperatively in determining an acceptable configuration, based on available facilities, equipment and routing plans.

6.4.2 For each NXX code assigned to WSP by the NANPA, WSP will provide Qwest with the CLLI codes of the Qwest End Office and WSP's Point of Interface to which traffic associated with the NXX will be routed. For NXX codes assigned to existing Type 1 trunk groups, WSP will also provide Qwest with the Qwest assigned Two-Six Code aka Trunk Group Serial Number (TGSN) to which each NXX will be routed.

6.4.3 When WSP has a DS3 Entrance Facility or has purchased a DS3 private line facility, WSP will order the appropriate DS1 facility required and identify the channels of the DS3 to be used to provide circuit facility assignments. Also, if WSP has a DS1 Entrance Facility or has purchased a DS1 private line facility, WSP will be responsible for identification of the DS0 channels of the DS1 private line to be used to provide circuit facility assignment.

6.4.4 A joint planning meeting will precede WSP orders for Type 1 Interconnection at new Points of Interconnection (POIs). These meetings will result in agreement and commitment that both Parties can implement the proposed plan and the transmittal of Access Service Requests (ASRs) to initiate order activity.

6.4.5 Service intervals and due dates for initial establishment of trunking arrangements at each location of Interconnection between the Parties will be determined on an Individual Case Basis.

6.4.6 Service intervals and due dates for the establishment of subsequent trunking arrangements for Interconnection between the Parties, will be in accordance with the guidelines for Type 1 contained in the Wireless Carrier Resource Guide, available on Qwest's web site: <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/pcat/wireless.html>.

6.4.7 WSP may cancel an order for Type 1 service at any time prior to notification by Qwest that service is available for WSP's use, subject to cancellation charges described in State Access Tariffs. If WSP is unable to accept Type 1 Service within thirty (30) calendar Days after the original service date, WSP has the following options:

6.4.7.1 The order for Type 1 Service will be cancelled, and cancellation charges will apply, or Billing for the service will commence.

6.4.7.2 In such instances, the cancellation date or the date billing is to commence, depending on which option is selected by WSP, will be the 31st calendar Day beyond the original service date of the order for Type 1 Service.

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SECTION 9.0 - ANCILLARY SERVICES

9.1 Local Number Portability

9.1.1 Managed Cuts

9.1.1.1 Local Number Portability (LNP) is defined by the FCC as the ability of users of Telecommunications Services to retain, at the same location, existing telecommunications numbers without impairment of quality, reliability, or convenience when switching from one Telecommunications Carrier to another.

9.1.1.2 WSP may order the LNP Managed Cut, as described in Section 9.1.1.3.

9.1.1.2.1 Parties understand that LNP order activity may be coordinated in order to ensure that the end user is provided with uninterrupted service. If the Party porting the telephone number experiences problems with its Port, and needs to delay or cancel the Port, that Party shall notify the other Party immediately. Parties will work cooperatively and take prompt action to delay or cancel the Port in accordance with industry (LNPA's Working Group) accepted procedures to minimize End User Customer service disruptions.

9.1.1.3 LNP Managed Cut: A Managed Cut permits WSP to select a project managed cut for LNP. Managed Cuts are offered on a 24 X 7 basis.

9.1.1.3.1 The date and time for the managed cut requires up-front planning and may need to be coordinated between Qwest and WSP. 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 downtime, switch upgrades, switch maintenance, and the possibility of other WSPs 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 coordinate with WSP for an agreed upon FDT, prior to issuing the Firm Order Confirmation (FOC). In special cases where a FDT must be agreed upon, the interval to reach agreement will not exceed two (2) Days. In addition, standard intervals will apply.

9.1.1.3.2 WSP shall request a Managed Cut by submitting a Local Service Request (LSR) and designating this order as a Managed Cut in the remarks section of the LSR form. WSP must also populate Manual IND field with the letter Y.

9.1.1.3.3 WSP will incur additional charges for the Managed Cut dependent upon the FDT. The rates are based upon whether the request is within Qwest's normal business hours or out of hours. Qwest's normal business hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., end user local time, Monday through Friday. The rate for Managed Cuts during normal business hours is the standard rate. The rate for Managed Cuts out of hours, except for Sundays and Holidays, is the overtime rate. Sundays and Holidays are at premium rate.

9.1.1.3.4 Charges for Managed Cuts shall be based upon actual hours worked in one half (½) hour increments. Exhibit A of this Agreement contains the rates for Managed Cuts. WSP understands and agrees that in the event WSP

does not make payment for Managed Cuts, unless disputed as permitted under Section 5.4 of the Agreement, Qwest shall not accept any new LSR requests for Managed Cuts.

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

9.1.1.3.6 In the event that the LNP Managed Cut LNP conversion is not successful, WSP and Qwest agree to isolate and fix the problem in a timeframe acceptable to WSP or the Customer. If the problem cannot be corrected within an acceptable timeframe to WSP or the Customer, WSP may request the restoration of Qwest service for the ported Customer. Such restoration shall begin immediately upon request. If WSP 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 WSP.

9.1.1.3.7 Qwest shall ensure that any LNP order activity requested in conjunction with a Managed Cut shall be implemented in a manner that avoids interrupting service to the end user, including, without limitation, ensuring that the end user's Qwest Loop will not be disconnected prior to confirmation that telephone number has been successfully ported.

9.1.2 Query Service

9.1.2.1 Qwest shall perform default LNP queries where WSP is unable to perform its own query. WSP shall perform default LNP queries where Qwest is unable to perform its own query. Qwest query services and charges are defined in Qwest's FCC Tariff #1, Section 13.19.1, including End Office and Tandem Default Query Charges which are contained in Tariff Section 13 (Miscellaneous Service).

9.1.2 A Party shall be charged for a LNP query by the other Party only if the Party to be charged is the N-1 carrier and it was obligated to perform the LNP query but failed to do so. Parties are not obligated to perform the LNP query prior to the first Port requested in a NXX.

9.2 911/E911 Service

9.2.1 Compliance with FCC Docket 94-102 necessitates the integration of Wireless calls to the E911 network, which is separate from the Type 1 Interconnection. This E911 connectivity must be between the Wireless Carrier's switch and the appropriate 911 selective router and must include provisions for the delivery of the

Wireless End User Customer's call back telephone number and the location of the originating cell tower for Phase I and the X, Y coordinate, within 157 meters, of the calling party in lieu of the originating cell tower location, for Phase II. It is the Wireless Carriers responsibility to arrange for compliance with this section of FCC 94-102. The Parties will cooperate in the joint provision of Wireless E911 service, to include the provisioning of the network and Automatic Location Identification (ALI) Database, under a separate agreement, which is compliant with the requirements of FCC docket 94-102, when a qualifying Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) requests such service.

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9.4 Access to Poles, Ducts, Conduits, and Rights of Way

9.4.1 Access to Poles, Ducts, Conduits and Rights of Way see Exhibit D for Terms and Conditions and Exhibit A for rates.

9.5 Construction Charges

9.5.1 Qwest will conduct an individual financial assessment of any request that requires construction of network capacity, facilities, or space.. When Qwest constructs to fulfill WSP's request 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 WSP 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 WSP 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.

SECTION 10.0 - NETWORK SECURITY

10.1 Protection of Service and Property. Each Party shall exercise the same degree of care to prevent harm or damage to the other Party and any third parties, its employees, agents or End User Customers, or their property as it employs to protect its own personnel, End User Customers and property, etc.

10.2 Each Party is responsible to provide security and privacy of communications. This entails protecting the confidential nature of Telecommunications transmissions between End User Customers during technician work operations and at all times. Specifically, no employee, agent or representative shall monitor any circuits except as required to repair or provide service of any End User Customer at any time. Nor shall an employee, agent or representative disclose the nature of overheard conversations, or who participated in such communications or even that such communication has taken place. Violation of such security may entail state and federal criminal penalties, as well as civil penalties. WSP is responsible for covering its employees on such security requirements and penalties.

10.3 The Parties' Telecommunications networks are part of the national security network, and as such, are protected by federal law. Deliberate sabotage or disablement of any portion of the underlying equipment used to provide the network is a violation of federal statutes with severe penalties, especially in times of national emergency or state of war. The Parties are responsible for covering their employees on such security requirements and penalties.

10.4 Each Party is responsible for the physical security of its employees, agents or representatives. Providing safety glasses, gloves, etc. must be done by the respective employing Party. Hazards handling and safety procedures relative to the Telecommunications environment is the training responsibility of the employing Party. Proper use of tools, ladders, and test gear is the training responsibility of the employing Party.

10.5 In the event that one Party's employees, agents or representatives inadvertently damage or impair the equipment of the other Party, prompt notification will be given to the damaged Party by verbal notification between the Parties' technicians at the site or by telephone to each Party's 24 x 7 security numbers.

10.6 Qwest and WSP employees, agents and vendors will display the identification/access card above the waist and visible at all times.

10.7 Qwest and WSP shall ensure adherence by their employees, agents and vendors to all applicable Qwest environmental health and safety regulations. This includes all fire/life safety matters, OSHA, EPA, Federal, State and local regulations, including evacuation plans and indoor air quality.

10.8 Revenue Protection. Qwest shall make available to WSP all present and future fraud prevention or revenue protection features. These features include, but are not limited to, screening codes, information digits '29' and '70' which indicate prison and COCOT pay phone originating line types respectively; call blocking of domestic, international, 800, 888, 900, NPA-976, 700 and 500 numbers. Qwest shall additionally provide partitioned access to fraud prevention, detection and control functionality within pertinent Operations Support Systems which include but are not limited to LIDB Fraud monitoring systems.

10.8.1 Uncollectable or unbillable revenues resulting from, but not confined to,

Provisioning, maintenance, or signal network routing errors shall be the responsibility of the Party causing such error or malicious acts, if such malicious acts could have reasonably been avoided.

10.8.2 To the extent that incremental costs are directly attributable to a revenue protection capability requested by WSP, those costs will be borne by WSP.

10.8.3 To the extent that either Party is liable to any toll provider for fraud and to the extent that either Party could have reasonably prevented such fraud, the Party who could have reasonably prevented such fraud must indemnify the other for any fraud due to compromise of its network (e.g., clip-on, missing information digits, missing toll restriction, etc.).

10.8.4 If Qwest becomes aware of potential fraud with respect to WSP's accounts, Qwest will promptly inform WSP and, at the direction of WSP, take reasonable action to mitigate the fraud where such action is possible.

10.9 Law Enforcement Interface. Qwest provides emergency assistance to 911 centers and law enforcement agencies seven (7) Days a week/twenty-four (24) hours a Day. Assistance includes, but is not limited to, release of 911 trace and subscriber information; in-progress trace requests; establishing emergency trace equipment; release of information from an emergency trap/trace or *57 trace; requests for emergency subscriber information; assistance to law enforcement agencies in hostage/barricade situations, kidnappings, bomb threats, extortion/scams, runaways and life threats.

10.10 Qwest provides trap/trace, pen register and Title III assistance directly to law enforcement, if such assistance is directed by a court order. This service is provided during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. Exceptions are addressed in the above paragraph. The charges for these services will be billed directly to the law enforcement agency, without involvement of WSP, for any lines served from Qwest Wire Centers or cross boxes.

SECTION 11.0 - ACCESS TO OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS (OSS)

11.1 Description

11.1.1 Qwest has developed OSS interfaces using an electronic gateway solution consistent with the design prescribed by the FCC, Docket 96-98, FCC 96-325, paragraph 527. These gateways act as a mediation or control point between WSP's and Qwest's Operations Systems. These gateways provide security for the interface, protecting the integrity of the Qwest network and its databases. Qwest's operational systems interfaces have been developed to support Pre-ordering, Ordering and Provisioning, Maintenance and Repair and Billing. Included below is a description of the products and functions supported by Qwest OSS interfaces and the technology used by each.

11.2 OSS Support for Pre-Ordering, Ordering and Provisioning

11.2.1 ASR (Access Service Request) Ordering Process

11.2.1.1 Qwest proposes the use of existing systems for orders placed using the ASR (Access Service Request) process. Systems in place today (EXACT) adhere to the existing standards directed by OBF (Ordering and Billing Forum). EXACT has an interface that accepts batch files via ConnectDirect from customers. It is the WSP's responsibility to obtain the appropriate software to access and interface with Qwest systems.

11.2.1.2 An alternative system managed by Qwest is one that customers access via dial-up. This system, TELIS, allows customers to directly input ASRs into a secured database and the customer can manage their ASRs accordingly. TELIS interfaces through a batch file process with EXACT to correctly process ASRs. It is the WSP's responsibility to obtain the appropriate software to access and interface with Qwest systems.

11.2.1.3 Type 1 Interconnection can be ordered electronically via EXACT and TELIS.

11.2.2 Functions

11.2.2.1 Access Service Request (ASR)

11.2.2.1.1 The ASR transaction allows WSP to submit an order.

11.2.2.2 Firm Order Confirmation (FOC)

11.2.2.2.1 Once an ASR is accepted by Qwest, the assigned service order number(s) is returned to WSP. Firm Order Confirmation means that Qwest has received the ASR, issued the order and assigned an order number for tracking. In addition, it identifies the due dates Qwest assigns to the order.

11.2.3 Facility Based EDI Listing Process

11.2.3.1 The Facility Based EDI Listing Process is a single interface from WSP to Qwest. This interface is compliant with OBF ASOG and ANSI ASC X.12 standards, version 4010. This interface enables WSP listing data to be translated and passed into the Qwest listing database. After Qwest's daily batch processing, a Confirmation/Completion record (for every PON provided on input) is returned to WSP via an EDI 855 transaction.

11.2.3.2 Qwest will continue to make improvements to the electronic interfaces as the technology evolves, providing notification to WSP consistent with the provisions of this Section.

11.3 Hours of Operation

11.3.1 Qwest Operational Support Systems will be available to WSP consistent with the Qwest retail operations and internal processes that support pre-ordering, ordering and provisioning, maintenance and repair, and billing as they are described in this Agreement.

11.4 Billing

11.4.1 For products billed out of the Qwest IABS system, Qwest will utilize the existing CABS/BOS format and technology for the transmission of bills.

11.5 Outputs

11.5.1 IABS Bill - The IABS (Interexchange Access Billing System) Bill includes monthly and one time charges plus a summary of any usage charges. These bills are segmented by product, LATA, billing account number (BAN) and bill cycle. The IABS Bill media is only provided in the following media:

- a) Paper
- b) NDM (Dedicated Circuit or dial-up)
- c) Internet/WEB (read only)
- d) Diskette

11.6 Modifications to OSS Interfaces

11.6.1 WSP and Qwest agree to discuss the modification of OSS interfaces based upon evolving standards (e.g., data elements, protocols, transport networks, etc.) and guidelines issued by or referenced by relevant Alliance for Telecommunication Industry Solution (ATIS) Committees. Establishment of new, or changes to industry standards and guidelines will be reviewed on no less than a quarterly basis commencing on the effective date of this Agreement. This review will consider standards and guidelines that have reached final closure as well as those published in final form. Both Parties agree to evaluate evolving standards and determine the relevant modification to be implemented based upon the latest approved version adopted or the latest version reflecting final closure by the relevant ATIS committee or subcommittee. The Parties will use reasonable effort to reach closure upon the necessary changes within no more than three (3) months of initiating each review and to implement the changes within nine (9) months or earlier, if reasonably possible, unless there is agreement to a different

implementation schedule.

11.6.2 In the course of establishing operational ready system interfaces between Qwest and WSP to support local service delivery, WSP and Qwest may need to define and implement system interface specifications that are supplemental to existing standards. WSP and Qwest will submit such specifications to the appropriate standards committee and will work towards its acceptance as a standard.

11.6.3 Release updates will be based on regulatory obligations as dictated by the FCC or Commissions and, as time permits, the agreed to changes requested by the FORUM. Qwest will provide to WSP the features list for modifications to the interface ninety (90) Days prior to any release date. Specifications for interface modifications will be provided to WSP three (3) weeks prior to the release date. WSP is required to upgrade to the current release within six (6) months of the installation date.

11.6.4 This Section constitutes the entirety of the OSS agreement. Nothing beyond what is described herein should be implied or inferred.

11.7 WSP Responsibilities for Implementation of OSS Interfaces

11.7.1 Before any WSP implementation can begin, WSP must completely and accurately provide detailed information needed by Qwest to establish service for WSP.

11.8 Wholesale Services (WS) Systems Help Desk

11.8.1 The WS Systems Help Desk will provide a single point of entry for WSP to gain assistance in areas involving connectivity and File Outputs. These areas are further described below.

11.8.1.1 Connectivity

11.8.1.1.2 Connectivity covers trouble with WSP's access to the Qwest System for modem configuration requirements; T1 configuration and dial in string requirements; firewall access configuration; SecurID configuration; Profile Setup and password verification.

11.8.1.2 File Outputs

11.8.1.2.1 File outputs system errors are limited to IABS Bill and Category 11 Report.

11.8.1.3 The WS Systems Help Desk does not support status or trouble while the Service Order is processing through the ISC.

11.8.1.4 Hours of Operation

11.8.1.4.1 The WS Systems Help Desk is available Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Mountain Time, excluding Qwest holidays.

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11.10 Compensation/Cost Recovery

11.10.1 Recurring and nonrecurring OSS startup charges, as applicable, will be billed at rates set forth in Exhibit A. Any such rates will be consistent with Existing Rules. Qwest shall not impose any recurring or nonrecurring OSS startup charges unless and until the Commission authorizes Qwest to impose such charges and/or approves applicable rates at the completion of appropriate cost docket proceedings.

SECTION 12.0 - MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

12.1 Service Levels

12.1.1 Qwest will provide repair and maintenance for all services covered by this Agreement in substantially the same time and manner as that which Qwest provides for itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party.

12.1.2 During the term of this Agreement, Qwest will provide necessary maintenance business process support to allow WSP to provide similar service quality to that provided by Qwest to its End User Customers.

12.1.3 Qwest will perform repair service that is substantially the same in timeliness and quality to that which it provides to itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party. Trouble calls from WSP shall receive response time priority that is substantially the same as that provided to Qwest, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party and shall be handled in a nondiscriminatory manner.

12.2 Service Interruptions

12.2.1 The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment of either Party connected with the services, facilities or equipment of the other Party pursuant to this Agreement shall not: 1) interfere with or impair service over any facilities of the other Party, its affiliated companies, or its connecting and concurring Carriers involved in its services; 2) cause damage to the plant of the other Party, its affiliated companies, or its connecting concurring Carriers involved in its services; 3) violate any applicable law or regulation regarding the invasion of privacy of any communications carried over the Party's facilities; or 4) create hazards to the employees of either Party or to the public. Each of these requirements is hereinafter referred to as an "Impairment of Service".

12.2.2 If it is confirmed that either Party is causing an Impairment of Service, as set forth in this Section, the Party whose network or service is being impaired (the "Impaired Party") shall promptly notify the Party causing the Impairment of Service (the "Impairing Party") of the nature and location of the problem. The Impaired Party shall advise the Impairing Party that, unless promptly rectified, a temporary discontinuance of the use of any circuit, facility or equipment may be required. The Impairing Party and the Impaired Party agree to work together to attempt to promptly resolve the Impairment of Service. If the Impairing Party is unable to promptly remedy the Impairment of Service, the Impaired Party may temporarily discontinue use of the affected circuit, facility or equipment.

12.2.3 To facilitate trouble reporting and to coordinate the repair of the service provided by each Party to the other under this Agreement, each Party shall designate a repair center for such service.

12.2.4 Each Party shall furnish a trouble reporting telephone number for the designated repair center. This number shall give access to the location where records are normally located and where current status reports on any trouble reports are readily available. If necessary, alternative out-of-hours procedures shall be established to ensure access to a location that is staffed and has the authority to initiate corrective action.

12.2.5 Before either Party reports a trouble condition, it shall use its best efforts to isolate the trouble to the other's facilities.

12.2.5.1 In cases where a trouble condition affects a significant portion of the other's service, the Parties shall assign the same priority provided to other interconnecting WSPs and itself.

12.2.5.2 The Parties shall cooperate in isolating trouble conditions.

12.3 Trouble Isolation

12.3.1 WSP is responsible for its own End User Customer base and will have the responsibility for resolution of any service trouble report(s) from its End User Customers. WSP will perform trouble isolation on services it provides to its End User Customers to the extent the capability to perform such trouble isolation is available to WSP, prior to reporting trouble to Qwest. Qwest will work cooperatively with WSP to resolve trouble reports when the trouble condition has been isolated and found to be in a portion of Qwest's network. Qwest and WSP will report trouble isolation test results to each other. Each Party shall be responsible for the costs of performing trouble isolation on its facilities.

12.3.2 A Maintenance of Service charge shall apply if the trouble is not in Qwest's facilities, including Qwest's facilities leased by WSP. Maintenance of Service charges are set forth in Exhibit A. When trouble is found on Qwest's side of the Point of Interface during the investigation of the initial or repeat trouble report for the same line or circuit within thirty (30) Days, Maintenance of Service charges shall not apply again.

12.4 Work Center Interfaces

12.4.1 Qwest and WSP shall work cooperatively to develop positive, close working relationships among corresponding work centers involved in the trouble resolution processes.

12.5 Misdirected Repair Calls

12.5.1 WSP and Qwest will employ the following procedures for handling misdirected repair calls:

12.5.1.1 WSP and Qwest will provide their respective End User Customers with the correct telephone numbers to call for access to their respective repair bureaus.

