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Enclosed for filing for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 is the Wireline Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC for the State of South Dakota.

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**AGREEMENT FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INTERCONNECTION,  
UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS, ANCILLARY SERVICES,  
AND RESALE OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES**

**BETWEEN**

**QWEST CORPORATION**

**AND**

**MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES LLC**

**IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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## Section 1.0 - GENERAL TERMS

1.1 This Agreement for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, ancillary services, and resale of Telecommunications Services is between and Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), a Colorado Corporation with offices at 1801 California Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC ("Surviving Entity" or "CLEC" or "MCI") for itself and as successor-in-interest to the CLEC business operations of its current and former affiliates (each, a "Merged Entity," collectively, the "Merged Entities" as listed in Exhibit N), pursuant to Section 252(a)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, effective as of the date of Commission approval ("Effective Date"). Qwest and MCI are each a Party and may be referred to as the Parties.

1.2 This Agreement (sometimes also referred to herein as the "Successor Agreement") sets forth the terms, conditions and pricing under which Qwest will provide to CLEC network Interconnection, access to Unbundled Network Elements, ancillary services, and Telecommunications Services available for resale within the geographical areas in which Qwest is providing local Exchange Service at that time, and for which Qwest is the incumbent Local Exchange Carrier within the state of South Dakota, for purposes of providing local Telecommunications Services.

1.3 This Agreement replaces the following previous interconnection agreements (each, a "Prior Agreement") entered into between Qwest and MCI or one of the Merged Entities. Each and all of the Prior Agreements listed below shall be deemed to be terminated by mutual consent of the Parties as of the Effective Date of this Agreement.

- Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions For Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunication Services Provided by Qwest Corporation in the State of South Dakota for MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC, originally executed on October 24, 2002.

1.4 Notwithstanding Section 1.3 above, the following amendments to the Prior Agreement, each of which have been previously filed with and approved by the commission, shall be incorporated into this Successor Agreement and remain in full force and effect pursuant to those terms and conditions.

- Expedites for Design Services Amendment, originally executed on February 3, 2005, as part of the Prior Agreement;
- Commercial Line-Sharing Amendment, originally executed on February 3, 2005, as part of the Prior Agreement;
- Collocation Available Inventory Amendment, originally executed on July 30, 2003, as part of the Prior Agreement;
- Amendment to Interconnection Agreement for Elimination of UNE-P and Implementation of Batch Hot Cut Process and Discounts, originally executed on July 16, 2004, as part of the Prior Agreement.

For administrative ease, the Parties have not undertaken a complete rationalization of the remaining language in the body of this Agreement and in each of the



Amendments. The Parties acknowledge and agree that certain inconsistencies or conflicts may exist between language in the Agreement, including without limitation the Exhibits to the Agreement, on the one hand, and language in the Amendments, on the other. In all cases, it is the Parties' intention that in the event of a conflict, inconsistency, ambiguity or other difference between the language in the body of the Agreement, including without limitation the Exhibits, and the Amendments, that the terms and provisions of the Amendments shall be deemed to amend, modify, and replace for the term of the Agreement (including without limitation any evergreen or renewal term) any conflicting, similar, inconsistent, contradictory or otherwise different term or provision in the body of the Agreement, including without limitation, the Exhibits.

#### 1.5 Reservation of Rights.

As of the date of signature of this Successor Agreement, Qwest and MCI have disputes or are engaged in dispute resolution (either through business-to-business negotiations and escalations or through formal dispute-resolution proceedings) with respect to the following issues:

- Under the Prior Agreements, MCI and Qwest have an outstanding business dispute regarding the amount of money, if any, owed to MCI by Qwest for reciprocal compensation, including without limitation for calls to ISPs, from and after April 1, 2004, through the Effective Date of the Successor Agreement ("RC Dispute"). As of the date of signature of the Successor Agreement, Qwest and CLEC are engaged in formal dispute resolution of the RC Dispute. Those dispute resolution proceedings contemplate a potential award in arbitration adjudicating the amount of money, if any, owed to MCI by Qwest for reciprocal compensation including without limitation for calls to ISPs from and after April 1, 2004, through the Effective Date of the Successor Agreement. Nothing in this Successor Agreement is intended to resolve, settle, release, or otherwise affect in any way those dispute resolution proceedings or the RC Dispute for the period from April 1, 2004, through the Effective Date of the Successor Agreement.
- MCI and Qwest disagree regarding the compensation arrangements that should govern the exchange of ISP-bound traffic (including without limitation ISP-bound traffic originated on Qwest's network from a Local Calling Area ("LCA") to an NPA-NXX obtained by MCI and filed in the Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG") as being associated to a rate center within the LCA but terminating to an end user not located in that same LCA (which Qwest refers to as "VNXX Traffic")) from and after the Effective Date of the Successor Agreement. This dispute shall be referred to herein as the "ISP Traffic Compensation Dispute." With respect to the ISP Traffic Compensation Dispute, the language in this Agreement does not necessarily reflect a meeting of the minds of the Parties with respect to the proper outcome of that dispute. The Parties agree that this dispute shall be decided in accordance with applicable law.
- MCI and Qwest disagree concerning MCI's ability to establish and use a single Point of Interconnection ("POI") in a given LATA for the purpose of MCI receiving certain traffic originated on Qwest's network, and the financial arrangements between the Parties for such POIs, facilities, and traffic ("Disputed Traffic"). Disputed Traffic includes without limitation traffic originated on Qwest's network from a Local Calling Area ("LCA") to an NPA-NXX obtained by MCI and filed in the

Local Exchange Routing Guide (“LERG”) as being associated to a rate center within the LCA but terminating to an end user not located in that same LCA (which Qwest refers to as “VNXX Traffic”). MCI and Qwest have entered into an INTERIM AMENDMENT FOR CERTAIN DISPUTED TRAFFIC that reflects the interim arrangement with respect to this dispute. This dispute shall be referred to herein as the “SPOP Dispute.”