12.5.1.2 End User Customers of WSP shall be instructed to report all cases of trouble to WSP. End User Customers of Qwest shall be instructed to report all cases of trouble to Qwest.

12.5.1.3 To the extent the correct provider can be determined, misdirected repair calls will be referred to the proper provider of Basic Exchange Telecommunications Service.

12.5.1.4 WSP and Qwest will provide their respective repair contact numbers to one another on a reciprocal basis.

12.5.1.5 In responding to repair calls, neither Party shall make disparaging

remarks about each other, nor shall they use these repair calls as the basis for internal referrals or to solicit End User Customers to market services. Either Qwest or WSP may respond with accurate information in answering End User Customer questions.

12.6 Major Outages/Restoral/Notification

12.6.1 Qwest will notify WSP of major network outages in substantially the same time and manner as it provides itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party. This notification will be via e-mail to WSP's identified contact. With the minor exception of certain Proprietary Information, Qwest will utilize the same thresholds and processes for external notification as it does for internal purposes. This major outage information will be sent via e-mail on the same schedule as is provided internally within Qwest. The email notification schedule shall consist of initial reports of abnormal condition and estimated restoration time/date, abnormal condition updates, and final disposition. Service restoration will be non-discriminatory, and will be accomplished as quickly as possible according to Qwest and/or industry standards.

12.6.2 Qwest will meet with associated personnel from WSP to share contact information and review Qwest's outage restoral processes and notification processes.

12.6.3 Qwest's emergency restoration process operates on a 7X24 basis.

12.7 Protective Maintenance

12.7.1 Qwest will perform scheduled maintenance of substantially the same quality to that which it provides to itself, its End User Customer, its Affiliates, or any other party.

12.7.2 Qwest will work cooperatively with WSP to develop industry-wide processes to provide as much notice as possible to WSP of pending maintenance activity. Qwest shall provide notice of potentially WSP's End User Customer impacting maintenance activity, to the extent Qwest can determine such impact, and negotiate mutually agreeable dates with WSP in substantially the same time and manner as it does for itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party.

12.7.3 Qwest shall advise WSP of non-scheduled maintenance, testing, monitoring, and surveillance activity to be performed by Qwest on any Services, including, to the extent Qwest can determine, any hardware, equipment, software, or system providing service functionality which may potentially impact WSP and/or WSP's End User Customers. Qwest shall provide the maximum advance notice of such non-scheduled maintenance and testing activity possible, under the circumstances; provided, however, that Qwest shall provide emergency maintenance as promptly as possible to maintain or restore service and shall advise WSP promptly of any such actions it takes.

12.8 Hours of Coverage

12.8.1 Qwest's repair operation is seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Not all functions or locations are covered with scheduled employees on a 7X24 basis. Where such 7X24 coverage is not available, Qwest's repair operations center (always available 7X24) can call-out technicians or other personnel required for the situation.

12.9 Escalations

12.9.1 Qwest will provide trouble escalation procedures to WSP. Such procedures will be substantially the same type and quality as Qwest employs for itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party. Qwest escalations are manual processes.

12.9.2 Qwest repair escalations may be initiated by either calling the trouble-reporting center or through the electronic interfaces. Escalations sequence through five tiers: tester, duty supervisor, manager, director, vice president. The first escalation point is the tester. WSP may request escalation to higher tiers in its sole discretion. Escalation status is available through telephone and the electronic interfaces.

12.10 Dispatch

12.10.1 Qwest will provide maintenance dispatch personnel in substantially the same time and manner as it provides for itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party.

12.10.2 Upon the receipt of a trouble report from WSP, Qwest will follow internal and industry standards to resolve the repair condition. Qwest will dispatch repair personnel on occasion to repair the condition. It will be Qwest's decision whether or not to send a technician out on a dispatch. Qwest reserves the right to make this dispatch decision based on the best information available to it in the trouble resolution process. It is not always necessary to dispatch to resolve trouble. Should WSP require a dispatch when Qwest believes the dispatch is not necessary, appropriate charges will be billed by Qwest to WSP for those dispatch-related costs in accordance with Exhibit A Maintenance of Service charges if Qwest can demonstrate that the dispatch was in fact unnecessary to the clearance of trouble or the trouble is identified to be caused by WSP facilities or equipment.

12.11 Electronic Reporting

12.11.1 WSP may submit Trouble Reports through the Electronic Bonding or GUI interfaces provided by Qwest.

12.11.2 The status of manually reported trouble may be accessed by WSP through electronic interfaces.

12.12 Intervals/Parity

12.12.1 Trouble conditions reported on behalf of WSP will receive commitment intervals in substantially the same time and manner as Qwest provides for itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party.

12.13 Jeopardy Management

12.13.1 Qwest will notify WSP in substantially the same time and manner as Qwest provides this information to itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party that a trouble report commitment (appointment or interval) has been or is likely to be missed. At WSP's option, notification may be sent by email or fax. WSP may telephone Qwest repair center or use the electronic interfaces to obtain jeopardy status.

12.14 Trouble Screening

12.14.1 WSP shall screen and test its End User Customer's trouble reports completely to insure, to the extent possible, that it sends to Qwest only trouble reports that involve Qwest facilities. For services and facilities where the capability to test all or portions of the Qwest network service or facility rest with Qwest, Qwest will make such capability available to WSP to perform appropriate trouble isolation and screening.

12.14.2 Qwest will cooperate with WSP to show WSP how Qwest screens trouble conditions in its own centers, so that WSP will employ similar techniques in its centers.

12.15 Maintenance Standards

12.15.1 Qwest will cooperate with WSP to meet the maintenance standards outlined in this Agreement.

12.15.2 On manually reported trouble, Qwest will inform WSP of repair completion in substantially the same time and manner as Qwest provides to itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party. On electronically reported trouble reports the electronic system will automatically update status information, including trouble completion, across the joint electronic gateway.

12.16 End User Customer Interfaces

12.16.1 WSP will be responsible for all interactions with its End Users Customers including service call handling and notifying its End User Customers of trouble status and resolution.

12.17 Single Point of Contact

12.17.1 Qwest will provide a single point of contact for WSP to report maintenance issues and trouble reports seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. A single 7X24 trouble reporting telephone number will be provided to WSP for each category of trouble situation being encountered.

12.18 Network Information

12.18.1 Qwest maintains an information database, available to WSP for the purpose of allowing WSP to obtain information about Qwest's NPAs, LATAs, Access Tandems and Central Offices.

12.18.2 This database is known as the ICONN database, available to WSP via Qwest's Web site.

12.18.3 NXX Activity Reports are included in this database.

12.18.4 ICONN is updated in substantially the same time and manner as Qwest updates the same data for itself, its End User Customer, its Affiliates, or any other party.

12.19 Maintenance Windows

12.19.1 Generally, Qwest performs major switch maintenance activities off-hours, during

certain "maintenance windows".

12.19.2 Generally, the maintenance window is between 10:00 p.m. through 6:00 am Monday through Friday, and Saturday 10:00 p.m. through Monday 6:00 am, Mountain Time.

12.19.3 Although Qwest normally does major switch maintenance during the above maintenance window, there will be occasions where this will not be possible.

12.19.4 Planned generic upgrades to Qwest switches are included in the ICONN database, available to WSP via Qwest's Web site.

SECTION 13.0 - ACCESS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS

13.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed in any manner to limit or otherwise adversely impact either Party's right to request an assignment of any NANP number resources including, but not limited to, Central Office (NXX) Codes pursuant to the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines published by the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) as INC 95-0407-008 (formerly ICCF 93-0729-010) and Thousand Block (NXX-X) Pooling Administration Guidelines INC 99-0127-023, when these Guidelines are implemented by the FCC or Commission Order. The latest version of the Guidelines will be considered the current standard.

13.2 North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) has transitioned to NeuStar. Both Parties agree to comply with Industry guidelines and Commission rules, including those sections requiring the accurate reporting of data to the NANPA.

13.3 It shall be the responsibility of each Party to program and update its own switches and network systems pursuant to the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) to recognize and route traffic to the other Party's assigned NXX or NXX-X codes. Neither Party shall impose any fees or charges on the other Party for such activities. The Parties will cooperate to establish procedures to ensure the timely activation of NXX assignments in their respective networks.

13.4 Each Party is responsible for administering numbering resources assigned to it. Each Party will cooperate to timely rectify inaccuracies in its LERG data. Each Party is responsible for updating the LERG data for NXX codes assigned to its switches. Each Party shall use the LERG published by Telcordia or its successor for obtaining routing information and shall provide through an authorized LERG input agent, all required information regarding its network for maintaining the LERG in a timely manner.

13.5 Each Party shall be responsible for notifying its End User Customers of any changes in numbering or dialing arrangements to include changes such as the introduction of new NPAs.

SECTION 14.0 - LOCAL DIALING PARITY

14.1 The Parties shall provide local dialing parity to each other as required under Section 251(b)(3) of the Act. Qwest will provide local dialing parity to competing Carriers of telephone Exchange Service and telephone Toll Service, and will permit all such Carriers to have non-discriminatory access to telephone numbers, Operator Services (OS), Directory Assistance (DA), and Directory Listings (DL), with no unreasonable dialing delays. WSP may elect to route all of its End User Customers calls in the same manner as Qwest routes its End User Customers calls, for a given call type (e.g., 0, 0+, 1+, 411), or WSP may elect to custom route its End User Customers' calls differently than Qwest routes its End User Customer's calls. Additional terms and conditions with respect to customized routing are described in this Agreement

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SECTION 16.0 - BONA FIDE REQUEST PROCESS

16.1 Any request for Interconnection or Ancillary service that is not already available as described in other sections of this Agreement, including but not limited to Exhibit F or any other Interconnection Agreement, Tariff or otherwise defined by Qwest as a product or service shall be treated as a Bona Fide Request (BFR). Qwest shall use the BFR Process to determine the terms and timetable for providing the requested Interconnection or Ancillary services and the technical feasibility of new/different points of Interconnection. Qwest will administer the BFR Process in a non-discriminatory manner.

16.2 A BFR shall be submitted in writing and on the appropriate Qwest form for BFRs. WSP and Qwest may work together to prepare the BFR form and either Party may request that such coordination be handled on an expedited basis. This form shall be accompanied by the non-refundable Processing Fee specified in Exhibit A of this Agreement. Qwest will refund one-half of the Processing Fee if the BFR is cancelled within ten (10) business Days of the receipt of the BFR form. The form will request, and WSP will need to provide, the following information, and may also provide any additional information that may be reasonably necessary in describing and analyzing WSP's request:

16.2.1 a technical description of each requested new or different point of Interconnection or Ancillary service;

16.2.2 the desired interface specification;

16.2.3 each requested type of Interconnection or access;

16.2.4 a statement that the Interconnection or Ancillary service will be used to provide a Telecommunications Service;

16.2.5 the quantity requested;

16.2.6 the specific location requested;

16.3 Within two (2) business Days of its receipt, Qwest shall acknowledge receipt of the BFR and in such acknowledgment advise WSP of missing information, if any, necessary to process the BFR. Thereafter, Qwest shall promptly advise WSP of the need for any additional information required to complete the analysis of the BFR. If requested, either orally or in writing, Qwest will provide weekly updates on the status of the BFR.

16.4 Within twenty-one (21) calendar Days of its receipt of the BFR and all information necessary to process it, Qwest shall provide to WSP an analysis of the BFR. The preliminary analysis shall specify Qwest's conclusions as to whether or not the requested Interconnection is technically feasible.

16.5 If Qwest determines during the twenty-one (21) Day period that a BFR does not qualify as an Interconnection or Ancillary service that is required to be provided under the Act or state law, Qwest shall advise WSP as soon as reasonably possible of that fact, and Qwest shall promptly, but in no case later than the twenty-one Day period, provide a written report setting forth the basis for its conclusion.

16.6 If Qwest determines during such twenty-one (21) Day period that the BFR qualifies

under the Act or state law, it shall notify WSP in writing of such determination within ten (10) calendar Days, but in no case later than the end of such twenty-one (21) Day period.

16.7 As soon as feasible, but in any case within forty-five (45) calendar Days after Qwest notifies WSP that the BFR qualifies under the Act, Qwest shall provide to WSP a BFR quote. The BFR quote will include, at a minimum, a description of each Interconnection and Ancillary service, the quantity to be provided, any interface specifications, and the applicable rates (recurring and nonrecurring) including the separately stated development costs and construction charges of the Interconnection Ancillary service and any minimum volume and term commitments required, and the timeframes within which the request will be provisioned.

16.8 A WSP has sixty (60) business Days upon receipt of the BFR quote, to either agree to purchase under the quoted price, or cancel its BFR.

16.9 If WSP has agreed to minimum volume and term commitments under the preceding paragraph, WSP may cancel the BFR or volume and term commitment at any time but may be subject to termination liability assessment or minimum period charges.

16.10 If either Party believes that the other Party is not requesting, negotiating or processing any BFR in good faith, or disputes a determination or quoted price or cost, it may invoke the Dispute Resolution provision of this Agreement.

16.11 All time intervals within which a response is required from one Party to another under this Section are maximum time intervals. Each Party agrees that it will provide all responses to the other Party as soon as the Party has the information and analysis required to respond, even if the time interval stated herein for a response is not over.

16.12 In the event WSP has submitted a Request for an Interconnection or Ancillary services and Qwest determines in accordance with the provisions of this Section 16 that the request is technically feasible, subsequent requests or orders for substantially similar types of Interconnection or Ancillary services by that WSP shall not be subject to the BFR process. To the extent Qwest has deployed or denied a substantially similar Interconnection or Ancillary services under a previous BFR, a subsequent BFR shall not be required and the BFR application fee shall be refunded immediately. ICB pricing and intervals will still apply for requests that are not yet standard offerings. For purposes of this Section 16.12, a "substantially similar" request shall be one with substantially similar characteristics to a previous request with respect to the information provided pursuant to Subsections 16.2.1 through 16.2.6 of Section 16.2 above. The burden of proof is upon Qwest to prove the BFR is not substantially similar to a previous BFR.

16.13 The total cost charged to WSP shall not exceed the BFR quoted price.

16.14 Upon request, Qwest shall provide WSP with Qwest's supporting cost data and/or studies for the Interconnection or Ancillary service that WSP wishes to order within seven (7) business Days, except where Qwest cannot obtain a release from its vendors within seven (7) business Days, in which case Qwest will make the data available as soon as Qwest receives the vendor release. Such cost data shall be treated as Confidential Information, if requested by Qwest under the non-disclosure sections of this Agreement.

16.15 Qwest shall make available a topical list of the BFRs that it has received with WSPs under this Agreement. The description of each item on that list shall be sufficient to allow

WSP to understand the general nature of the product, service, or combination thereof that has been requested and a summary of the disposition of the request as soon as it is made. Qwest shall also be required upon the request of WSP to provide sufficient details about the terms and conditions of any granted requests to allow WSP to elect to take the same offering under substantially identical circumstances. Qwest shall not be required to provide information about the request initially made by WSP whose BFR was granted, but must make available the same kinds of information about what it offered in response to the BFR as it does for other products or services available under this Agreement. WSP shall be entitled to the same offering terms and conditions made under any granted BFR, provided that Qwest may require the use of ICB pricing where it makes a demonstration to WSP of the need therefore.

SECTION 17.0 - SPECIAL REQUEST PROCESS

17.1 Special Request Process shall be used for the following requests:

17.1.1 Requesting specific product feature(s) be made available by Qwest that are currently available in a switch, but which are not activated.

17.1.2 Requesting specific product feature(s) be made available by Qwest that are not currently available in a switch, but which are available from the switch vendor.

17.2 Any request that requires an analysis of technical feasibility shall be treated as a Bona Fide Request (BFR), and will follow the BFR Process set forth in this Agreement. The BFR process shall be used for, among other things, the following:

17.2.1 Requests for Interconnection not already available as described in this Agreement.

17.3 A Special Request shall be submitted in writing and on the appropriate Qwest form, which is located on Qwest's website. The form must be completely filled out.

17.4 Qwest shall acknowledge receipt of the Special Request within 5 business Days of receipt.

17.5 Qwest shall respond with a preliminary analysis, including costs and timeframes, within 15 business Days of receipt of the Special Request. 17.6 All timeframes will be met unless extraordinary circumstances arise. In such a situation, WSP and Qwest will negotiate a reasonable response timeframe.

SECTION 18.0 - AUDIT PROCESS

18.1 "Audit" shall mean the comprehensive review of:

18.1.1 Data used in the billing process for services performed, including reciprocal compensation, and facilities provided under this Agreement; and

18.1.2 Data relevant to provisioning and maintenance for services performed or facilities provided by either of the Parties for itself or others that are similar to the services performed or facilities provided under this Agreement.

18.2 The data referred to above shall be relevant to any performance indicators that are adopted in connection with this Agreement, through negotiation, arbitration or otherwise. This Audit shall take place under the following conditions:

18.2.1 Either Party may request to perform an Audit.

18.2.2 The Audit shall occur upon thirty (30) business Days written notice by the requesting Party to the non-requesting Party.

18.2.3 The Audit shall occur during normal business hours.

18.2.4 There shall be no more than two Audits requested by each Party under this Agreement in any 12-month period.

18.2.5 The requesting Party may review the non-requesting Party's records, books and documents, as may reasonably contain information relevant to the operation of this Agreement.

18.2.6 The location of the Audit shall be the location where the requested records, books and documents are retained in the normal course of business.

18.2.7 All transactions under this Agreement which are over twenty-four (24) months old will be considered accepted and no longer subject to Audit. The Parties agree to retain records of all transactions under this Agreement for at least 24 months.

18.2.8 Each Party shall bear its own expenses occasioned by the Audit, provided that the expense of any special data collection shall be born by the requesting Party.

18.2.9 The Party requesting the Audit may request that an Audit be conducted by a mutually agreed-to independent auditor. Under this circumstance, the costs of the independent auditor shall be paid for by the Party requesting the Audit.

18.2.10 In the event that the non-requesting Party requests that the Audit be performed by an independent auditor, the Parties shall mutually agree to the selection of the independent auditor. Under this circumstance, the costs of the independent auditor shall be shared equally by the Parties.

18.2.11 The Parties agree that if an Audit discloses error(s), the Party responsible for the error(s) shall, in a timely manner, undertake corrective action for such error(s).

All errors not corrected within thirty (30) business Days shall be escalated to the Vice-President level.

18.3 All information received or reviewed by the requesting Party or the independent auditor in connection with the Audit is to be considered Proprietary Information as defined by this Agreement. The non-requesting Party reserves the right to require any non-employee who is involved directly or indirectly in any Audit or the resolution of its findings as described above to execute a nondisclosure agreement satisfactory to the non-requesting Party. To the extent an Audit involves access to information of other competitors, WSP and Qwest will aggregate such competitors' data before release to the other Party, to insure the protection of the proprietary nature of information of other competitors. To the extent a competitor is an affiliate of the Party being audited (including itself and its subsidiaries), the Parties shall be allowed to examine such affiliates' disaggregated data, as required by reasonable needs of the Audit.

SECTION 19.0 - CONSTRUCTION CHARGES

19.1 Qwest will conduct an individual financial assessment of any request which requires construction of network capacity, facilities, or space for access. When Qwest constructs to fulfill WSP's request, Qwest will bid this construction on a case-by-case basis. Qwest will charge for the construction through non-recurring charges and a term agreement for the remaining recurring charge, as described in the Construction Charges Section of this Agreement. When the WSP 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 WSP 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.

SECTION 20.0 - NETWORK STANDARDS

20.1 The Parties recognize that Qwest services and Network Elements have been purchased and deployed, over time, to Telcordia and Qwest technical standards. Specification of standards is built into the Qwest purchasing process, whereby vendors incorporate such standards into the equipment Qwest purchases. Qwest supplements generally held industry standards with Qwest Technical Publications.

20.2 The Parties recognize that equipment vendors may manufacture Telecommunications equipment that does not fully incorporate and may differ from industry standards at varying points in time (due to standards development processes and consensus) and either Party may have such equipment in place within its network. Except where otherwise explicitly stated within this Agreement, such equipment is acceptable to the Parties, provided said equipment does not pose a security, service or safety hazard to persons or property.

20.3 Generally accepted and developed industry standards which the Parties agree to support include, but are not limited to:

20.3.1 Switching

GR-954-CORE LIDB
GR-1428-CORE Toll Free Service
GR-305-CORE
GR-1429-CORE
GR-2863-CORE
FR-64 LATA LSSGR
GR-334-CORE Switched Access Service
TR-NWT-000335 Voice Grade Special Access Services
TR-TSY-000529 Public LSSGR
TR-NWT-000505 LSSGR Call Processing
FR-NWT-000271 OSSGR
TR-NWT-001156 OSSGR Subsystem
SR-TSY-001171 System Reliability Analysis

20.3.2 Transport

Telcordia FR-440
TR-NWT-000499 (TSGR) Transport Systems Generic Requirements

GR-820-CORE Generic Transmission Surveillance; DS1 and DS3 Performance

GR-253-CORE Synchronous Optical Network Systems (SONET)

TR-NWT-000507 Transmission

TR-NWT-000776 NID for ISDN Subscriber Access

TR-INS-000342 High Capacity Digital Special Access Service

ST-TEC-000051 & 52 Telecommunications Transmission Engineering
Handbooks Volumes 1 & 2

ANSI T1.102-1993 Digital Hierarchy – Electrical Interface; Annex B

20.3.3 Intentionally Left Blank 20.3.4 Local Number Portability

Generic Requirements for SCP Application and GTT Function for Number Portability, ICC LNP Workshop SCP Generic Requirements Subcommittee.

Generic Switching and Signaling Requirements for Number Portability, Version 1.03, ICC LNP Workshop Switch Generic Requirements Subcommittee, September 4, 1996.

Generic Operator Services Switching Requirements for Number Portability, Issue 1.1, Tech Rep, Illinois Number Portability Workshop, 1996.

Number Portability Operator Services Switching Systems (Revision of T1.TRQ.1-1999) T1.TRQ.1-2001

Number Portability Switching Systems (Revision of T1.TRQ.2-1999) T1.TRQ.02-2001

Number Portability Database and Global Title Translation T1.TRQ.03-1999

FCC First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; FCC 96-286; CC Docket 95-116, RM 8535; Released July 2, 1996;

FCC First Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration; FCC 97-74; CC Docket 95-116, RM 8535; Released March 11, 1997.

FCC Second Report and Order, FCC 97-298; CC Docket 95-116, RM 8535; Released August 18, 1997.

FCC Third Report and Order, FCC 98-82; CC Docket 95-116, RM 8535; Released May 12, 1998.

FCC Wireless LNP deadline to 11/24/03, FCC 02-215; CC Docket 95-116; WT Docket 01-184; Released July 26, 2002.

20.4 The Parties will cooperate in the development of national standards for Interconnection elements as the competitive environment evolves. Recognizing that there are

no current national standards for Interconnection Network Elements, Qwest has developed its own standards for some Network Elements, including:

Expanded Interconnection and Collocation for Private Line Transport and Switched Access Services - #77386

Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Installation/Removal Guidelines - #77390

20.5 Qwest Technical Publications have been developed to support service offerings, inform End User Customers and suppliers, and promote engineering consistency and deployment of developing technologies. Qwest provides all of its Technical Publications at no charge via website: <http://www.qwest.com/techpub/>.¹

¹ Qwest now provides all Technical Publications to WSPs for no charge via the internet.

SECTION 21.0 - SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

[COMPANY]

Qwest Corporation

Signature

Signature

Name Printed/Typed

L.T. Christensen

Name Printed/Typed

Title

Director Interconnection Agreements

Title

Date

Date

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South Dakota**

Select the appropriate type of contract below. For cost docket changes, leave blank:		EAS / Local Traffic Reciprocal Compensation Election			Notes		
New		Reciprocal			REC		
		Recurring	Recurring per Mile	Non- recurring	REC	Mile	NRC
Interconnection							
6.1 Entrance Facility & Trunking Charges							
6.1.1 Analog 2-Wire Channels							
6.1.1.1	1-Way In (land to mobile)	MTZ1X	\$31.77	\$261.35	1		1
6.1.1.2	1-Way Out (mobile to land), loop start	MH60X	\$31.77	\$261.35	1		1
6.1.1.3	1-Way Out, Ground Start	MK60X	\$31.77	\$261.35	1		1
6.1.1.4	1-Way Out, with Reverse Battery	MTZ0X	\$31.77	\$261.35	1		1
6.1.2 Analog 4-Wire Channels							
6.1.2.1	1-Way In (land to mobile)	MTJ1X	\$74.77	\$261.35	1		1
6.1.2.2	1-Way Out (mobile to land), loop start	MTJ0X	\$74.77	\$261.35	1		1
6.1.2.3	2-Way	MTJCX	\$74.77	\$261.35	1		1
6.1.3 4-Wire Digital Channels							
6.1.3.1	1-Way In (land to mobile)	M4W1X		\$78.19			1
6.1.3.2	1-Way Out (mobile to land), loop start	M4W0X		\$78.19			1
6.1.3.3	2-Way	M4WCX		\$78.19			1
6.1.4 Interconnection Facility Options							
6.1.4.1 Digital Facility							
6.1.4.1.1	DS1	MF31X	\$82.59	\$223.28	A		#
6.1.4.1.2	DS3	MF33X	\$336.99	\$301.15	A		#
6.2 Connectivity							
6.2.1	Analog, per Analog Channel	CK6AX	\$21.99		1		
6.2.2	DS1 Level, per DS1 Facility	CK61X	\$51.12		1		
6.2.3	DS3 Level, per DS3 Facility	CK63X	\$219.52		1		
6.2.4	DS3 Level, per DS1 Activated on a DS3 Facility	CK61X	\$51.12		1		
6.3 Direct Trunked Transport							
6.3.1 DS0							
6.3.1.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	JZ3HA XUWH1	\$17.14	\$0.09	A	A	
6.3.1.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	JZ3HB XUWH2	\$17.12	\$0.12	A	A	
6.3.1.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	JZ3HC XUWH3	\$17.13	\$0.11	A	A	
6.3.1.4	Over 50 Miles	JZ3HD XUWH4	\$17.14	\$0.07	A	A	
6.3.2 DS1							
6.3.2.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	JZ3JA XUWJ1	\$34.75	\$0.95	A	A	
6.3.2.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	JZ3JB XUWJ2	\$34.76	\$1.82	A	A	
6.3.2.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	JZ3JC XUWJ3	\$34.76	\$1.77	A	A	
6.3.2.4	Over 50 Miles	JZ3JD XUWJ4	\$34.75	\$1.23	A	A	
6.3.3 DS3							
6.3.3.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	JZ3KA XUWK1	\$236.22	\$10.43	A	A	
6.3.3.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	JZ3KB XUWK2	\$236.53	\$10.83	A	A	
6.3.3.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	JZ3KC XUWK3	\$236.71	\$9.91	A	A	
6.3.3.4	Over 50 Miles	JZ3KD XUWK4	\$243.94	\$24.44	A	A	
6.4 Multiplexing							
6.4.1	Intentionally Left Blank						
6.4.2	DS3 to DS1	MXG3X	\$191.32	\$287.45	A		A
6.5 Dial Outpulsing							
6.5.1	Per Each 1-Way In, Land to Mobile or 2-Way Channel						
6.5.2	Analog 2-Wire	OUPAX		\$179.04			1
6.5.3	Analog 4-Wire	OUPDX		\$179.04			1
6.5.4	Digital	OUPDX		\$179.04			1
6.6 Channel Performance							

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			Recurring	Recurring per Mile	Non- recurring	REC	REC per Mile	NRC
6.3.7.1	Loop Start	PM2GG	\$6.98			1		
6.3.7.2	Ground Start	PM2HG	\$5.14			1		
6.3.7.3	Loop with Reverse Battery	PM2JG	\$4.06			1		
6.7	Local Traffic - Bill and Keep							
6.8	Non-Local Traffic		Qwest FCC Switched Access Tariff	Qwest FCC Switched Access Tariff				
9.0	Ancillary Service							
9.1	Local Number Portability							
9.1.1	LNP Queries		See FCC Tariff #1 Sections 13		See FCC Tariff #1 Sections 13			
9.1.2	LNP Managed Cuts							
9.1.2.1	Standard Managed Cuts, per person, per Half Hour				\$52.62			5
9.1.2.2	Overtime Managed Cuts, per person, per Half Hour				\$68.47			5
9.1.2.3	Premium Managed Cuts, per person, per Half Hour				\$84.34			5
9.2	Intentionally Left Blank							
9.3	Intentionally Left Blank							
9.4	Access to Poles, Ducts, Conduits and Rights of Way (ROW)							
9.4.1	Pole Inquiry Fee, per Mile				\$443.19			5
9.4.2	Innerduct Inquiry Fee, per Mile				\$308.94			5
9.4.3	ROW Inquiry Fee				\$491.54			5
9.4.4	ROW Document Preparation Fee				\$145.76			5
9.4.5	Field Verification Fee, per Pole				\$24.29			5
9.4.6	Field Verification Fee, per Manhole				\$205.30			5
9.4.7	Planner Verification, per Manhole				\$16.26			5
9.4.8	Manhole Verification Inspector per Manhole				\$109.32			5
9.4.9	Manhole Make-Ready Inspector, per Manhole				\$291.53			5
9.4.10	Intentionally Left Blank							
9.4.11	Pole Attachment Fee, per Foot, per Year							
9.4.11.1	Urban							
9.4.11.1.1	2004 2004		\$3.29			4		
9.4.11.1.2	2005 2005		\$3.53			4		
9.4.11.2	Non-Urban							
9.4.11.2.1	2004 2004		\$4.72			4		
9.4.11.2.2	2005 2005		\$5.32			4		
9.4.12	Innerduct Occupancy Fee, per Foot, per Year		\$0.2242			4		
9.4.13	Access Agreement Consideration				\$10.00			2
9.4.14	Make Ready				ICB			3
9.5	Construction Charges		ICB		ICB	3		3
10.0	Intentionally Left Blank							
11.0	Access to Operational Support Systems (OSS) and Maintenance and Repair							
11.1	Development and Enhancements, per Order				No Charge At This Time			11
11.2	Ongoing Maintenance, per Order				No Charge At This Time			11
11.3	Daily Usage Record File, per record		\$0.000441			5		
12.0	Maintenance and Repair							
12.1	Trouble Isolation							
12.1.1	Maintenance of Service for non-Qwest Trouble							
12.1.1.1	Maintenance of Service - Basic				\$28.19			5
12.1.1.2	Maintenance of Service - Overtime				\$37.65			5
12.1.1.3	Maintenance of Service - Premium				\$47.13			5
12.2	Dispatch for non-Qwest Trouble				\$123.51			5
13.0	Intentionally Left Blank							
14.0	Intentionally Left Blank							
15.0	Intentionally Left Blank							
16.0	Bona Fide Request Process							

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		Recurring	Recurring per Mile	Non- recurring	REC	NRC
16.1 Processing Fee				\$2,448.77		5

NOTES:

Unless otherwise indicated, all rates are pursuant to South Dakota Public Utilities Commission dockets:

A: Qwest and AT&T Arbitration in Docket No. TC96-184, effective March 4, 1999

Voluntary Rate Reduction, Docket TC01-165, effective 12/12/02. Reductions reflected in the 12/12/02 Exhibit A.

[1] Rates not addressed in the Cost Docket (estimated TELRIC)

[2] Market-based rates

[3] ICB, Individual Case Basis pricing.

[4] Rates per FCC Guidelines.

[5] Rates addressed in Cost Docket filed on October 15, 2002.

[11] Qwest will not charge for this element until the Commission has an opportunity to review and approve a rate in a cost proceeding.

**TYPE 1 and TYPE 2
PAGING CONNECTION SERVICE AGREEMENT**

between

Qwest Corporation

And

(*1)

State of (*2)

**AGREEMENT NUMBER
CDS-(*3)**

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TYPE 1 and TYPE 2 PAGING CONNECTION SERVICE AGREEMENT

This Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service Agreement is between and Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), a Colorado corporation, and (*1), ("Paging Provider"), incorporated in the State of _____.

Paging Provider is licensed to provide paging services by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). Qwest and Paging Provider both are engaged in providing telecommunications and other services and have agreed to connect their facilities for the purpose of delivering land to pager traffic.

WHEREAS, Paging Provider is a Commercial Mobile Radio Service provider under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") licensed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC");

WHEREAS, Qwest is an incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC");

NOW THEREFORE each Party, intending to be legally bound, hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

1. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS; CHANGES IN THE LAW

1.1 The provisions in this Agreement are intended to be in compliance with and based on the existing state of the law, rules, regulations and interpretations thereof, including but not limited to state rules, regulations, and laws, as of March 11, 2005 (the Existing Rules). Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed an admission by Qwest or Paging Provider concerning the interpretation or effect of the Existing Rules or an admission by Qwest or Paging Provider that the Existing Rules should not be changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude or estop Qwest or Paging Provider from taking any position in any forum concerning the proper interpretation or effect of the Existing Rules or concerning whether the Existing Rules should be changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified. To the extent that the Existing Rules are vacated, dismissed, stayed or materially changed or modified, then this Agreement shall be amended to reflect such legally binding modification or change of the Existing Rules. Where the Parties fail to agree upon such an amendment within sixty (60) Days after notification from a Party seeking amendment due to a modification or change of the Existing Rules or if any time during such sixty (60) Day period the Parties shall have ceased to negotiate such new terms for a continuous period of fifteen (15) Days, it shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution provision of this Agreement. It is expressly understood that this Agreement will be corrected, or if requested by Paging Provider, amended as set forth in this section, to reflect the outcome of generic proceedings by the Commission for pricing, service standards, or other matters covered by this Agreement. Any amendment shall be deemed effective on the effective date of the legally binding change or modification of the Existing Rules for rates, and to the extent practicable for other terms and conditions, unless otherwise ordered. Where a Party provides notice to the other Party within thirty (30) Days of the effective date of an order issuing a legally binding

change, any resulting amendment shall be deemed effective on the effective date of the legally binding change or modification of the Existing Rules for rates, and to the extent practicable for other terms and conditions, unless otherwise ordered. In the event neither Party provides notice within (thirty) 30 Days, the effective date of the legally binding change shall be the Effective Date of the amendment unless the Parties agree to a different date. During the pendency of any negotiation for an amendment pursuant to this Section, the Parties shall continue to perform their obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. For purposes of this section, "legally binding" means that the legal ruling has not been stayed, no request for a stay is pending, and any deadline for requesting a stay designated by statute or regulation, has passed.

1.1.1 In addition to, but not in limitation of, Section 1.1. above, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed an admission by Qwest or Paging Provider concerning the interpretation or effect of the FCC's decision and rules adopted in *In the Matter of Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers; Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability*, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147, nor rules, regulations and interpretations thereof, including but not limited to state rules, regulations, and laws as they may be issued or promulgated regarding the same ("Decision(s)"). Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude or estop Qwest or Paging Provider from taking any position in any forum concerning the proper interpretation or effect of Decisions or concerning whether the Decision should be changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified.

2. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

2.1 This Agreement covers Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service which consists only of those one-way, intraLATA/intrastate, land-to-pager trunks, which deliver calls from Qwest's End Users to Paging Provider's POC. Upon Commission approval of this Agreement, Qwest shall provide these trunks to itself within the local calling area, without charge to the Paging Provider except as defined in Sections 4.3 and 4.4. These trunks shall receive all incoming paging calls at Qwest's Local Tandem, LATA Tandem, or Wire Center/End Office serving the geographic area in which Paging Provider's POC is located and shall deliver paging traffic to Paging Provider's POC(s). This Agreement includes all accompanying appendices and attachments.

2.1.1 Facilities for Delivery of Third Party Traffic

Qwest will deliver calls it receives for Paging Provider from a third party carrier to Paging Provider's POC over the same facilities and trunks used to deliver Qwest's End User originated paging traffic.

2.1.2 Facilities for Delivery of Enhanced Services Traffic

This Agreement recognizes the unique status of traffic delivered to enhanced service providers. For purposes of this Agreement, Enhanced Services traffic, such as voice-mail, is not Compensable Traffic. Additionally, traffic originated by one Party,

and delivered to the other Party, which in turn delivers the traffic to an Internet Service Provider (a) shall be deemed interstate in nature, (b) shall not qualify as Compensable Traffic under this Agreement, and (c) Qwest shall not be obligated to deliver such traffic to Paging Provider under this Agreement.

2.2 In the performance of their obligations under this Agreement, the Parties shall act in good faith and consistently with the intent of the Act. Where notice, approval or similar action by a Party is permitted or required by any provision of this Agreement, (including, without limit, the obligation of the Parties to further negotiate the resolution of new or open issues under this Agreement) such action shall not be unreasonably delayed, withheld or conditioned.

2.3 Because Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service is provided by Qwest to Qwest, all orders for Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service are placed by Qwest at its sole discretion. Paging Provider is not authorized and shall not attempt to place orders to any telecommunications carrier for or on behalf of Qwest. Paging Provider agrees to pay Qwest for all telecommunications services it orders or requests on its own behalf from Qwest pursuant to applicable federal and state tariffs or separate written agreements.

2.4 Qwest will not permit its own End Users to use Type 1 Paging Connection Service to deliver traffic to Paging Provider's Enhanced Services operations, if any, where such Enhanced Services operations constitute Paging Provider's primary business. Paging Provider shall not assign numbers associated with Type 1 or Type 2 Paging Connection Service to its Enhanced Services operation that constitute a primary business.

2.5 This Agreement does not cover delivery of traffic from Paging Provider's network to Qwest's network. Should Paging Provider desire to deliver traffic to Qwest, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith a separate agreement for two way traffic exchange. However, such an agreement shall not supersede, amend or terminate this Agreement without the Parties' express written instruction.

2.6. Delivery of Paging Traffic

2.6.1. Qwest's Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service delivers paging traffic to the Paging Provider's POC(s) as identified in Appendix B.

2.6.2. Pursuant to joint planning as specified in the Forecasting section of this Agreement, Qwest alone shall determine all aspects and elements of the Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service facilities that it provides itself, including, but not limited to, design, location, quantities, distance, etc. Qwest shall base this determination on the minimum requirements specified by the Act, the FCC rules, as well technical and economic efficiency considerations, e.g., network requirements. Qwest shall monitor its

usage on Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service and will reconfigure trunk groups as it deems necessary. Qwest reserves the right to review, revise or modify its Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service at any time for any lawful business reason. All circuits and equipment provided by Qwest will always be wholly owned and operated by Qwest. Qwest agrees to establish and maintain facilities based on appropriate industry standards.

2.6.3. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Agreement, Qwest agrees that it will not modify or revise existing facilities used to provide its Paging Connection Service for a period of ninety (90) days from the Effective Date of this Agreement.

2.6.4. Paging Provider's and Qwest's equipment and systems will be compatible, and will be consistent with normally accepted industry standards as defined in Telcordia Technical Reference GR-145-CORE entitled "Compatibility Information for Interconnection of a Wireless Services Provider and a Local Exchange Carrier Network".

2.6.4.1. Paging Provider will provide a voice intercept announcement or distinctive signals to the calling party when a call is directed to a number that is not assigned.

2.6.4.2. When Qwest is not able to complete calls because of malfunction, Qwest will provide proper voice announcement or distinctive signals to the calling party advising that the call cannot be completed.

2.6.4.3. Paging Provider and Qwest will provide supervisory tones or voice announcements to the calling party on all calls, consistent with standard industry practices.

2.6.4.4. Paging Provider shall provide a sufficient quantity of equipment ports to accommodate the number of trunks provided by Qwest.

2.6.5. Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service shall be provided upon Commission approval of this Agreement.

2.6.6. Type 1 Paging Connection Service

2.6.6.1. Paging Provider may designate new or additional POCs anywhere within the LATA in Qwest territory.

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2.6.6.3. If Paging Provider has any full NXX codes deployed using a Type 1 connection, Paging Provider will take reasonable steps to convert these to a Type 2 connection within a reasonable period of time after the Approval Date hereof.

2.6.7 Type 2 Paging Connection Service

2.6.7.1 Within a LATA, Paging Provider may designate multiple POCs at which it wishes to receive paging traffic from Qwest. Each such POC shall receive traffic from the Qwest Local Tandem, LATA Tandem, or Wire Center/End Offices serving the geographic area in which the POC is located. Type 2 Paging Connection Service shall never extend beyond the boundaries of the geographic area of Qwest's Wire Center/End Office/Tandem serving Paging Provider's POC. Qwest shall not be responsible for providing, maintaining or paying for facilities used to connect Paging Provider POC(s) to Paging Provider's equipment or network.

2.6.8. This Agreement is only for the delivery of land-to-pager traffic from Qwest to Paging Provider's POC and is not an undertaking by either Party to provide the services of the other.

2.6.9. Any proposed post-installation changes of systems, operations or services which would materially affect the other Party's system, operation or services must be coordinated with the other Party by giving as much advance notice as is reasonable, and in no event in less than ninety (90) days, of the nature of the changes and when they will occur.

2.6.9.1 Non recurring charges incurred due to Paging Provider's relocation or equipment change will be paid in advance by Paging Provider to Qwest.

2.6.10. If the authorized service areas of Qwest or Paging Provider change, the Parties agree to negotiate any necessary modifications to this Agreement in good faith.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1. "Act" means the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.), as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and as from time to time interpreted in the duly authorized rules and regulations of the Courts, FCC or competent regulatory bodies.

3.2. Reserved For Future Use.

3.3. "Calling Party Number" or "CPN" is a Common Channel Signaling ("CCS") parameter which refers to the number transmitted through a network identifying the calling party. Reference Qwest Technical Pub. 77342.

3.4. "Central Office Switch" means a switch used to provide telecommunications services, and includes End Office Switches and Tandem Office Switches.

3.4.1. "End Office Switches" which are used to terminate customer station loops for the purpose of interconnecting to each other and to

trunks; and

3.4.2. "Tandem Office Switches" are switches that are used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among other End Office Switches. Access Tandems ("Access Tandems") exchange access traffic, Toll Tandems ("Toll Tandems") exchange intraLATA toll traffic and Local Tandems exchange EAS/Local traffic.

3.5. "Collocation" is an arrangement where space is provided in a Qwest Central Office for the placement of [Paging-Provider]'s transmission equipment to be used for the purpose of Interconnection with Qwest Unbundled Network Elements or Local Interconnection Service. Qwest offers four Collocation arrangements: Virtual Collocation, Physical Collocation, Cageless Physical Collocation and Interconnection Distribution Frame (ICDF) Collocation.

3.6. "Commercial Mobile Radio Service" ("CMRS") is a mobile service that is: (a)(1) provided for profit; (2) an interconnected service; and (3) available to the public, or to such classes of eligible users as to be effectively available to a substantial portion of the public; or (b) the functional equivalent of such a mobile service described in (a) above.

3.7. "Commission" means the state regulatory agency with lawful jurisdiction over telecommunications.

3.8. "Common Channel Signaling" or "CCS" means a method of digitally transmitting call set-up and network control data over a special signaling network fully separate from the public voice switched network elements that carry the actual call. The CCS protocol used by the Parties shall be Signaling System 7.

3.9. "Compensable Traffic" means the portion of all traffic delivered by Qwest to Paging Provider upon which terminating compensation is to be paid, if any, as set forth in Appendix A.

3.10. "Dial Tone Office" means the Qwest Central Office in which the DID numbers assigned to the Paging Provider are housed, which may be different than the Serving Wire Center.

3.11. "Digital Signal Level" means one of several transmission rates in the time division traffic aggregation hierarchy.

3.11.1. "Digital Signal Level 0" or "DS0" is the 64 KBPS worldwide standard speed for digitizing one voice conversation using pulse code modulation. There are 24 DS0 channels in a DS1.

3.11.2. "Digital Signal Level 1" or "DS1" means the 1.544 MBPS first-level signal in the time-division traffic aggregation hierarchy. In the time-division traffic aggregation hierarchy of the telephone network, DS1 is the initial level of traffic aggregation.

3.11.3. "Digital Signal Level 3" or "DS3" means the 44.736 MBPS third-level signal in the time-division traffic aggregation hierarchy. In the time-

division traffic aggregation hierarchy of the telephone network, DS3 is defined as the third-level of traffic aggregation.

3.12. "End User(s)" means a third-party (residence or business) that subscribes to Telecommunications Services provided by either of the Parties.

3.13. "Enhanced Services" are services offered over common Paging Provider transmission facilities used in communications, which employ computer processing applications that act on the format, content, code, protocol or similar aspects of the subscriber's transmitted information; provide the subscriber additional, different or restructured information; or involve subscriber interaction with stored information. Enhanced Services includes, but is not limited to, internet traffic and voicemail.

3.14. "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission and any successor federal agency that performs the same or substantially the same regulatory functions.

3.15. "Interexchange Carrier" or "IXC" means a carrier that provides, directly or indirectly, interLATA or intraLATA Telephone Toll Services.

3.16. "InterLATA" is telecommunications between a point located in a LATA and a point located outside such LATA.

3.17. "IntraLATA" is telecommunications between two points located within a single LATA.

3.18. "IntraLATA Toll" is defined in accordance with Qwest's IntraLATA toll serving areas, as determined by the state Commission.

3.19. "LATA Tandem" will have the same meaning as "Toll Tandem" in the context of this Agreement.

3.20. "Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)" means a contiguous geographic area: (a) established before the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 by a Bell operating company such that no exchange area includes points within more than one metropolitan statistical area, consolidated metropolitan statistical area, or State, except as expressly permitted under the AT&T Consent Decree; or (b) established or modified by a Bell operating company after such date of enactment and approved by the FCC

3.21. "Local Calling Area" or "LCA" is a geographic area defined either by the MTA or the Qwest Extended Area Service (EAS) boundaries.

3.21.1. "MTA/Local" means the geographic area defined by the MTA within which Paging Provider provides CMRS services. Traffic excluded from MTA/Local includes roaming traffic, as defined in the FCC First Report and Order 96-325 47CFR 51701 (b) (2), and Switched Access traffic.

3.21.2. "Extended Area Service (EAS)/Local Traffic" means the

geographic area defined by the EAS boundaries as determined by the Commission and defined in Qwest's Local and/or General Exchange Service Tariff within which LEC customers may complete a landline call without incurring toll charges. Traffic rated and routed within the same EAS boundary is considered to be EAS/Local for purposes of this Agreement.

3.22. "Local Tandem" is a Qwest switching system that switches calls to and from end offices within the state Commission defined wireline Local Calling Area for call completion.

3.23. "MTA" or Major Trading Area" is a geographic area established in Rand McNally's Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide, as modified and used by the FCC in defining CMRS license boundaries for CMRS providers for purposes of Sections 251 and 252 of the Act.

3.24. "Miscellaneous Charges" mean charges that Qwest may assess in addition to recurring and nonrecurring rates set forth in Exhibit A, for activities Paging Provider requests Qwest to perform, activities Paging Provider authorizes, or charges that are a result of Paging Providers actions, such as cancellation charges, expedite charges, and charges for additional labor and maintenance. Miscellaneous Charges are not already included in Qwest's recurring or nonrecurring rates. Miscellaneous Charges are listed in the applicable tariff, catalog, or price list.

3.25. "Network Access Channel" or "NAC" means the dedicated facility between the Paging Provider's POC and the Qwest Serving Wire Center. The Channel is a DS0 level connection and Channel Facility is either a DS1 or DS3 level connection. NAC is also commonly referred to as an Entrance Facility.

3.26. "Non-Local" is traffic that is interMTA, roaming, and/or Switched Access traffic. For traffic delivered to Paging Provider, Non-Local includes all traffic carried by an IXC, traffic destined for Paging Provider's subscribers that are roaming in a different MTA, and all InterMTA/IntraLATA traffic.

3.27. "North American Numbering Plan" or "NANP" means the numbering plan used in the United States that also serves Canada, Bermuda, Puerto Rico and certain Caribbean Islands. The NANP format is a 10-digit number that consists of a 3-digit NPA code (commonly referred to as the area code), followed by a 3-digit NXX code and 4-digit line number.

3.28. "NXX" means the fourth, fifth and sixth digits of a ten-digit telephone number, and designates a Central Office Code

3.29. "Order" means any order, writ, injunction, decree, stipulation, decision, or award entered or rendered by the Commission or the FCC.

3.30. "Party" means either Qwest or Paging Provider and "Parties" means Qwest and Paging Provider.

3.31. "Point of Connection" or "POC" is the connection point(s) between Paging

Provider and Qwest; the technical interface(s), test point(s) and point(s) for operational division of responsibility. Paging Provider must have at least one physical POC in each LATA, and within Qwest serving territory, where Paging Provider provides CMRS service. Additional POC's may be established as described in Section 5 of this Agreement.

3.32. "Rate Center" means the specific geographic point (the "Rating Point") and corresponding geographic area that are associated with one or more particular NPA-NXX codes that have been assigned to a telecommunications carrier. The geographic point is identified by a specific vertical and horizontal ("V & H") coordinate that is used, in conjunction with the V & H coordinate of other rate centers, by Qwest to calculate distance-sensitive rates for End User traffic.

3.33. "Serving Wire Center" (SWC) denotes the Qwest office from which dial tone for local exchange service will, absent special arrangements, be provided to Qwest End Users.

3.34. "Signaling Transfer Point" or "STP" means a signaling point that performs message routing functions and provides information for the routing of messages between signaling end points. An STP transmits, receives and processes Common Channel Signaling ("CCS") messages.

3.35. "Switched Access Traffic or InterLATA Toll Traffic" as specifically defined in Qwest's state and interstate switched access tariffs, enters the Qwest network at the IXC point of presence, and is delivered to the Paging Provider's paging terminal.

3.36. "Tariff" as used throughout this Agreement refers to Qwest interstate tariffs and state tariffs, price lists, price schedules and catalog, as listed on the website <http://tariffs.uswest.com/>, and service agreements, as further identified in Appendix A.

3.37. "Telecommunications Services" means the offering of telecommunications for a fee directly to the public, or to such classes of users as to be effectively available directly to the public, regardless of the facilities used.

3.38. "Third Party Traffic" means both Transit Traffic and Non-Local Traffic.

3.39. "Traffic Type" is the characterization of traffic as "local" (local includes EAS), "toll" traffic outside of the incumbent local exchange carrier's Local Calling Area established by the applicable tariffs, or Transit Traffic as defined below.

3.40. "Transit Traffic" is traffic that originates with a telecommunications carrier other than Qwest that transits Qwest's network and is delivered to the Paging Provider's POC. The sending and receiving parties are not End Users of Qwest, the transiting tandem telecommunications carrier.

3.41. "Trunk Group" is a set of trunks of common routing origin and destination and which serve a like purpose or function.

3.42. "V and H Coordinate" means vertical and horizontal geographical cross

points on a map used to determine distance.

3.43. "Wire Center" denotes a building or space within a building, that serves as an aggregation point on a given Paging Provider's network, where transmission facilities are connected or switched. Wire Center can also denote a building where one or more central offices, used for the provision of Basic Exchange Telecommunications Services and access services, are located. A Serving Wire Center typically serves a specific geographic area.

3.44. "Wireless Service Request" or "WSR" means the standard forms and supporting documentation used for requesting Wireless Services. The WSR will be used to request trunking and facilities between Paging Provider and Qwest for Wireless Interconnection Service.

3.45. Terms not otherwise defined here, but defined in the Act or in regulations implementing the Act, shall have the meaning defined there.

4. PAGING TRAFFIC

4.1. Scope

4.1.1. Traffic exchange covered by this Agreement is for one-way paging service only. Other services are covered by separate contract, tariff or price lists.

4.1.2. Type 1 Paging Service is a one-way final route trunk group between Qwest's Serving Wire Center, or in some circumstances the Dial Tone Office, and Paging Providers' POC(s).

4.1.2.1. Qwest provides the following: the transmission medium; signaling and supervision. Maintenance and restoral are provided as detailed in the applicable sections of the state tariffs. Restoral is subject to the terms of the Telecommunications Service Priority System (TSP) for National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunication (FCC #1, Section 10.8.1D).

4.1.3. Type 2 Service is a one-way intraLATA/intrastate final route Trunk Group between Qwest's Local and LATA/Toll Tandems (Type 2A) and End Office Switches (Type 2B) and a Paging Provider's Point of Connection (POC). Each Type 2 Paging Service arrangement requires connection to both the Qwest Local and LATA/Toll Tandems which serve the Rate Center assigned to the Paging Provider's NNX. Additionally, when traffic volumes to an end office reach 512 centum call seconds (ccs), a Type 2B high use trunk group will be required to that end office. When a Local Tandem is not available to provide Type 2A Local trunks, a Type 2B Full Group connection to each End Office within the EAS/Local Calling Area is required Qwest and Paging Provider shall utilize out of band signaling where technically feasible for both Parties. Type 2A and 2B Services are defined in the following paragraphs.

4.1.3.1. Type 2A Paging Service is a one-way intraLATA final route trunk group between Qwest's Local and LATA/Toll Tandem switches and Paging Providers' POC(s).

4.1.3.1.1. The Type 2A Local Service connects a Qwest Local Tandem to a Paging Provider's POC and delivers traffic from NXXs served by the end offices subtending the Local Tandem to the Paging Provider.

4.1.3.1.2. The Type 2A LATA/Toll Tandem Service connects Qwest LATA/Toll Tandem to a Paging Provider's POC, and delivers traffic from the subtending End Offices to the Toll Tandem.

4.1.3.2. Wireless Type 2B High Use Service

The Type 2B High Use Service is a direct, one-way trunk group connection between Paging Provider's POC and a Qwest end office, within the same LATA, with overflow traffic routed over an associated Type 2A trunk group to the Qwest designated local tandem. Type 2B High Use service is only available in conjunction with an associated Type 2A service and is offered only where facilities and operating conditions permit.

4.1.3.2.1. Pursuant to joint planning as specified in the Forecasting section of this Agreement, Qwest will require a Type 2B dedicated (i.e., direct) one-way Primary High Use trunk group from the Paging Provider POC directly to the Qwest end office. Type 2B High Use Service is based on forecasted or actual traffic at Paging Provider's busy hour in centum call seconds (ccs), where there is a DS1's worth of traffic (512 ccs) between Paging Provider's POC and a Qwest end office. During peak busy hours, an associated Type 2A local trunk group accepts overflow traffic from the 2B High Use group.

4.1.3.3. Wireless Type 2B Full Group Service
The Type 2B Full Group Service is a direct, one-way trunk group connection between Paging Provider's POC and a Qwest End Office, within the same LATA. Each 2B Full Group serves only the individual End Office and not the entire EAS/Local Calling Area. There is no overflow capability to an alternative trunk group on a Type 2B direct final full trunk group configuration. Only telephone numbers associated with the Qwest End Office and the Paging Provider's POC are accessible from this trunk group.

4.1.3.3.1. A Type 2B Full Group connection is required to each End Office in the EAS/Local Calling Area when a Qwest Local Tandem is not available.

These connections are in addition to the connection to the Qwest Toll/LATA Tandem which serves the Rate Center assigned to the Paging Provider's NNX.

4.2. Types of Traffic

4.2.1. The traffic types Qwest will deliver to Paging Provider under this Agreement include:

4.2.1.1. EAS/Local as defined in this Agreement.

4.2.1.2. IntraLATA Toll as defined in this Agreement.

4.2.1.3. Transit Traffic as defined in this Agreement

4.2.1.4. Non-Local traffic as defined in this Agreement.

4.3. Rate Structure - Type 1

Type 1 land to pager traffic will be exchanged on a Bill and Keep basis between the Parties. This means that the facilities provided by Qwest to Paging Provider for traffic originating on or transiting Qwest's network from another carrier, will be provided at no charge to Paging Provider and Paging Provider will not bill Qwest usage charges for terminating Qwest originated traffic.

4.3.1. Connection from Serving Wire Center

4.3.1.2 Applicable rate elements for digital service include channel and channel facility, connectivity and dial outpulsing. Applicable rate elements for analog service include channel, connectivity and dial outpulsing. See Billing Parameters for further definitions. The digital option is available only where Qwest facilities exist, or where the Paging Provider agrees to pay Special Construction to build necessary facilities.

4.3.2. Connection to Distant Dial Tone Office

4.3.2.1. Dedicated Transport
Applicable rate elements include dedicated transport and channel performance. When the Serving Wire Center is not the Dial Tone Office, Dedicated Transport is the transmission path for the switched traffic from Qwest's Foreign Central Office to Qwest's Serving Wire Center. The digital option is available only where Qwest facilities exist, or where the Paging Provider agrees to pay Special Construction to build necessary facilities.

4.3.2.2. Traffic Aggregation
Traffic aggregation options are available.

4.4. Rate Structure - Type 2

The Paging Provider will be billed recurring and non-recurring rates for the portion of the Qwest facilities used to deliver Third Party Traffic, pursuant to the percentages and rates specified in Appendix A.

4.4.1. Connection from Serving Wire Center

Applicable rate elements include channel and channel facility. See Billing Parameters for further definitions.

4.4.2. Connection to Tandem or End Office

4.4.2.1. Dedicated Transport

When the Serving Wire Center of Paging Provider's POC is not collocated with the Local and LATA/Toll Tandems (for 2A Paging Service) or the End Office (for 2B Paging Service), Dedicated Transport rate elements will apply.

4.4.2.2. Traffic Aggregation

Traffic aggregation options are available.

4.5. Billing Parameters

4.5.1. Channel - DS0 level. Connection to Paging Provider's Point of Connection from the Serving Wire Center.

4.5.2. Channel Facility (for digital service) - DS1 level. Twenty-four digital voice grade channels can be transmitted over one DS1 facility. A full DS1 is necessary for the addition of voice grade channels even if ordered in increments of less than 24. The transmission rate is 1.544 Mbps.

4.5.3. Channel Facility (for digital service) - DS3 level. Twenty-eight DS1s, including their associated digital voice grade channels, can be transmitted over one DS3 facility. When using a DS3 traffic aggregation level, a full DS3 is necessary for the addition of DS1s even if ordered in increments of less than 28. The facility transmission rate is 44.736 Mbps.

4.5.4. Channel Performance. Conditioning to extend signaling on a two-wire analog channel when there is dedicated transport.

4.5.5. Dedicated Transport.

4.5.5.1. With Type 1 Service, when the Serving Wire Center is not the Dial Tone Office, Dedicated Transport is the transmission path for the switched traffic from Qwest's distant Central Office to Qwest's Serving Wire Center.

4.5.5.2. With Type 2 Service, if the Serving Wire Center is not the Qwest Local or LATA/Toll Tandem, or the Type2B End Office dedicated transport extends the channels/channel facility from the tandem/end office to the Serving Wire Center. The interoffice facilities can be at a DS0, DS1 or DS3 level.

4.5.6. Traffic Aggregation.

Traffic aggregation performed at a Qwest End Office enables a DS1 Channel Facility or DS1 Dedicated Transport to be connected to a DS0 Dedicated Transport System. A DS3 Channel Facility or DS3 Dedicated Transport will be multiplexed down to a DS1 level in order to connect with the digital switch.

4.5.7. DID Numbers

DID numbers are billed a non-recurring charge pursuant to Section 5.3.4 of the Exchange and Network Services Tariff/Price List/Catalog.

4.6. Miscellaneous Charges

Miscellaneous Charges mean charges that Qwest may assess in addition to recurring and nonrecurring rates set forth in Exhibit A, for activities CLEC requests Qwest to perform, activities CLEC authorizes, or charges that are a result of CLEC's actions, such as cancellation charges, expedite charges, and charges for additional labor and maintenance. Miscellaneous Charges are not already included in Qwest's recurring or nonrecurring rates. Miscellaneous Charges are listed and provided in the applicable tariff, catalog, or price list.

4.7. Equipment Interface

It is the Paging Provider's responsibility to advise Qwest of the equipment interface to be used at Paging Provider's POC. The technical requirements for the equipment interface must be selected from those specified in Appendix B. Available equipment interfaces specified in Appendix B are defined in Telcordia Reference Documents GR-145 - CORE & BR-795-403-100.

4.8. Cooperative Testing

During installation, integrity testing, and ongoing maintenance activities, the Parties will cooperate to ensure the integrity of the connection. Qwest and Paging Provider will each do such maintenance testing and inspection of their own equipment as may be necessary.

4.9. New or Changes to Paging Connection Service; Forecasting

4.9.1. Paging Provider may submit a request for Type 1 or Type 2 Paging Connection Service. When requesting Type 1 or Type 2 Paging Connection Service, Paging Provider shall specify on the Wireless Service Request: 1) the type and number of channels and channel facilities; 2) the Common Language Location Identifier (CLLI) codes associated with the POC and the Qwest Tandem or End Office; 3) and when applicable, the Wire Center where the traffic aggregation is performed.

4.9.2. Qwest will evaluate the request in accordance with Section 2.6.2. of this Agreement. Qwest shall advise Paging Provider of the analysis of

the request. The analysis shall specify Qwest's conclusions as to whether or not the service request shall be provisioned as requested.

4.9.3. Forecasting

4.9.3.1. Either Party shall, at the request of the other Party, participate in joint planning sessions at quarterly intervals. The Paging Provider shall complete the appropriate POC Forecast Form(s) attached as Appendix B, for each POC and for each different equipment interface within each POC. Although Paging Provider is required to complete a POC Forecast form(s), such forecasts are not deemed to be orders for or reservation of Qwest telecommunications services. Qwest may use Paging Provider's forecasts and any other sources of data which Qwest independently selects and obtains to help determine the design and configuration of Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service. Information included in the POC forecast form is for Qwest's planning purposes only. Paging Provider must complete the first POC Forecast form(s) prior to execution of this Agreement. Thereafter, Paging Provider must complete and send Qwest updated POC Forecast form(s) quarterly. If Qwest does not receive an updated form with a new forecast each quarter, then Qwest will rely on the last form received.

4.9.3.2. Paging Provider shall submit to Qwest a description of anticipated major network projects that could affect Qwest; at a minimum, the Paging Provider will provide at least ninety (90) days advance written notice of the nature of the changes and when the change(s) will occur. Major network projects include: shifts in anticipated traffic patterns or other activities that would result in a significant increase or decrease in traffic. These projects shall also include, but are not limited to, issues of equipment types and network capacity, usage, and location. Paging Provider shall attach the above information to the updated POC Forecast form(s) as appropriate.

4.10. Mileage Measurement

4.10.1. Where required, the mileage measurement for Type 1 dedicated transport is measured from the V&H coordinates of the Qwest Dial Tone Office to the V&H of the Qwest Serving Wire Center.

4.10.2. Where required, the mileage measurement for Type 2 Service facilities and trunks is measured from the V&H coordinates of the Qwest Local or LATA/Toll Tandem or End Office to the V&H coordinates of the Qwest Serving Wire Center.

5. INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES

5.1. Methods of Interconnection

The location of the POC will determine the method of interconnection. The following arrangements for interconnection are available: (1) Network Access Channel; (2) Collocation; (3) Mid-Span Meet facilities.

5.1.1. Network Access Channel

5.1.1.1. A NAC facility extends from the Serving Wire Center of Qwest to the Paging Provider's POC location. NAC facilities may not extend beyond the area served by Qwest's Serving Wire Center. A NAC must always be provisioned with Type 1 and Type 2 Service for connection, identification, and billing purposes.

5.1.1.2. The digital option for NAC is available only where technically feasible or where Paging Provider agrees to pay Construction Charges to build necessary facilities.

5.1.2. Mid-Span Meet POI

A Mid-Span Meet POI is a negotiated point of connection, limited to the joining of facilities between Qwest's switch and the Paging Provider's paging terminal. Mid-Span Meet POI may be accomplished by the Parties through the negotiation of a separate Agreement. The actual physical point of connection and facilities used will be subject to negotiations between the Parties. Each Party will be responsible for its portion of the build to the Mid-Span Meet POI.

5.1.3. Collocation

Interconnection may be accomplished through the Collocation arrangements offered by Qwest. The terms and conditions under which Collocation will be offered are described in the Collocation section of this Agreement.

5.2. Quality of Interconnection

Qwest will provision Paging Connection Service facilities in accordance with current industry standards.

6. TYPE 2 COMPENSATION FOR DELIVERY OF QWEST ORIGINATED TRAFFIC

6.1. Qwest will pay Paging Provider for the transport and termination of Type 2 Compensable Traffic as set forth in Appendix A.

6.1.1 The compensation to Paging Provider will be based on an assumed 6,000 minutes of use ("MOUs") per trunk per billing period. Either Party may adjust the MOUs one time during the term of this Agreement based on the average of three consecutive months of actual

data. If the Parties do not agree on the adjusted MOUs, the provisions of the Dispute Resolution section shall apply. Total paging messages shall be converted to MOUs as follows: 1) the number of messages will be aggregated at the end of the billing period by trunk group, 2) the aggregated number of messages will be multiplied by the average hold time in seconds and divided by 60 (to convert to minutes) and 3) the result rounded to the nearest whole minute. In the absence of actual hold time data, it will be assumed that average hold time per paging message is 20 seconds.

6.1.2 If the traffic data indicates an under utilization of the installed trunks, Qwest may reduce the number of trunks assigned to Paging Provider.

6.2. Paging Provider will issue a direct bill to Qwest for the transport and termination of Type 2 Compensable Traffic based on the sample invoice in Appendix C. This sample invoice shall also display any additional requirements agreed upon by both Parties.

6.2.1 The Parties will exchange billing contacts and telephone numbers.

6.2.2 The invoices will include identification of the monthly bill period, which will be the first through the last day of the prior calendar month.

6.2.3 Paging Provider will bill Qwest by state.

6.2.4 Paging Provider will assign an Invoice Number and/or Billing Account Number.

6.2.5 Paging Provider will provide a Remittance Document including: remittance address, Invoice Number and/or Billing Account Number, amount due and Payment Due Date (at least thirty (30) days from invoice issuance date).

6.2.6 The rendered bill will include a summary of charges and total amounts due.

6.2.7 Charges incurred during the bill period will be reflected on the next bill. Minute of use ("MOU") rates will be displayed for all charges.

6.2.8 Invoice will include all adjustments, credits, debits and payments.

6.2.9 Invoice will include all applicable taxes and surcharges. Paging Provider will calculate, bill, collect and remit applicable taxes and surcharges to the appropriate authorities.

6.2.10 Paging Provider's invoices to Qwest will be provided on paper, unless a mechanized format is mutually agreed upon.

6.3 Billing disputes will be resolved through the Dispute Resolution provisions of this Agreement.

7. RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

8. SERVICE IMPAIRMENT

8.1. The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment of either Party connected with the services, facilities or equipment of the other Party shall not: 1) interfere with or impair service over any facilities of the other Party; its affiliated companies, or its connecting and concurring carriers involved in its services; 2) cause damage to their plant; 3) violate any applicable law or regulation regarding the invasion of privacy of any communications carried over the Party's facilities; or 4) create hazards to the employees of either Party or to the public. Each of these requirements is hereinafter referred to as an "Impairment of Service". Each Party shall use its best efforts to isolate a trouble condition(s) to the other's facilities before reporting trouble to the other Party.

8.2. If either Party causes an impairment of service, as set forth in this Section, the Party (the "Impaired Party") shall promptly notify the Party causing the impairment of service (the "Impairing Party") of the nature and location of the problem. The Impaired Party shall advise the Impairing Party that, unless promptly rectified, a temporary discontinuance of the use of any circuit, facility or equipment may be required. The Impairing Party and the Impaired Party agree to work together to attempt to promptly resolve the Impairment of Service. If the Impairing Party is unable to promptly remedy the Impairment of Service, the Impaired Party may temporarily discontinue use of the affected circuit, facility or equipment.

8.3. When a Party reports trouble to the other Party, and no trouble is found in the other Party's equipment, the reporting Party will be responsible for payment of service maintenance charges as specified in Qwest's Intrastate Switched Access Tariff or state-specific pricing catalogue, as appropriate, for the period of time from when the other Party's personnel are dispatched to when the work is completed. Failure of the Other Party's personnel to find trouble in its service will not result in a charge if the trouble is actually in that service, but not discovered at that time.

8.4. No out-of-service credit will apply for the interruption involved if the service maintenance charge applies as a result of the trouble not being in Qwest's equipment, but is, in fact, a result of a failure in the equipment or service of Paging Provider.

8.5. To facilitate trouble reporting and to coordinate the repair of the service provided by each Party to the other under this Agreement, each Party shall designate a Trouble Reporting Control Office (TRCO) and a toll free telephone number for such service.

Qwest's TRCO number is (800) 784-3414

Paging Provider's TRCO number is () _____.

This number shall give access to the location where facility records are normally located and where current status reports on any trouble reports are readily available.

8.6. Where new facilities, services and arrangements are installed, the TRCO shall ensure that continuity exists and take appropriate transmission

measurements before advising the other Party that the new circuit is ready for service.

8.7. Each Party shall use its best efforts to isolate a trouble condition(s) to the other's facilities before reporting trouble to the other Party.

9. COLLOCATION

Should the Parties desire to establish a Collocation relationship, through either physical or virtual Collocation, the Parties will enter into an amendment to this Agreement.

10. ACCESS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS

10.1 Number Resources Arrangements.

10.1.1. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed in any manner to limit or otherwise adversely impact either Party's right to the request and assignment of any NANP number resources including, but not limited to, central office (NXX) codes pursuant to the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines published by the Industry Numbering Committee ("INC") as INC 95-0407-008, formerly ICCF 93-0729-010). The latest version of the Guidelines will be considered the current standard.

10.1.2. Each Party shall be responsible for notifying its End Users of any changes in numbering or dialing arrangements to include changes such as the introduction of new NPAs or new NXX codes.

10.1.3. Paging Provider may request blocks of telephone numbers from Qwest. Such blocks of telephone numbers will be assigned to the Paging Provider from an NXX housed in the Qwest Dial Tone Office. This will usually be the Serving Wire Center of the Paging Provider's paging terminal location. In the event sufficient numbers are not available to meet the Paging Provider's two year forecast, a new NXX, if practicable, will be assigned to the Dial Tone Office from which numbers will be allocated. All numbers are assigned and administered by Qwest. The Paging Provider performs subadministration (assigning specific numbers to individual subscribers).

10.1.4. It shall be the responsibility of each Party to program and update its own network systems pursuant to the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) to recognize and route traffic to the other Party's assigned NXX codes. Neither Party shall impose any fees or charges whatsoever on the other Party for such activities. The Parties will cooperate to establish procedures to ensure the timely activation of NXX assignments in their respective networks.

10.1.5. Each Party is responsible for administering NXX codes assigned to it. Each Party is responsible for arranging LERG input for NXX codes assigned to its equipment. Each Party shall use the LERG published by Telcordia or its successor for obtaining routing information and shall

provide through an authorized LERG input agent, all required information regarding its network for maintaining the LERG in a timely manner.

SECTION 11.0 - ACCESS TO OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS (OSS)

11.1 Description

11.1.1 Qwest has developed OSS interfaces using an electronic gateway solution consistent with the design prescribed by the FCC, Docket 96-98, FCC 96-325, paragraph 527. These gateways act as a mediation or control point between Paging Provider's and Qwest's Operations Systems. These gateways provide security for the interface, protecting the integrity of the Qwest network and its databases. Qwest's operational systems interfaces have been developed to support Pre-ordering, Ordering and Provisioning, Maintenance and Repair and Billing. Included below is a description of the products and functions supported by Qwest OSS interfaces and the technology used by each.

11.2 OSS Support for Pre-Ordering, Ordering and Provisioning

11.2.1 ASR (Access Service Request) Ordering Process

11.2.1.1 Qwest proposes the use of existing systems for orders placed using the ASR (Access Service Request) process. Systems in place today (EXACT) adhere to the existing standards directed by OBF (Ordering and Billing Forum). EXACT has an interface that accepts batch files via Connect Direct from customers. It is the Paging Provider's responsibility to obtain the appropriate software to access and interface with Qwest systems.

11.2.1.2 An alternative system managed by Qwest is one that customers access via dial-up. This system, TELIS, allows customers to directly input ASRs into a secured database and the customer can manage their ASRs accordingly. TELIS interfaces through a batch file process with EXACT to correctly process ASRs. It is the Paging Provider's responsibility to obtain the appropriate software to access and interface with Qwest systems.

11.2.1.3 Type 1 Interconnection can be ordered electronically via EXACT and TELIS.

11.2.2 Functions

11.2.2.1 Access Service Request (ASR)

11.2.2.1.1 The ASR transaction allows Paging Provider to submit an order.

11.2.2.2 Firm Order Confirmation (FOC)

11.2.2.2.1 Once an ASR is accepted by Qwest, the assigned service

order number(s) is returned to Paging Provider. Firm Order Confirmation means that Qwest has received the ASR, issued the order and assigned an order number for tracking. In addition, it identifies the due dates Qwest assigns to the order.

11.2.3 Facility Based EDI Listing Process

11.2.3.1 The Facility Based EDI Listing Process is a single interface from Paging Provider to Qwest. This interface is compliant with OBF ASOG and ANSI ASC X.12 standards, version 4010. This interface enables Paging Provider listing data to be translated and passed into the Qwest listing database. After Qwest's daily batch processing, a Confirmation/Completion record (for every PON provided on input) is returned to Paging Provider via an EDI 855 transaction.

11.2.3.2 Qwest will continue to make improvements to the electronic interfaces as the technology evolves, providing notification to Paging Provider consistent with the provisions of this Section.

11.3 Hours of Operation

11.3.1 Qwest Operational Support Systems will be available to Paging Provider consistent with the Qwest retail operations and internal processes that support pre-ordering, ordering and provisioning, maintenance and repair, and billing as they are described in this Agreement.

11.4 Billing

11.4.1 For products billed out of the Qwest IABS system, Qwest will utilize the existing CABS/BOS format and technology for the transmission of bills.

11.5 Outputs

11.5.1 IABS Bill - The IABS (Interexchange Access Billing System) Bill includes monthly and one time charges plus a summary of any usage charges. These bills are segmented by product, LATA, billing account number (BAN) and bill cycle. The IABS Bill media is only provided in the following media:

- a) Paper
- b) NDM (Dedicated Circuit or dial-up)
- c) Internet/WEB (read only)
- d) Diskette

11.6 Modifications to OSS Interfaces

11.6.1 Paging Provider and Qwest agree to discuss the modification of OSS interfaces based upon evolving standards (e.g., data elements, protocols, transport networks, etc.) and guidelines issued by or referenced by relevant Alliance for Telecommunication Industry Solution (ATIS) Committees. Establishment of new, or changes to industry standards and guidelines will be reviewed on no less than a quarterly basis commencing on the effective date of this Agreement. This review will consider standards and guidelines that have reached final closure as well as those published in final form. Both Parties agree to evaluate evolving standards and determine the relevant modification to be implemented based upon the latest approved version adopted or the latest version reflecting final closure by the relevant ATIS committee or subcommittee. The Parties will use reasonable effort to reach closure upon the necessary changes within no more than three (3) months of initiating each review and to implement the changes within nine (9) months or earlier, if reasonably possible, unless there is agreement to a different implementation schedule.

11.6.2 In the course of establishing operational ready system interfaces between Qwest and Paging Provider to support local service delivery, Paging Provider and Qwest may need to define and implement system interface specifications that are supplemental to existing standards. Paging Provider and Qwest will submit such specifications to the appropriate standards committee and will work towards its acceptance as a standard.

11.6.3 Release updates will be based on regulatory obligations as dictated by the FCC or Commissions and, as time permits, the agreed to changes requested by the FORUM. Qwest will provide to Paging Provider the features list for modifications to the interface ninety (90) Days prior to any release date. Specifications for interface modifications will be provided to Paging Provider three (3) weeks prior to the release date. Paging Provider is required to upgrade to the current release within six (6) months of the installation date.

11.6.4 This Section constitutes the entirety of the OSS agreement. Nothing beyond what is described herein should be implied or inferred.

11.7 Paging Provider Responsibilities for Implementation of OSS Interfaces

11.7.1 Before any Paging Provider implementation can begin, Paging Provider must completely and accurately provide detailed information needed by Qwest to establish service for Paging Provider.

11.8 Wholesale Services (WS) Systems Help Desk

11.8.1 The WS Systems Help Desk will provide a single point of entry for Paging Provider to gain assistance in areas involving connectivity and File Outputs. These areas are further described below.

11.8.1.1 Connectivity

11.8.1.1.1 Connectivity covers trouble with Paging Provider's access to the Qwest System for modem configuration requirements; T1 configuration and dial in string requirements; firewall access configuration; SecurID configuration; Profile Setup and password verification.

11.8.1.2 File Outputs

11.8.1.2.1 File outputs system errors are limited to IABS Bill and Category 11 Report.

11.8.1.3 The WS Systems Help Desk does not support status or trouble while the Service Order is processing through the ISC.

11.8.1.4 Hours of Operation

11.8.1.4.1 The WS Systems Help Desk is available Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Mountain Time, excluding Qwest holidays.

11.9 Intentionally Left Blank

11.10 Compensation/Cost Recovery

11.10.1 Recurring and nonrecurring OSS startup charges, as applicable, will be billed at rates set forth in Exhibit A for Type 2 Paging Providers. Any such rates will be consistent with Existing Rules. Qwest shall not impose any recurring or nonrecurring OSS startup charges unless and until the Commission authorizes Qwest to impose such charges and/or approves applicable rates at the completion of appropriate cost docket proceedings.

12. TERM OF AGREEMENT

12.1 This Agreement shall become effective upon Commission approval, pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Act, shall terminate shall terminate five (5) years from the execution date and shall be binding upon the Parties during that term. After the date specified above, this Agreement shall continue in force and effect until terminated by either Party providing one hundred sixty (160) days written notice of termination to the other Party. The day the notice is served will determine the starting point for a 160 day negotiation period (in accordance with 252(b)1 of the Act). In the event of such termination, existing or pending service arrangements made available under this Agreement shall continue in total without interruption under either a) a new or adoption agreement executed by the Parties, or b) tariff terms and conditions generally available to all Paging Providers.

12.1.1 If the Parties are unable to negotiate a new agreement during the negotiation period described above, the window of opportunity to file for

arbitration to resolve outstanding contractual issues in accordance with the Act will occur between days 135 and 160 of the 160 day notice period.

12.1.2 If the Parties are able to reach agreement, this Agreement shall continue for the brief period of time needed to secure the Commission's approval of an adoption or a new interconnection agreement. In the case of Section 12.1.1, this Agreement will expire on the termination date specified in the one hundred sixty (160) day notice referenced above unless a petition for arbitration has been filed, but if such a petition has been filed then this Agreement shall continue for the period necessary for the Commission to act and resolve the disputed issues so that the Parties will have an effective interconnection agreement.

13. PAYMENT

13.1. Amounts payable under this Agreement are due and payable within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of Qwest's invoice, or within twenty (20) days after receipt of the invoice, whichever is later. If the normal payment due date is a Saturday or legal holiday that falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday then payment is due on the previous business day as a payment due date. If the normal payment due date is a Sunday or legal holiday that falls on a Monday then the payment defaults to the next business day.

13.2. Should Paging Provider dispute, in good faith, any portion of the Qwest monthly billing under this Agreement, Paging Provider will notify Qwest in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of such billing, identifying the amount, reason and rationale of such dispute. Paging Provider shall pay all amounts due. Both Paging Provider and Qwest agree to expedite the investigation of any disputed amounts in an effort to resolve and settle the dispute prior to initiating any other rights or remedies. Should the dispute be resolved in Paging Provider's favor and the resolved amount did not appear as a credit on Paging Provider's next invoice from Qwest, Qwest will reimburse Paging Provider the resolved amount plus interest from the date of payment. The amount of interest will be calculated using the late payment factor that would have applied to such amount had it not been paid on time.

13.3. Qwest will determine Paging Provider's credit status based on previous payment history with Qwest or credit reports such as Dun and Bradstreet. If Paging Provider has not established satisfactory credit with Qwest or if Paging Provider is repeatedly delinquent in making its payments, Qwest may require a deposit to be held as security for the payment of charges. "Repeatedly delinquent" means any payment received after the due date three or more times during a 12 month period. The deposit may not exceed the estimated total monthly charges for a two (2) month period. The deposit may be a surety bond, a letter of credit with terms and conditions acceptable to Qwest or some other form of mutually acceptable security such as a cash deposit. Required deposits are due and payable within ten (10) calendar days after demand in accordance with Commission requirements.

13.4. Interest will be paid on cash deposits at the rate applying to deposits

under applicable State Access tariff. Cash deposits and accrued interest will be credited to Paging Provider's account or refunded, as appropriate, upon the earlier of the termination of this Agreement or the establishment of satisfactory credit with Qwest which will generally be one full year of timely payments in full by Paging Provider. The fact that a deposit has been made does not relieve Paging Provider from any requirements of this Agreement.

13.5. Qwest may review Paging Provider's credit standing and modify the amount of deposit required.

13.6. Qwest will assess a late payment charge for any amounts not paid by the payment due date. The late payment charge for amounts that are billed under this Agreement shall be in accordance with State Access tariff/Commission Rules and Orders.

14. MISCELLANEOUS TERMS

14.1. General Provisions

14.1.1. The Parties are each solely responsible for participation in and compliance with national network plans, including the National Network Security Plan and Emergency Preparedness Plan.

14.1.2 Neither Party shall use any service related to or use any of the services provided in this Agreement in any manner that interferes with other persons in the use of their service, prevents other persons from using their service, or otherwise impairs the quality of service to other carriers or to either Party's End Users, and each Party may discontinue or refuse service if the other Party violates this provision. Upon such violation, either Party shall provide the other Party notice of such violation at the earliest practicable time.

14.1.3. Each Party is solely responsible for the services it provides to its End Users and to other telecommunications carriers.

14.1.4. The Parties shall work cooperatively to minimize fraud associated with third-number billed calls, calling card calls, and any other services related to this Agreement.

14.1.5 Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent either Party from seeking to recover the costs and expenses, if any, it may incur in (a) complying with and implementing its obligations under this Agreement, the Act, and the rules, regulations and orders of the FCC and the Commission, and (b) the development, modification, technical installation and maintenance of any systems or other infrastructure which it requires to comply with and to continue complying with its responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement.

14.2 Insurance

The Parties agree that this Section relating to insurance requirements for

the Parties has been deleted in its entirety; provided however, if either Party requests an amendment to this Agreement for Collocation and/or Poles, Ducts, Conduits, and Rights of Way, the amendment will require the collocating or attaching Party to meet insurance requirements maintained by Qwest for other Telecommunications Carriers at the time of the amendment.

14.3. Taxes

Each Party purchasing services hereunder shall pay or otherwise be responsible for all federal, state, or local sales, use, excise, gross receipts, transaction or similar taxes, fees or surcharges levied against or upon such purchasing Party (or the providing Party when such providing Party is permitted to pass along to the purchasing Party such taxes, fees or surcharges), except for any tax on either Party's corporate existence, status or net income. Whenever possible, these amounts shall be billed as a separate item on the invoice. To the extent a sale is claimed to be for resale tax exemption, the purchasing Party shall furnish the providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate as authorized or required by statute or regulation by the jurisdiction providing said resale tax exemption. Until such time as a resale tax exemption certificate is provided, no exemptions will be applied.

14.4. Force Majeure

Neither Party shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Agreement from any cause beyond its control and without its fault or negligence including, without limitation, acts of nature, acts of civil or military authority, government regulations, embargoes, epidemics, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, floods, work stoppages, equipment failure, power blackouts, volcanic action, other major environmental disturbances, unusually severe weather conditions, inability to secure products or services of other persons or transportation facilities or acts or omissions of transportation carriers (collectively, a "Force Majeure Event"). The Party affected by a Force Majeure Event shall give prompt notice to the other Party, shall be excused from performance of its obligations hereunder on a day to day basis to the extent those obligations are prevented by the Force Majeure Event, and shall use reasonable efforts to remove or mitigate the Force Majeure Event. In the event of a labor dispute or strike the Parties agree to provide service to each other at a level equivalent to the level they provide themselves.

14.5. Limitation of Liability

14.5.1 Except for losses relating to or arising out of any act or omission in its performance of services or functions provided under this Agreement, each Party shall be liable to the other for direct damages for any loss, defect or equipment failure including without limitation any penalty, reparation or liquidated damages assessed by the Commission or under a Commission-ordered agreement (including without limitation

penalties or liquidated damages assessed as a result of cable cuts), resulting from the causing Party's conduct or the conduct of its agents or contractors in performing the obligations contained in this Agreement.

14.5.2 Neither Party shall be liable to the other for indirect, incidental, consequential, or special damages, including (without limitation) damages for lost profits, lost revenues, lost savings suffered by the other Party regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, warranty, strict liability, tort, including (without limitation) negligence of any kind and regardless of whether the Parties know the possibility that such damages could result.

14.5.3 Except for indemnity obligations or as otherwise set forth in this Section, each Party's liability to the other Party for any loss relating to or arising out of any act or omission in its performance of services or functions provided under this Agreement, whether in contract or in tort, shall be limited to the total amount that is or would have been charged to the other Party by such breaching Party for the service(s) or function(s) not performed or improperly performed.

14.5.4 Nothing contained in this Section shall limit either Party's liability to the other for intentional, malicious misconduct.

14.5.5 Nothing contained in this Section shall limit either Party's obligations of indemnification as specified in the Indemnity Section of this Agreement.

14.6. Indemnity

14.6.1 With respect to third party claims, the Parties agree to indemnify each other as follows:

14.6.1.1 Except for claims made by End Users of one Party against the other Party, which claims are based on defective or faulty services provided by the other Party to the one Party, each of the Parties agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party and each of its officers, directors, employees and agents (each an "Indemnitee") from and against and in respect of any loss, debt, liability, damage, obligation, claim, demand, judgment or settlement of any nature or kind, known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated including, but not limited to, costs and attorneys' fees, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any other party or person, for invasion of privacy, personal injury to or death of any person or persons, or for loss, damage to, or destruction of property, whether or not owned by others, resulting from the indemnifying Party's performance, breach of applicable law, or status of its employees, agents and subcontractors; or for failure to perform under this Agreement, regardless of the form of action.

14.6.1.2 Where the third party claim is made by (or through)

an End User of one Party against the other Party, which claim is based on defective or faulty services provided by the other Party to the one Party then there shall be no obligation of indemnity unless the act or omission giving rise to the defective or faulty services is shown to be intentional, malicious misconduct of the other Party.

14.6.1.3 If the claim is made by (or through) an End User and where a claim is in the nature of a claim for invasion of privacy, libel, slander, or other claim based on the content of a transmission, and it is made against a Party who is not the immediate provider of the Telecommunications Service to the End User (the indemnified provider), then in the absence of fault or neglect on the part of the indemnified provider, the Party who is the immediate seller of such Telecommunications Service shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the indemnified provider from such claim.

14.6.2 The indemnification provided herein shall be conditioned upon:

14.6.2.1 The indemnified Party shall promptly notify the indemnifying Party of any action taken against the indemnified Party relating to the indemnification. Failure to so notify the indemnifying Party shall not relieve the indemnifying Party of any liability that the indemnifying Party might have, except to the extent that such failure prejudices the indemnifying Party's ability to defend such claim.

14.6.2.2 The indemnifying Party shall have sole authority to defend any such action, including the selection of legal counsel, and the indemnified Party may engage separate legal counsel only at its sole cost and expense.

14.6.2.3 In no event shall the indemnifying Party settle or consent to any judgment pertaining to any such action without the prior written consent of the indemnified Party.

14.7. Intellectual Property

14.7.1 Each Party hereby grants to the other Party the limited, personal and nonexclusive right and license to use its patents, copyrights and trade secrets but only to the extent necessary to implement this Agreement or specifically required by the then applicable federal and state rules and regulations relating to Interconnection and access to telecommunications facilities and services, and for no other purposes. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as the grant to the other Party of any rights or licenses to trademarks.

14.7.2 The rights and licenses above are granted "AS IS" and the other Party's exercise of any such right and license shall be at the sole and exclusive risk of the other Party. Neither Party shall have any obligation

to defend, indemnify or hold harmless, or acquire any license or right for the benefit of, or owe any other obligation or have any liability to, the other based on or arising from any claim, demand, or proceeding (hereinafter "claim") by any third party alleging or asserting that the use of any circuit, apparatus, or system, or the use of any software, or the performance of any service or method, or the provision of any facilities by either Party under this Agreement constitutes infringement, or misuse or misappropriation of any patent, copyright, trade secret, or any other proprietary or intellectual property right of any third party.

14.7.3 As a condition to the access or use of patents, copyrights, trade secrets and other intellectual property (including software) owned or controlled by a third party to the extent necessary to implement this Agreement or specifically required by the then applicable federal and state rules and regulations relating to Interconnection and access to telecommunications facilities and services, the Party providing access may require the other upon written notice, from time to time, to obtain a license or permission for such access or use, make all payments in connection with obtaining such license, and provide evidence of such license.

14.7.4 Except as expressly provided in this Intellectual Property Section, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as the grant of a license, either express or implied, with respect to any patent, copyright, logo, trademark, tradename, trade secret or any other intellectual property right now or hereafter owned, controlled or licensable by either Party. Neither Party may use any patent, copyright, logo, trademark, tradename, trade secret or other intellectual property right of the other Party or its affiliates without execution of a separate agreement between the Parties.

14.7.5 Neither Party shall without the express written permission of the other Party, state or imply that: 1) it is connected, or in any way affiliated with the other or its affiliates, 2) it is part of a joint business association or any similar arrangement with the other or its affiliates, 3) the other Party and its affiliates are in any way sponsoring, endorsing or certifying it and its goods and services, or 4) with respect to its advertising or promotional activities or materials, that the resold goods and services are in any way associated with or originated from the other or any of its affiliates. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent either Party from truthfully describing the network elements it uses to provide service to its End Users, provided it does not represent the network elements as originating from the other Party or its affiliates.

14.7.6 Paging Provider acknowledges the value of the marks "Qwest" and "Qwest" (the "Marks") and the goodwill associated therewith and acknowledges that such goodwill is a property right belonging to Qwest Communications International, Inc. (the "Owner"). Paging Provider recognizes that nothing contained in this Agreement is intended as an assignment or grant to Paging Provider of any right, title or interest in or to the Marks and that this Agreement does not confer any right or license to grant sublicenses or permission to third parties to use the Marks and is

not assignable. Paging Provider will do nothing inconsistent with the Owner's ownership of the Marks, and all rights, if any, that may be acquired by use of the Marks shall inure to the benefit of the Owner. Paging Provider will not adopt, use (other than as authorized herein), register or seek to register any marks anywhere in the world which is identical or confusingly similar to the Marks or which is so similar thereto as to constitute a deceptive colorable imitation thereof or to suggest or imply some association, sponsorship, or endorsement by the Owner. The Owner makes no warranties regarding ownership of any rights in or the validity of the Marks.

14.8. Warranties

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES AGREE THAT NEITHER PARTY HAS MADE, AND THAT THERE DOES NOT EXIST, ANY WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

14.9. Assignment

14.9.1 Neither Party may assign or transfer (whether by operation of law or otherwise) this Agreement (or any rights or obligations hereunder) to a third party without the prior written consent of the other Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either Party may assign or transfer this Agreement to a corporate affiliate or an entity under its common control; however, if Paging Provider's assignee or transferee has an Interconnection agreement with Qwest, no assignment or transfer of this Agreement shall be effective without the prior written consent of Qwest. Such consent shall include appropriate resolutions of conflicts and discrepancies between the assignee's or transferee's interconnection agreement and this Agreement. Any attempted assignment or transfer that is not permitted is void ab initio. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties' respective successors and assigns.

14.9.2 Without limiting the generality of the foregoing subsection, any merger, dissolution, consolidation or other reorganization of Paging Provider, or any sale, transfer, pledge or other disposition by Paging Provider of securities representing more than 50% of the securities entitled to vote in an election of Paging Provider's board of directors or other similar governing body, or any sale, transfer, pledge or other disposition by Paging Provider of substantially all of its assets, shall be deemed a transfer of control. If any entity, other than Paging Provider, involved in such merger, dissolution, consolidation, reorganization, sale, transfer, pledge or other disposition of Paging Provider has an interconnection agreement with Qwest, the Parties agree that only one agreement, either this Agreement or the interconnection agreement of the other entity, will remain valid. All other interconnection agreements will be terminated. The Parties agree to work together to determine

which interconnection agreement should remain valid and which should terminate. In the event the Parties cannot reach agreement on this issue, the issue shall be resolved through the Dispute Resolution process contained in this Agreement.

14.9.3 Qwest makes no representations or warranties regarding the configuration, identity, or number of telephone exchanges covered by this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement, therefore, shall be deemed to limit or restrict the right of Qwest to sell, lease, transfer, assign, or hypothecate any of its assets, rights, title or interests in or to any of its property or rights, including but not limited to the telephone exchange(s) in which it conducts its business. Likewise nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to limit or restrict the right of Qwest to acquire, buy, procure, lease, or mortgage any assets, rights, title, or interest in or to any property or rights, including but not limited to the telephone exchange(s) in which it conducts its business. If Qwest should sell or otherwise transfer and assign to an unaffiliated third party all or substantially all of its assets and rights with respect to a telephone exchange(s) which is covered by this Agreement, then as to such exchange(s), this Agreement shall terminate upon the effective date of such sale or other transfer. Qwest shall provide Paging Provider with as much advance notice of such sale or transfer as is reasonably possible.

14.10. Default

If either Party defaults in the payment of any amount due hereunder, or if either Party violates any other material provision of this Agreement, and such default or violation shall continue for thirty (30) calendar days after written notice thereof, the other Party may seek relief in accordance with the Dispute Resolution provision of this Agreement. The failure of either Party to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement or the waiver thereof in any instance shall not be construed as a general waiver or relinquishment on its part of any such provision, but the same shall, nevertheless, be and remain in full force and effect.

14.11. Disclaimer of Agency

Except for provisions herein expressly authorizing a Party to act for another, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a Party as a legal representative or agent of the other Party, nor shall a Party have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind, express or implied, against or in the name or on behalf of the other Party unless otherwise expressly permitted by such other Party. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no Party undertakes to perform any obligation of the other Party whether regulatory or contractual, or to assume any responsibility for the management of the other Party's business.

14.12. Nondisclosure

14.12.1. All information, including but not limited to specifications,

microfilm, photocopies, magnetic disks, magnetic tapes, drawings, sketches, models, samples, tools, technical information, data, employee records, maps, financial reports, and market data, (i) furnished by one Party to the other Party dealing with End User specific, facility specific, or usage specific information, other than end User information communicated for the purpose of providing directory assistance or publication of directory database, or (ii) in written, graphic, electromagnetic, or other tangible form and marked at the time of delivery as "Confidential" or "Proprietary", or (iii) communicated and declared to the receiving Party at the time of delivery, or by written notice given to the receiving Party within ten (10) calendar days after delivery, to be "Confidential" or "Proprietary" (collectively referred to as "Proprietary Information"), shall remain the property of the disclosing Party. A Party who receives Proprietary Information via an oral communication may request written confirmation that the material is Proprietary Information. A Party who delivers Proprietary Information via an oral communication may request written confirmation that the Party receiving the information understands that the material is Proprietary Information.

14.12.2. Upon request by the disclosing Party, the receiving Party shall return all tangible copies of Proprietary Information, whether written, graphic or otherwise, except that the receiving Party may retain one copy for archival purposes.

14.12.3. Each Party shall endeavor to keep all of the other Party's Proprietary Information confidential using the same degree of care as the receiving Party uses for its own confidential information of similar importance and shall use the other Party's Proprietary Information only in connection with performance of this Agreement. Neither Party shall use the other Party's Proprietary Information for any other purpose except upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Parties in writing.

14.12.4. Unless otherwise agreed, the obligations of confidentiality and non-use set forth in this Agreement do not apply to such Proprietary Information as:

14.12.4.1. was at the time of receipt already known to the receiving Party free of any obligation to keep it confidential evidenced by written records prepared prior to delivery by the disclosing Party; or

14.12.4.2. is or becomes publicly known through no wrongful act of the receiving Party; or

14.12.4.3. is rightfully received from a third person having no direct or indirect secrecy or confidentiality obligation to the disclosing Party with respect to such information; or

14.12.4.4. is independently developed by an employee, agent, or contractor of the receiving Party which individual is not involved

in any manner with the provision of services pursuant to the Agreement and does not have any direct or indirect access to the Proprietary Information; or

14.12.4.5. is disclosed to a third person by the disclosing Party without similar restrictions on such third person's rights; or

14.12.4.6. is approved for release by written authorization of the disclosing Party; or

14.12.4.7. is required to be made public by the receiving Party pursuant to applicable law or regulation provided that the receiving Party shall give sufficient notice of the requirement to the disclosing Party to enable the disclosing Party to seek protective orders.

14.12.5. Nothing herein is intended to prohibit a Party from supplying factual information about its network and Telecommunications Services on or connected to its network to regulatory agencies including the Federal Communications Commission and the Commission so long as any confidential obligation is protected.

14.12.6. Effective Date of this Section. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Proprietary Information provisions of this Agreement shall apply to all Proprietary Information furnished by either Party to the other in furtherance of the purpose of this Agreement, even if furnished before the date of this Agreement.

14.13. Survival

Any liabilities or obligations of a Party for acts or omissions prior to the cancellation or termination of this Agreement; any obligation of a Party under the provisions regarding indemnification, Confidential or Proprietary Information, limitations of liability, and any other provisions of this Agreement which, by their terms, are contemplated to survive (or to be performed after) termination of this Agreement, shall survive cancellation or termination hereof.

14.14. Dispute Resolution

14.14.1 If any claim, controversy or dispute between the Parties, their agents, employees, officers, directors or affiliated agents should arise, and the Parties do not resolve it in the ordinary course of their dealings (the "Dispute"), then it shall be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution process set forth in this Section. Each notice of default, unless cured within the applicable cure period, shall be resolved in accordance herewith.

14.14.2 At the written request of either Party, and prior to any other formal dispute resolution proceedings, each Party shall designate an officer-level employee, at no less than the vice president level, to review,

meet, and negotiate, in good faith, to resolve the Dispute. The Parties intend that these negotiations be conducted by non-lawyer, business representatives, and the locations, format, frequency, duration, and conclusions of these discussions shall be at the discretion of the representatives. By mutual agreement, the representatives may use other procedures, such as mediation, to assist in these negotiations. The discussions and correspondence among the representatives for the purposes of these negotiations shall be treated as Confidential Information developed for purposes of settlement, and shall be exempt from discovery and production, and shall not be admissible in any subsequent arbitration or other proceedings without the concurrence of both of the Parties.

14.14.3 If the vice-presidential level representatives have not reached a resolution of the Dispute within thirty (30) calendar days after the matter is referred to them, then either Party may demand that the Dispute be settled by arbitration. Such an arbitration proceeding shall be conducted by a single arbitrator, knowledgeable about the telecommunications industry. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted under the then current rules of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA"). The Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, not state law, shall govern the arbitrability of the Dispute. The arbitrator shall not have authority to award punitive damages. All expedited procedures prescribed by the AAA rules shall apply. The arbitrator's award shall be final and binding and may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Each Party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees, and shall share equally in the fees and expenses of the arbitrator. The arbitration proceedings shall occur in the Denver, Colorado metropolitan area. It is acknowledged that the Parties, by mutual, written agreement, may change any of these arbitration practices for a particular, some, or all Dispute(s).

14.14.4 Should it become necessary to resort to court proceedings to enforce a Party's compliance with the dispute resolution process set forth herein, and the court directs or otherwise requires compliance herewith, then all of the costs and expenses, including its reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the Party requesting such enforcement shall be reimbursed by the non-complying Party to the requesting Party.

14.14.5 No Dispute, regardless of the form of action, arising out of this Agreement, may be brought by either Party more than two (2) years after the cause of action accrues.

14.15. Controlling Law

This Agreement was negotiated by the Parties in accordance with the terms of the Act and the laws of the state where service is provided hereunder. It shall be interpreted solely in accordance with the terms of the Act and the applicable state law in the state where the service is provided.

14.16. Joint Work Product

This Agreement is the joint work product of the Parties and has been negotiated by the Parties and their respective counsel and shall be fairly interpreted in accordance with its terms and, in the event of any ambiguities, no inferences shall be drawn against either Party.

14.17. Responsibility for Environmental Contamination

Neither Party shall be liable to the other for any costs whatsoever resulting from the presence or release of any environmental hazard that either Party did not introduce to the affected work location. Both Parties shall defend and hold harmless the other, its officers, directors and employees from and against any losses, damages, claims, demands, suits, liabilities, fines, penalties and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) that arise out of or result from (i) any environmental hazard that the indemnifying Party, its contractors or agents introduce to the work locations or (ii) the presence or release of any environmental hazard for which the indemnifying Party is responsible under applicable law.

14.18. Notices

Any notices required by or concerning this Agreement shall be sent to the Parties at the addresses shown below:

Qwest Corporation
Director Interconnection Agreements
1801 California Street, Room 2410
Denver, CO 80202
Phone - 303-965-3029
Facsimile - 303-896-7077
Email - IntAgree@qwest.com

With copy to:

Qwest Corporation Law Department
General Counsel, Interconnection
1801 California Street, 10th Floor
Denver, CO 80202

And to Paging Provider:

(*1)

Name -

Address -

City, State, Zip -

Phone -

Facsimile -

Email -

Each Party shall inform the other of any changes in the above addresses.

14.19. Responsibility of Each Party

Each Party is an independent contractor, and has and hereby retains the right to exercise full control of and supervision over its own performance of its obligations under this Agreement and retains full control over the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of all employees

assisting in the performance of such obligations. Each Party will be solely responsible for all matters relating to payment of such employees, including compliance with social security taxes, withholding taxes and all other regulations governing such matters. Each Party will be solely responsible for proper handling, storage, transport and disposal at its own expense of all (i) substances or materials that it or its contractors or agents bring to, create or assume control over at work locations or, (ii) waste resulting therefrom or otherwise generated in connection with its or its contractors' or agents' activities at the work locations. Subject to the limitations on liability and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, each Party shall be responsible for (i) its own acts and performance of all obligations imposed by applicable law in connection with its activities, legal status and property, real or personal and, (ii) the acts of its own affiliates, employees, agents and contractors during the performance of that Party's obligations hereunder.

14.20. No Third Party Beneficiaries

This Agreement does not provide and shall not be construed to provide third parties with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action, or other privilege.

14.21. Referenced Documents

All references to Sections shall be deemed to be references to Sections of this Agreement unless the context shall otherwise require. Whenever any provision of this Agreement refers to a technical reference, technical publication, Paging Provider practice, Qwest practice, any publication of telecommunications industry administrative or technical standards, or any other document specifically incorporated into this Agreement, it will be deemed to be a reference to the most recent version or edition (including any amendments, supplements, addenda, or successors) of such document that is in effect, and will include the most recent version or edition (including any amendments, supplements, addenda, or successors) of each document incorporated by reference in such a technical reference, technical publication, Paging Provider practice, Qwest practice, or publication of industry standards. The existing configuration of either Party's network may not be in immediate compliance with the latest release of applicable referenced documents.

14.22. Publicity

Neither Party shall publish or use any publicity materials with respect to the execution and delivery or existence of this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other Party.

14.23. Amendment

Paging Provider and Qwest may mutually agree to amend this Agreement in writing. Since it is possible that amendments to this Agreement may be needed to fully satisfy the purposes and objectives of

this Agreement, the Parties agree to work cooperatively, promptly and in good faith to negotiate and implement any such additions, changes and corrections to this Agreement.

14.24. Executed in Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

14.25. Headings of No Force or Effect

The headings of Articles and Sections of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only, and shall in no way define, modify or restrict the meaning or interpretation of the terms or provisions of this Agreement.

14.26. Regulatory Approval

The Parties understand and agree that this Agreement will be filed with the Commission for approval. In the event the Commission rejects any portion of this Agreement, renders it inoperable or creates an ambiguity that requires further amendment, the Parties agree to meet and negotiate in good faith to arrive at a mutually acceptable modification.

14.27. Compliance

Each Party shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to its performance under this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, Qwest and Paging Provider agree to take all action necessary to keep and maintain in full force and effect all permits, licenses, certificates, and other authorities needed to perform their respective obligations hereunder.

14.28. Compliance with the Communications Assistance Law Enforcement Act of 1994 ("CALEA")

Each Party represents and warrants that any equipment, facilities or services provided to the other Party under this Agreement comply with CALEA. Each Party shall indemnify and hold the other Party harmless from any and all penalties imposed upon the other Party for such noncompliance and shall at the non-compliant Party's sole cost and expense, modify or replace any equipment, facilities or services provided to the other Party under this Agreement to ensure that such equipment, facilities and services fully comply with CALEA.

14.29 Cooperation

The Parties agree that this Agreement involves the provision of Qwest services in ways such services were not previously available and the introduction of new processes and procedures to provide and bill such

services. Accordingly, the Parties agree to work jointly and cooperatively in testing and implementing processes for maintenance, provisioning and billing and in reasonably resolving issues which result from such implementation on a timely basis.

14.30. Availability of Other Agreements

With regard to the availability of other agreements, the Parties agree that the provisions of Section 252(i) of the Act shall apply, including state and federal, Commission and court interpretive regulations and decisions in effect from time to time.

14.31. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, proposals and undertakings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

15. BONA FIDE REQUEST

15.1. Any request for Interconnection that is not already available as described herein shall be treated as a Bona Fide Request (BFR). Qwest shall use the BFR Process to determine the terms and timetable for providing the requested Interconnection, if available, and the technical feasibility of new/different points of Interconnection. Qwest will administer the BFR Process in a nondiscriminatory manner.

15.2. A BFR shall be submitted in writing and on the appropriate Qwest form for BFRs. Paging Provider and Qwest will work together to prepare the BFR form. This form shall be accompanied by the non-refundable Processing Fee specified in Appendix A of this Agreement. The form will request, and Paging Provider will need to provide, at a minimum: (a) a new/different points of Interconnection; (b) the desired interface specification; (c) each requested type of Interconnection or access; (d) a statement that the Interconnection will be used to provide a Telecommunications Service; (e) the quantity requested; and (f) the specific location requested.

15.3. Within fifteen (15) business days of its receipt, Qwest shall acknowledge receipt of the BFR and in such acknowledgment advise Paging Provider of missing information, if any, necessary to process the BFR. Thereafter, Qwest shall promptly advise Paging Provider of the need for any additional information required to complete the analysis of the BFR.

15.4. Within thirty (30) business days of its receipt of the BFR and all information necessary to process it, Qwest shall provide to Paging Provider a preliminary analysis of the BFR. The preliminary analysis shall specify Qwest's conclusions as to whether or not the requested Interconnection complies with the requirements set forth above.

15.4.1. If Qwest determines during the thirty (30) day period that a BFR

does not qualify as Interconnection that is required to be provided under the Act, Qwest shall advise Paging Provider as soon as reasonably possible of that fact, and Qwest shall promptly, but in no case later than ten business days after making such a determination, provide a written report setting forth the basis for its conclusion.

15.4.2. If Qwest determines during the thirty (30) day period that the BFR qualifies under the Act, it shall notify Paging Provider in writing of such determination within ten (10) business days.

15.4.3. As soon as feasible, but in any case within ninety (90) business days after Qwest notifies Paging Provider that the BFR qualifies under the Act, Qwest shall provide to Paging Provider a BFR quote. The BFR quote will include, at a minimum, a description of each Interconnection, the quantity to be provided, any interface specifications, and the applicable rates (recurring and nonrecurring) including the separately stated development costs and construction charges of the Interconnection and any minimum volume and term commitments required.

15.5 If Qwest has indicated minimum volume and term commitments, then within thirty (30) business days of its receipt of the BFR quote, Paging Provider must either agree to purchase under those commitments, cancel its BFR, or seek mediation or arbitration.

15.6 If Paging Provider has agreed to minimum volume and term commitments under the preceding paragraph, Paging Provider may cancel the BFR or volume and term commitment at any time, but in the event of such cancellation Paging Provider will pay Qwest's reasonable development costs incurred in providing the Interconnection to the extent that those development costs are not otherwise amortized.

15.7 If either Party believes that the other Party is not requesting, negotiating or processing any BFR in good faith, or disputes a determination, or quoted price or cost, it may seek arbitration pursuant to the Dispute Resolution provision of this Agreement.

16. CONSTRUCTION CHARGES

16.1. All rates, charges and initial service periods specified in this Agreement contemplate the provision of network Interconnection services to the extent existing facilities are available. Except for modifications to existing facilities necessary to accommodate Interconnection specifically provided for in this Agreement, Qwest will consider requests to build additional or further facilities for network Interconnection as described in the applicable Section of this Agreement.

16.2. All necessary construction will be undertaken at the discretion of Qwest, consistent with budgetary responsibilities, consideration for the impact on the general body of End Users, and without discrimination among the various carriers.

16.3. A quote for Paging Provider's portion of a specific job will be provided to Paging Provider. The quote will be in writing and will be binding for ninety (90) business days after the issue date. When accepted, Paging Provider will be billed the quoted price and construction will commence after receipt of payment. If Paging Provider chooses not to have Qwest construct the facilities, Qwest reserves the right to bill Paging Provider for the expense incurred for producing the engineered job design.

16.4. In the event a construction charge is applicable, Paging Provider's service application date will become the date upon which Qwest receives the required payment.

APPENDIX A - Rates and Charges Description

1. FACILITY CHARGES- All rates and charges are defined in Exhibit A.

A. Type 1

- (i) Between the Serving Wire Center serving Paging Provider's POC , Qwest will provide if applicable all facilities including the NAC or Channel Facility, Connectivity, Dial Outpulsing, Channel Performance, Multiplexing and Dedicated Transport at no charge to Paging Provider.

B. Type 2

- (i) Subject to Section 2.6.7.1, Paging Provider shall be obligated to pay at the rates described in Exhibit A for the portion of the facilities used to deliver Third Party Traffic based on the following applicable Third Party Traffic percentage, as follows:

AZ	21.1%
CO	26.2%
IA	26.1%
ID	24%
MN	22.7%
MT	26%
ND	26%
NE	22.8%
NM	13.7%
OR	31.45%
SD	26%
UT	17.05%
WA	20%
WY	24%

- C. 100% of the Non recurring charges incurred due to Paging Provider relocation or equipment change will be paid.

2. COMPENSATION FOR DELIVERY OF TYPE 2 QWEST ORIGINATED TRAFFIC All rates and charges are defined in Exhibit A.

- A. Flat Rate per Trunk: Pursuant to Section 6, Qwest will compensate Paging Provider on a monthly basis at a flat rate per trunk for delivery of Type 2Qwest originated traffic as follows:

- Type 2: 6,000 MOU per trunk times Compensable Traffic percentage times applicable state specific end office rate (listed below), times trunk quantity

AZ	\$.0009695
CO	\$.00161
IA	\$.001558
ID	\$.003398
MN	\$.00181

MT	\$.001574
ND	\$.001475
NE	\$.00126
NM	\$.002046
OR	\$.00133
SD	\$.00702
UT	Urban \$.001427, Suburban \$.001654, Rural \$.001798
WA	\$.001178
WY	\$.00092

- B. Flat Rate per Trunk: Pursuant to Section 6, upon establishment of an actual three (3) month average Minutes of Use (MOU) per trunk group type, Qwest will compensate Paging Provider on a monthly basis at a flat rate per trunk for delivery of Type 2 Qwest originated traffic:

- Type 2: Average MOU per trunk times Compensable Traffic percentage times applicable state specific end office rate (listed below), times trunk quantity

AZ	\$.0009695
CO	\$.00161
IA	\$.001558
ID	\$.003398
MN	\$.00181
MT	\$.001574
ND	\$.001475
NE	\$.00126
NM	\$.002046
OR	\$.00133
SD	\$.00702
UT	Urban \$.001427, Suburban \$.001654, Rural \$.001798
WA	\$.001178
WY	\$.00092

Compensable Traffic percentage equals one minus Third Party Traffic percentage.

3. **BFR PROCESSING FEE All rates and charges are defined in Exhibit A.**

Pursuant to Section 15, Bona Fide Request, Qwest shall apply a fee as listed in Exhibit A for processing each Bona Fide Request submitted by Paging Provider.

**APPENDIX B - TYPE 1 PAGING CONNECTION SERVICE
QUARTERLY POC FORECAST FORM**

**-- THIS IS NOT AN ORDER FORM --
THIS IS A TWO YEAR FORECAST**

DATE PREPARED: _____ (update required quarterly)
Paging Provider's Point of Connection (POC) (one form required per POC)

_____ New POC
_____ Existing POC

For Internal Use Only

Paging Provider: _____ ACNA: _____

POC Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Switch CLLI Code (associated with NXX): _____

POC CLLI Code (if assigned) : _____

Technical Contact Name: _____

Technical Contact Phone Number: _____

Billing Contact Name: _____

Billing Contact Phone Number: _____

List ALL PAGING DID Numbers associated with this POC:

Paging Provider's Equipment Requirements (check appropriate line(s))

_____ Digital _____ Analog _____ 2-wire _____ 4-wire
Trunk Pulsing: _____ Multifrequency (MF) _____ Dial Pulse (DP)
_____ Dual Tone Multifrequency (DTMF)

Start Signaling: _____ Wink _____ Immediate (IMM) _____ Delayed Start
Outpulsing (4-10 digits) _____

Network Channel Interface - Analog

_____ Reverse Battery - 600 ohms
_____ Reverse Battery - 900 ohms
_____ Loop Start
_____ E & M Signaling - Type I
_____ E & M Signaling - Type II

Network Channel Interface - Digital:

_____ DS3
_____ DS1 AMI + SF
_____ DS1 AMI + ANSI ESF
_____ DS1 AMI + non-ANSI ESF
_____ DS1 B8ZS + SF
_____ DS1 B8ZS + ANSI ESF
_____ DS1 B8ZS + non-ANSI ESF

**APPENDIX B - TYPE 1 PAGING CONNECTION SERVICE
QUARTERLY POC FORECAST FORM**

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Busy Season: _____		
Average Busy Hour Minutes of Use	_____	_____
Average Busy Hour Number of Messages	_____	_____

For Internal Use Only:

Prepared by: _____	Date: _____
Title: _____	Telephone Number: _____

**Please attach additional major network project information to this forecast, per Section
4.9.3.2 of this Agreement**

Mail completed form to:

Qwest
Type 1 Forecast Manger
700 W Mineral Ave., MTD28.28
Littleton, CO 80120

**APPENDIX B - TYPE 1 PAGING CONNECTION SERVICE
INITIAL POC FORECAST FORM**

**-- THIS IS NOT AN ORDER FORM --
THIS IS A TWO YEAR FORECAST**

DATE PREPARED: _____ (update required quarterly)

Paging Provider's Point of Connection (POC) (one form required per POC)

_____**New POC**
_____**Existing POC**

For Internal Use Only

Paging Provider: _____ ACNA: _____

POC Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Switch CLLI Code (associated with NXX): _____

POC CLLI Code (if assigned): _____

Technical Contact Name: _____

Technical Contact Phone Number: _____

Billing Contact Name: _____

Billing Contact Phone Number: _____

List ALL PAGING DID Numbers associated with this POC:

Paging Provider's Equipment Requirements (check appropriate line(s))

_____**Digital** _____**Analog** _____**2-wire** _____**4-wire**
Trunk Pulsing: _____**Multifrequency (MF)** _____**Dial Pulse (DP)**
_____**Dual Tone Multifrequency (DTMF)**

Start Signaling: _____**Wink** _____**Immediate (IMM)** _____**Delayed Start**
Outpulsing (4-10 digits) _____

Network Channel Interface - Analog

_____**Reverse Battery - 600 ohms**
_____**Reverse Battery - 900 ohms**
_____**Loop Start**
_____**E & M Signaling - Type I**
_____**E & M Signaling - Type II**

Network Channel Interface - Digital:

_____**DS3**
_____**DS1 AMI + SF**
_____**DS1 AMI + ANSI ESF**
_____**DS1 AMI + non-ANSI ESF**
_____**DS1 B8ZS + SF**
_____**DS1 B8ZS + ANSI ESF**
_____**DS1 B8ZS + non-ANSI ESF**

**APPENDIX B - TYPE 1 PAGING CONNECTION SERVICE
INITIAL POC FORECAST FORM**

Busy Season: _____	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	
Average Busy Hour Minutes of Use	_____	_____	
Average Busy Hour Number of Messages	_____	_____	

For Internal Use Only:

Prepared by: _____	Date: _____
Title: _____	Telephone Number: _____

Please attach additional major network project information to this forecast, per Section 4.9.3.2 of this Agreement

Mail completed form to:

Qwest
Type 1 Forecast Manger
700 W Mineral Ave., MTD28.28
Littleton, CO 80120

APPENDIX B - TYPE 2 PAGING CONNECTION SERVICE
INITIAL POC FORECAST FORM

-- THIS IS NOT AN ORDER FORM --
THIS IS A TWO YEAR FORECAST

DATE PREPARED: _____ (update required quarterly)

Paging Provider's Point of Connection (POC) (one form required per POC)

_____ New POC
_____ Existing POC

For Internal Use Only

Paging Provider: _____ ACNA: _____

POC Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Switch CLLI Code (associated with NXX): _____

POC CLLI Code (if assigned) : _____

Technical Contact Name: _____

Technical Contact Phone Number: _____

Billing Contact Name: _____

Billing Contact Phone Number: _____

List ALL PAGING NXX's associated with this POC: (Type 2 Paging Service is only available to NXX's and associated POCs located within the geographical serving area of the respective Qwest Local and LATA/Toll Tandems)

Paging Provider's Equipment Requirements (check appropriate line(s))

Trunk Pulsing

_____ Multifrequency (MF-Wink Start)
_____ Common Channel Signaling (SS7)
_____ Digits Required (4-10 digits): _____

Network Channel Interface - Digital only
(if DS3, identify both DS3 and DS1 level):

_____ DS3
_____ DS1 AMI + SF
_____ DS1 AMI + ANSI ESF
_____ DS1 AMI + non-ANSI ESF
_____ DS1 B8ZS + SF
_____ DS1 B8ZS + ANSI ESF
_____ DS1 B8ZS + non-ANSI ESF

**APPENDIX B - TYPE 2 PAGING CONNECTION SERVICE
INITIAL POC FORECAST FORM**

Usage Forecast - EAS Traffic

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Busy Season: _____		
Average Busy Hour Minutes of Use	_____	_____
Average Busy Hour Number of Messages	_____	_____

**For Internal Use Only:
Equivalent Trunks:**

<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
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Usage Forecast - Toll Traffic

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Busy Season: _____		
Average Busy Hour Minutes of Use	_____	_____
Average Busy Hour Number of Messages	_____	_____

For Internal Use Only:

Prepared by: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____

**Please attach additional major network project information
to this forecast, per Section 4.9.3.2 of the Agreement**

Mail completed form to:

Qwest
Type 2 Forecast Manager
700 W Mineral Ave., MTD28.28
Littleton, CO 80120

**APPENDIX B - TYPE 2 PAGING CONNECTION SERVICE
QUARTERLY POC FORECAST FORM**

**-- THIS IS NOT AN ORDER FORM --
THIS IS A TWO YEAR FORECAST**

DATE PREPARED: _____ (update required quarterly)

Paging Provider's Point of Connection (POC) (one form required per POC)

_____ New POC
_____ Existing POC

For Internal Use Only

Paging Provider: _____ ACNA: _____

POC Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Switch CLLI Code (associated with NXX): _____

POC CLLI Code (if assigned) : _____

Technical Contact Name: _____

Technical Contact Phone Number: _____

Billing Contact Name: _____

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List ALL PAGING NXX's associated with this POC: (Type 2 Paging Service is only available to NXX's and associated POCs located within the geographical serving area of the respective Qwest Local and LATA/Toll Tandems)

Paging Provider's Equipment Requirements (check appropriate line(s))

Trunk Pulsing

_____ Multifrequency (MF-Wink Start)
_____ Common Channel Signaling (SS7)
_____ Digits Required (4-10 digits): _____

Network Channel Interface - Digital only

(if DS3, identify both DS3 and DS1 level):

_____ DS3	_____ DS1 AMI + SF
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	_____ DS1 B8ZS + SF
	_____ DS1 B8ZS + ANSI ESF
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**APPENDIX B - TYPE 2 PAGING CONNECTION SERVICE
QUARTERLY POC FORECAST FORM**

Usage Forecast - EAS Traffic

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Busy Season: _____		
Average Busy Hour Minutes of Use	_____	_____
Average Busy Hour Number of Messages	_____	_____

**For Internal Use Only:
Equivalent Trunks:**

<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
_____	_____

Usage Forecast - Toll Traffic

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Busy Season: _____		
Average Busy Hour Minutes of Use	_____	_____
Average Busy Hour Number of Messages	_____	_____

For Internal Use Only:

Prepared by: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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Mail completed form to:

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Type 2 Forecast Manager
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Littleton, CO 80120

APPENDIX C SAMPLE INVOICE

[Paging Provider Name]
[Street Address]
Number:
[City, State and Zip Code]
[Phone Number]

Invoice Date:
Invoice
Bill Due Date:

REIMBURSEMENT FOR TERMINATING TYPE 2 QWEST ORIGINATED TRAFFIC

State:

Billing Period:

A. Trunk Group	B. Circuit ID Description	C. Number of Type 2 Trunks	D. MOU Per Trunk	E. Rate Per Type 2 Trunk	F. Compensable Traffic Factor	G. Reimbursement Due Type 2 (C*D*E*F*)	H. Applicable Taxes	I. Total Reimburse- ment (G+H)
[insert number]	[insert circuit ID]	[quantity]	6000	[insert rate]	[insert factor]			
Total Charge								

TYPE 1 and TYPE 2 PAGING CONNECTION SERVICE AGREEMENT

This Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service Agreement, together with this signature page, the general terms and conditions, Appendices, and Exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein (collectively, the "Agreement"), is between Qwest Corporation and Paging Provider, each identified for purposes of this Agreement in the signature block below (collectively, the "Parties"). This Agreement may be executed in counterparts. The undersigned Parties have read and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

_____ Printed Legal Name	_____ Qwest Corporation
_____ Signature	_____ Signature
_____ Printed Name	_____ L. T. Christensen Printed Name
_____ Title	_____ Director – Interconnection Agreements Title
_____ Date	_____ Date

**Paging Type 1 Exhibit A
South Dakota**

Select the appropriate type of contract below. For cost docket changes, leave blank:			EAS / Local Traffic Reciprocal Compensation Election					
New			Bill & Keep			Notes		
		USOC	Recurring	Recurring per Mile	Non- recurring	REC	REC per Mile	NRC
4.5 Paging Traffic								
4.5.1 Entrance Facility & Trunking Charges								
4.5.1.1 Analog								
4.5.1.1.1	2-Wire Analog Channels, 1-Way In (Land to Mobile)	MTZ1X	\$0.00		\$0.00	*		*
4.5.1.1.2	4-Wire Analog Channels, 1-Way In (Land to Mobile)	MTJ1X	\$0.00		\$0.00	*		*
4.5.1.2 Digital								
4.5.1.2.1	4-Wire Digital Channels, 1-Way In (Land to Mobile)	M4W1X			\$0.00			*
4.5.1.3 Entrance Facility								
4.5.1.3.1	DS1 Level	MF31X	\$0.00		\$0.00	*		*
4.5.1.3.2	DS3 Level	MF33X	\$0.00		\$0.00	*		*
4.5.2 Intentionally Left Blank								
4.5.3 Connectivity								
4.5.3.1	Analog, per Analog Channel	CK6AX	\$0.00			*		
4.5.3.2	DS1 Level, per DS1 Facility	CK61X	\$0.00			*		
4.5.3.3	DS1 Activated on a DS3 Facility, per DS1 Activated	CK61X	\$0.00			*		
4.5.4 Channel Performance								
4.5.1	Loop Start	PM2GG	\$0.00			*		
4.5.2	Ground Start	PM2HG	\$0.00			*		
4.5.3	Loop with Reverse Battery	PM2JG	\$0.00			*		
4.5.5 Dedicated Transport								
4.5.5.1 Recurring Charges								
4.5.5.1.1 DS0								
4.5.5.1.1.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	JZ3TA XU2T1	\$0.00	\$0.00		*	*	
4.5.5.1.1.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	JZ3TB XU2T2	\$0.00	\$0.00		*	*	
4.5.5.1.1.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	JZ3TC XU2T3	\$0.00	\$0.00		*	*	
4.5.5.1.1.4	Over 50 Miles	JZ3TD XU2T4	\$0.00	\$0.00		*	*	
4.5.5.1.2 DS1								
4.5.5.1.2.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	JZ3JA XUWJ1	\$0.00	\$0.00		*	*	
4.5.5.1.2.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	JZ3JB XUWJ2	\$0.00	\$0.00		*	*	
4.5.5.1.2.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	JZ3JC XUWJ3	\$0.00	\$0.00		*	*	
4.5.5.1.2.4	Over 50 Miles	JZ3JD XUWJ4	\$0.00	\$0.00		*	*	
4.5.6 Multiplexing								
4.5.6.1	DS1 to DS0	MXG1X	\$0.00		\$0.00	*		*
4.5.6.2	DS3 to DS1	MXG3X	\$0.00		\$0.00	*		*
4.5.7 Dial Outpulsing								
4.5.7.1 Per Each 1-Way In or 2-Way Channel (Land to Mobile)								
4.5.7.1.1	Analog 2-Wire	OUPAX			\$0.00			*
4.5.7.1.2	Analog 4-Wire	OUPDX			\$0.00			*
4.5.7.1.3	Digital	OUPDX			\$0.00			*
4.5.8 Operational Support Systems								
4.5.8.1	Development and Enhancements, per Order		\$0.00			*		
4.5.8.2	Ongoing Maintenance, per Order		\$0.00			*		

**Paging Type 1 Exhibit A
South Dakota**

	USOC	Recurring	Recurring per Mile	Non- recurring	REC per Mile	NRC
4.5.8.3 Daily Usage Record File, per Record		\$0.00			*	
4.5.9 Bona Fide Request (BFR) Process						
4.5.9.1 Processing Fee				\$2,448.77		5

NOTES:

- Type 1 land to pager traffic will be exchanged on a bill and keep basis between the Parties.
- 5 Rates addressed in Cost Docket filed on October 15, 2002

**Paging Type 2 Exhibit A
South Dakota**

Select the appropriate type of contract below. For cost docket changes, leave blank:			EAS / Local Traffic Reciprocal Compensation Election			Notes		
New			Reciprocal					
		USOC	Recurring	Recurring per Mile	Non- recurring	REC	REC per Mile	NEG
4.5 Paging Traffic								
4.5.1 Entrance Facility and Trunking Charges								
4.5.1.1 2-Wire Analog, Trunk-Side Termination								
4.5.1.1.1 2A 1-Way-In Paging		P231X	\$8.26		\$67.95	*		*
4.5.1.2 4-Wire Analog, Trunk-Side Termination								
4.5.1.2.1 2A 1-Way-In Paging		P431X	\$15.57		\$67.95	*		*
4.5.1.3 4-Wire Digital, Trunk-Side Termination								
4.5.1.3.1 2A 1-Way-In (Paging)								
4.5.1.3.1.1 Initial		P4Y1X			\$20.33			*
4.5.1.3.1.2 Subsequent		P4Y1X			\$20.33			*
4.5.1.3.2 2B 1-Way-In (Paging)								
4.5.1.3.2.1 Initial		MZW1X			\$64.63			*
4.5.1.3.2.2 Subsequent		M6Y1X			\$1.57			*
4.5.1.4 Entrance Facility								
4.5.1.4.1 DS1		MF31X	\$21.47		\$58.05	*		*
4.5.1.4.2 DS3		MF33X	\$87.62		\$78.30	*		*
4.5.2 Intentionally Left Blank								
4.5.3 Intentionally Left Blank								
4.5.4 Intentionally Left Blank								
4.5.5 Dedicated Transport								
4.5.5.1 Recurring Charges								
4.5.5.1.1 DS0								
4.5.5.1.1.1 Over 0 to 8 Miles		JZ3TA XU2T1	\$4.46	\$0.02		*	*	
4.5.5.1.1.2 Over 8 to 25 Miles		JZ3TB XU2T2	\$4.46	\$0.03		*	*	
4.5.5.1.1.3 Over 25 to 50 Miles		JZ3TC XU2T3	\$4.46	\$0.03		*	*	
4.5.5.1.1.4 Over 50 Miles		JZ3TD XU2T4	\$4.46	\$0.02		*	*	
4.5.5.1.2 DS1								
4.5.5.1.2.1 Over 0 to 8 Miles		JZ3JA XUWJ1	\$9.04	\$0.25		*	*	
4.5.5.1.2.2 Over 8 to 25 Miles		JZ3JB XUWJ2	\$9.04	\$0.47		*	*	
4.5.5.1.2.3 Over 25 to 50 Miles		JZ3JC XUWJ3	\$9.04	\$0.46		*	*	
4.5.5.1.2.4 Over 50 Miles		JZ3JD XUWJ4	\$9.04	\$0.32		*	*	
4.5.5.1.3 DS3								
4.5.5.1.3.1 Over 0 to 8 Miles		JZ3KA XUWK1	\$61.42	\$2.71		*	*	
4.5.5.1.3.2 Over 8 to 25 Miles		JZ3KB XUWK2	\$61.50	\$2.82		*	*	
4.5.5.1.3.3 Over 25 to 50 Miles		JZ3KC XUWK3	\$61.54	\$2.58		*	*	
4.5.5.1.3.4 Over 50 Miles		JZ3KD XUWK4	\$63.42	\$6.35		*	*	
4.5.5.2 Intentionally Left Blank								
4.5.5.3 Trunk Routing Rearrangement								
4.5.5.3.1 2A Direct Final to Alternate Final		NRB2F			\$19.22			*
4.5.5.3.2 2A Alternate Final to Direct Final		NRB2H			\$19.22			*
4.5.6 Multiplexing								
4.5.6.1 DS1 to DS0		MXG1X	\$47.13		\$73.00	*		*
4.5.6.2 DS3 to DS1		MXG3X	\$49.74		\$74.74	*		*

**Paging Type 2 Exhibit A
South Dakota**

	USOC	Recurring	Recurring per Mile	Non- recurring	REC Mile	NRC
4.5.7 Intentionally Left Blank						
4.5.8 Operational Support Systems						
4.5.8.1 Development and Enhancements, per Order		No Charge At This Time			11	
4.5.8.2 Ongoing Maintenance, per Order		No Charge At This Time			11	
4.5.8.3 Daily Usage Record File, per Record		\$0.000441			5	
4.5.9 Bona Fide Request (BFR) Process						
4.5.9.1 Processing Fee				\$2,448.77		5

NOTES:

** Rates are a result of applying a South Dakota Transit Factor of 26%

[5] Rates addressed in Cost Docket filed on October 15, 2002.

[11] Qwest will not charge for this element until the Commission has an opportunity to review and approve a rate in a cost proceeding.

Announcement Date: 4-May-05
Effective Date: Immediately
Document Number: CONT.05.04.05.B.000805.Wire_Page_Intc_Chng

Notification Contract Notification
Category:
Target Audience: Select Wireless and Paging Customers

Subject/Product Wireless and Paging Interconnection – Type 1 and
Name: Type 2

Qwest is announcing changes to our service offerings for Wireless and Paging Type 1 and Type 2 Interconnection Customers to align with a recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ordered ruling. In its recent order In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime (the T-Mobile matter), FCC 05-42, released February 24, 2005, the FCC clarified a preference for contractual arrangements for wireless termination arrangements by (i) prohibiting LECs from imposing compensation obligations for non-access CMRS traffic pursuant to tariff, (ii) amending its rules to clarify that a LEC may request interconnection from a CMRS provider and invoke the negotiation and arbitration procedures set forth in section 252 of the Act, and (iii) identifying state commission implemented or approved rates as the applicable interim rates once a LEC initiates the negotiation process. Effective April 29, 2005, the FCC provides no further guidance on implementation of these changes during this transition period.

In order to comply with the FCC's T-Mobile order, Qwest will commence action to withdraw any state tariffs for Wireless (including Paging) Type 1 and Type 2 Interconnection. However, Qwest will simultaneously offer continuing and comparable service via the attached Wireless or Paging Interconnection Agreement(s), as applicable, for both service categories. The proposed Agreement(s) align pricing with the state commission implemented or approved rate elements consistent with 47 C.F.R. 51.715. The proposed rates are set forth in the Agreement(s) attached to this notification.

In order to make this transition as seamless as possible for CMRS providers, Qwest will, on an interim basis, immediately convert <Company> current tariffed service to the interconnection arrangements set forth in the attached Agreement(s), with billing adjustments and credits effective as of April 29, 2005, the effective date of the T-Mobile order. Unless <Company> contacts Qwest within thirty (30) days after the date of this letter requesting changes to the attached Agreement(s), Qwest will consider these interim arrangements accepted by <Company> for all existing and future traffic exchanged with Qwest and will file this notice and the attached Agreement(s) with the appropriate state commissions as the terms and conditions of the interim interconnection arrangement(s) between Qwest and <Company>. If <Company> is not satisfied with the interim interconnection arrangements <Company> and provides written notice within thirty (30) days after the date of this letter, Qwest will engage in negotiations with <Company> to complete interim interconnection arrangements with <Company>. For all purposes, this letter shall be deemed a formal request for negotiations between Qwest and <Company>, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 20.11, as revised by the FCC in the T-Mobile decision. The terms of the attached Agreement(s) are the terms and conditions of Qwest's template interconnection agreement which will be used for such negotiations between Qwest and <Company>. Consistent with C.F.R. 20.11, the interim rates identified in this letter and attachments shall apply during the pendency of the interconnection negotiations. Should

Exhibit C

negotiations not be concluded within the timeframe set forth in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Qwest may file for arbitration with the applicable state commission between the 135th and 160th day after the date of this letter.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this notice please contact your Qwest Service Manager, <ServiceManagerName> on <ServiceManagerPhone>. Qwest appreciates your business and we look forward to our continued relationship under an appropriate interconnection agreement with <Company>.

Sincerely,
Larry Christensen, Director
Interconnection Agreements
Qwest Communications

SUBJECT : Contract Notice: GN: Paging Interconnection Agreement Service Offering 3 of 3
Notification Type :Contract,Interconnection Contract
States :AZ,CO,IA,ID,MN,MT,ND,NM,NE,OR,SD,UT,WA,WY
Business Types :Cellular,Paging,PCS

Qwest Corporation
125 South Dakota Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57194



May 4, 2005

Ms. Pam Bonrud, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Pam:

This letter is to advise the Commissioners that Qwest is providing notice to Wireless and Paging Type 1 and Type 2 Interconnection customers requesting interconnection negotiations and implementing interim arrangements for rates, terms and conditions.

On February 24, 2005 the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued its decision *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime T-Mobile et al. Petition for Declaratory Ruling regarding Incumbent LEC Wireless Termination Tariffs*, CC Docket No. 01-92. In its Order the FCC amended its rules to prohibit LECs from imposing compensation obligations for non-access CMRS traffic pursuant to tariff and to make clear that an incumbent LEC may request interconnection from a CMRS provider and invoke the negotiation and arbitration procedures set forth in Section 252 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. The Order further provides that existing wireless termination tariffs shall no longer apply upon the effective date of the amended rules and establishes interim compensation requirements under C.F.R. 20.11 that apply while interconnection arrangements are established. The rules became effective April 29, 2005.

Pursuant to the FCC's direction, Qwest sent the attached letter establishing interim rates applicable under rule 20.11. In the absence of direction by the FCC on terms and conditions that apply to the rates, Qwest proposes that the attached interconnection agreement terms and conditions apply during the pendency of any negotiations. The proposed Agreement aligns pricing with the state commission implemented or approved rate elements pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 51.715.

Please contact me at 605-335-4596 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Colleen E. Sevold
Manager-Policy & Law

Exhibit D

Dear Customer:

Qwest previously announced changes to our service offerings for Wireless and Paging Type 1 and Type 2 Interconnection Customers to align with recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ordered ruling. As was discussed in the previous notice, in its recent order *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime* (the *T-Mobile* matter), FCC 05-42, released February 24, 2005, the FCC clarified a preference for contractual arrangements for wireless termination arrangements by (i) prohibiting LECs from imposing compensation obligations for non-access CMRS traffic pursuant to tariff, (ii) amending its rules to clarify that a LEC may request interconnection from a CMRS provider and invoke the negotiation and arbitration procedures set forth in section 252 of the Act, and (iii) identifying state commission implemented or approved rates as the applicable interim rates once a LEC initiates the negotiation process. The FCC provides no further guidance on implementation of these changes during this transition period.

In order to comply with the FCC's *T-Mobile* order, Qwest has taken action to withdraw any state tariffs for Wireless (including Paging) Type 1 and Type 2 Interconnection in many states and will continue to do so for any remaining states. However, as discussed in the previous notice, Qwest began to offer continuing and comparable service via the Wireless or Paging Interconnection Agreement(s), as applicable, for both service categories. The vast majority of customers receiving the previous notice have not engaged in negotiations with Qwest in order to complete the interconnection agreements. Under the rules applying to the interim arrangements in place between Qwest and these customers, as codified in 47 C.F.R. §51.715, these arrangements must terminate if an agreement is not complete or neither party has filed for arbitration.

Qwest has no desire to jeopardize its customers' services, nor does it wish to take this large number of its customers through the time and expense of an arbitration in order to finalize these agreements. However, Qwest is required to complete interconnection agreement negotiations its customers. Therefore, Qwest is sending another notice its customers who have not completed interconnection agreement negotiations in order to renew the interim arrangements in place and permit Qwest and its customers to complete negotiations for an interconnection agreement. In order to continue to make this transition as seamless as possible for CMRS providers, Qwest will, renew the interim arrangements which were in place under the previous notice effective as of the date of this notification and letter. Since Qwest has not received requests for changes in the interim arrangements from its customers, Qwest does consider these interim arrangements accepted by <WSP> for all existing and future traffic exchanged with Qwest and is continuing to file the terms and conditions of those interim arrangements with the appropriate state commissions as the terms and conditions of the interim interconnection arrangement(s) between Qwest and <WSP>. For ongoing filings, Qwest will supplement those filings with this notice.

For all purposes, this letter shall be deemed a new formal request for negotiations between Qwest and <WSP>, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 20.11, as revised by the FCC in the *T-Mobile* decision. The terms of the Agreement(s) you received with the previous notice remain the terms and conditions of Qwest's template interconnection agreement which will be used for such negotiations between Qwest and <WSP>. Consistent with C.F.R. 20.11, the interim rates identified in this letter and attachments shall apply during the pendency of the interconnection negotiations. Should negotiations not be concluded within the timeframe set forth in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Qwest may file for arbitration with the applicable

state commission between the 135th and 160th day after the date of this letter, or February 22, 2006 and March 19, 2006 respectively.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this notice please contact your Qwest Service Manager, «Serv_FName» «Serv_LName» on «Serv_Phone». Qwest appreciates your business and we look forward to our continued relationship under an appropriate interconnection agreement with <WSP>.

Sincerely

Larry Christensen, Director
Interconnection Agreements

Dear Customer:

October 2005

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Exhibit E



December 2, 2005

Ms. Heather Forney
Deputy Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
Pierre, South Dakota

Dear Ms. Forney:

This letter is a follow-up letter to my letter of May 4, 2005 in which I advised you that Qwest had provided notice to Wireless and Paging Type 1 and Type 2 Interconnection Customers, requesting interconnection agreement negotiations. A copy of my May 4, 2005 letter to you is attached and labeled Attachment 1 for your convenience.

This letter is to advise you that Qwest has provided an additional notice to Wireless and Paging Type 1 and Type 2 Interconnection Customers, renewing its request for interconnection negotiations.

On February 24, 2005, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued its decision *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime T-Mobile et al. Petition for Declaratory Ruling regarding Incumbent LEC Wireless Termination Tariffs*, CC Docket No. 01-92. In its Order, the FCC amended its rules to prohibit LECs from imposing compensation obligations for non-access CMRS traffic pursuant to tariff and to make clear that an incumbent LEC may request interconnection from a CMRS provider and invoke the negotiation and arbitration procedures set forth in section 252 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. The Order further provides that existing wireless termination tariffs shall no longer apply upon the effective date of the amended rules and establishes interim compensation requirements under C.F.R. 20.11 that apply while interconnection arrangements are established. The rules became effective April 29, 2005.

Exhibit F

As disclosed to the Commission previously, pursuant to the FCC's direction, Qwest sent a letter establishing interim rates applicable under rule 20.11. In the absence of direction by the FCC on terms and conditions that apply to the rates, Qwest proposed that the previously submitted interconnection agreement terms and conditions apply during the pendency of any negotiations. The proposed Agreement aligned pricing with the state commission implemented or approved rate elements pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 51.715. Qwest continued to offer interconnection services according to the terms and conditions of the interim arrangements during the time period for negotiation. The vast majority of these carriers did not reply to Qwest's request and did not engage in negotiations at all for a permanent interconnection agreement.

Prior to the expiration of the interim arrangements under the terms of 47 C.F.R. §51.715, Qwest sent the letter attached and labeled Attachment 2 to those customers who have not negotiated permanent agreements. The letter reestablishes the interim arrangements and permits the customers to continue to receive existing services without disruption. Should the customers continue to refuse to negotiate with Qwest for a permanent agreement, Qwest will either seek mediation and/or arbitration with the Commission or seek to discontinue offering interconnection services under the interim arrangements. Qwest will otherwise continue to offer the interim arrangements according to 47 C.F.R. §51.715 until those arrangements expire according to the rule.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Colleen E. Sevoid
Manager-Policy & Law

Announcement Date: January 13, 2006
Effective Date: Immediately
Document Number:

Notification Category: Contract Notification
Target Audience: Select Paging Customers
Subject/Product Name: Paging Interconnection – Type 1 and Type 2

As announced in May of 2005 and again in October of 2005, Qwest has taken steps to withdraw the sections of the state tariffs governing the Paging Interconnection product. Qwest wishes to continue service to you and has requested that you review and sign an interconnection agreement with us. The latest version of the Qwest Type1 and Type 2 Paging template agreement is now available on the Qwest website. It incorporates the latest changes sought by paging customers as a result of recent conference calls. Signing and returning this agreement may reduce your costs of doing business with Qwest. The URL is <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/clecs/negotiations.html>. It is listed under "Wireless Agreements". The template incorporates the following changes:

Type 1

- Qwest is proposing bill-and-keep for all facilities used deliver traffic, land to mobile from Qwest within the LATA to the customer point of interconnection within Qwest Territory.
- The billing demarcation point, which required charging private line traffic rates beyond 37.5 miles, is eliminated.
- Qwest will not charge for facilities necessary to relay transiting traffic.
- In exchange, Qwest expects that the paging provider will not bill Qwest for terminating Qwest-originated traffic on the paging provider's network.

Type 2

- The paging provider will continue to pay for the portion of the facility used to carry transit traffic.
- Qwest will pay reciprocal compensation for Type 2 traffic to the paging provider. The paging provider is required to send Qwest a direct bill as per the example in Appendix C of the template agreement.

In order to continue our business relationship, Qwest encourages you to review the interconnection agreement, sign it, retain a copy and return the original to Qwest by following the instructions on the Qwest website. Time is running out. Qwest will not be able to continue interim serving arrangements beyond March 19, 2006 for Type 1 and Type 2 paging service lacking a signed agreement. If you have questions concerning the agreement, please contact Bryan Sanderson at 206-345-2275 or at Bryan.Sanderson@qwest.com, or your Qwest Service Manager, <ServiceManagerName> on <ServiceManagerPhone>. Qwest anticipates a continuing relationship under an interconnection agreement. Thank you.

Exhibit G

Announcement Date: February 2, 2006
Effective Date: Immediately
Document Number:

Notification Category: Contract Notification
Target Audience: Select Wireless Interconnection Customers
Subject/Product Name: ACTION REQUIRED: Wireless Interconnection –Type 1 and Type 2

As announced in May of 2005 and again in October of 2005, Qwest has taken steps to withdraw the sections of state tariffs governing Wireless Interconnection services. **Qwest wishes to continue to provide service to you. However, it must now be done under an Interconnection Agreement.** Qwest has requested that you review and sign an interconnection agreement. The Qwest Type1 and Type 2 Wireless templates are available on the Qwest website. The URL is <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/clecs/negotiations.html>. They are listed under "Wireless Agreements". The templates incorporate the following:

- Qwest offers Type 1 and Type 2 Wireless Interconnection at rates aligned with the state commission approved rate elements.
- Qwest offers continuing service and services comparable to those formerly available in the state tariffs.

In order to continue our business relationship, Qwest encourages you to review and execute the Type 1 and/or Type 2 Wireless templates, either by contacting Bryan Sanderson or sending an email to Intagree@qwest.com. Time is running out. **Qwest will not be able to continue providing Type 1 and Type 2 wireless service under the interim pricing arrangements without an agreement. The statutory negotiation period for these agreements closes on March 19, 2006.** You will get the same services under the interconnection agreement. If you have questions concerning the agreement, or are unable to access the website, please contact Bryan Sanderson at 206-345-2275 or at Bryan.Sanderson@qwest.com.

Qwest appreciates your business and we look forward to a continued relationship under an interconnection agreement.

Sincerely,

Larry Christensen, Director
Interconnection Agreements

Exhibit H

THIS LETTER REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND RESPONSE

This is the third notice we have sent to your company requesting negotiations for an interconnection agreement to comply with the FCC's *T-Mobile* decision (FCC Release No. 05-42) released last February. We initiated these negotiations on May 3, 2005, repeated our request for negotiations on October 11, 2005, and again on January 13, 2006 (for paging Type 1 and Type 2 providers) or February 2 (for wireless Type 1 and Type 2 providers). Also, during this timeframe, Qwest conducted teleconference negotiation sessions on November 16, 30, and December 7, 2005 for paging Type 1 and Type 2 providers, and on December 8, 2005 for wireless Type 1 and Type 2 providers. These requests asked your company to consider a proposed template agreement. As indicated in prior correspondence, a current copy of Qwest's proposed agreements can be downloaded from <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/clecs/wirelessagreements.html>. If you now have a signed interconnection agreement with Qwest, you may discard this letter.

We are concerned, if your company has not yet responded to any of our negotiation requests. Section 252 of the federal Telecommunications Act and 47 CFR § 20.11 both impose a duty to negotiate in good faith in response to these requests. Your company's failure even to respond during an extended negotiation window violates this duty.

As indicated in our prior letters, because of the FCC's *T-Mobile* decision, Qwest cannot continue providing service to its Type 1 and Type 2 wireless and paging customers without having interconnection agreements in place. As required by the *T-Mobile* order, Qwest has been offering your company service pursuant to interim interconnection and pricing arrangements on a temporary basis. However, Qwest will not be able to continue these interim arrangements after March 19, 2006, when the statutory negotiation window closes, unless we have entered into an interconnection agreement with your company by that time, are actively engaged in negotiations to create such an agreement, or have initiated a commission proceeding to obtain such an agreement. Qwest would rather avoid taking the drastic measure of discontinuing services to your company. Therefore, if your company engages in substantial good faith negotiations with Qwest on or before March 13, Qwest is willing to consider extending the negotiation window and the interim interconnection and pricing arrangements as needed.

Otherwise, on March 17, 2006, Qwest will submit the proposed interconnection agreement to the public utilities commission for each state in which your company operates, and ask that the Commission impose that agreement upon your company. If the Commission will not approve the proposed agreement, we will move to discontinue the services provided to your company.

The deadline is quickly approaching. Please contact Bryan Sanderson immediately at 206-345-2275 or at Bryan.Sanderson@qwest.com. Inform him as to your intent to either continue or discontinue the services provided to your company.

Exhibit I