Upon completion of dispute resolution proceedings (if any), or settlement, as applicable, for the ISP Traffic Compensation Dispute or the SPOP Dispute, again as applicable, MCI and Qwest shall promptly amend the Agreement to incorporate such terms and conditions to the extent such terms and conditions are intended to be prospective and are necessary to fully and completely implement the letter and spirit of the outcome of such dispute resolution, or settlement, with respect to such dispute.

1.6 Nothing in the Agreement shall be deemed a waiver of Qwest’s position that the Qwest Master Services Agreement for Qwest Platform Plus service, entered into between the Parties on July 16, 2004, and the Terms and Conditions for Commercial Line Sharing Arrangements entered into between the Parties on February 3, 2005, are not subject to the filing requirements of Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act, 47 U.S.C. 252(e), or of MCI’s position that those agreements may be subject to such requirements.

1.7 Once this Agreement is approved, any amendment to the Agreement by the Parties will be accomplished through Section 252 of the Act. This Agreement can only be amended in writing, executed by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either Party may request an amendment to this Agreement at any time by providing to the other Party in writing information about the desired amendment and proposed language changes. If the Parties have not reached agreement on the requested amendment within sixty (60) calendar Days after receipt of the request, either Party may pursue resolution of the amendment through the Dispute Resolution provisions of this Agreement.

1.7.1 Notwithstanding the above, if the Commission orders, or Qwest chooses to offer and CLEC desires to purchase, new Interconnection services, access to additional Unbundled Network Elements, additional ancillary services or Telecommunications Services available for resale which are not contained in this Agreement or a Tariff, Qwest will notify CLEC of the availability of these new services through the product notification process through the Change Management Process (CMP). CLEC must first complete the relevant section(s) of the New Product Questionnaire to establish ordering and Billing processes. In addition, the Parties shall amend this Agreement under one (1) of the following two (2) options:

1.7.1.1 If CLEC is prepared to accept Qwest's terms and conditions for such new product, CLEC 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 on Qwest's wholesale web site, that Qwest has identified as pertaining to the new product. CLEC shall submit the Advice Adoption Letter to the Commission for its approval. CLEC 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 CLEC wishes to negotiate an amendment with different terms and conditions than defined by Qwest for such new product, CLEC 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 available on Qwest's wholesale web site that 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.

1.8 The Parties shall comply with Section 252(i) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 51.809 of the FCC's rules when amending their Interconnection Agreement. However, nothing in this provision precludes CLEC from seeking an amendment to its Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Section 1.7 of this Agreement, including seeking an amendment to include terms and conditions contained within Qwest's current SGAT, subject to Qwest's agreement. CLEC may not amend its Interconnection Agreement to include terms and conditions that may be contained within Qwest's current SGAT that have been affected by a change in applicable law. With respect to the terms and provisions of this Agreement, Qwest has negotiated the Agreement in its entirety, and the inclusion of any particular provision, or rate, term and condition, is not evidence of the reasonableness thereof when considered apart from all other provisions of the Agreement.

## Section 2.0 - INTERPRETATION AND CONSTRUCTION

2.1 This Agreement includes this Agreement and all Exhibits appended hereto and each Amendment referenced in Section 1.4, above, 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 successors) 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 August 1, 2003 (the Existing Rules). Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed an admission by Qwest or CLEC concerning the interpretation or effect of the Existing Rules or an admission by Qwest or CLEC that the Existing Rules should not be changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude or estop Qwest or CLEC 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 or were vacated, dismissed, stayed or materially changed or modified at any point on or after August 1, 2003, then this Agreement shall be amended at the request of either Party to reflect such legally binding modification or change of the Existing Rules. Where such request of either Party is issued 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 related rates, and to the extent practicable for other terms and conditions, unless otherwise ordered. In the event neither Party requests an amendment within thirty (30) Days, the effective date of the legally binding change shall be the effective date of the subsequent amendment or such other date as the to which the Parties may agree. 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. 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 CLEC amended as set forth in this Section 2.2, to reflect the outcome of generic proceedings by the Commission for pricing, service standards, or other matters covered by this Agreement. With respect to changes to the Rates in Exhibit A, such rates will be automatically updated by Qwest to reflect legally binding decisions of the Commission and shall be applied on a prospective basis from the effective date of the legally binding Commission decision, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. 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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties agree that this Agreement does not reflect changes in law wrought by the FCC's Report And Order On Remand And Further Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Dockets No. 01-338, 96-98, and 98-147 released on August 21, 2003 ("Triennial Review Order"); the FCC's Order on Remand in WC Docket No. 04-313 and CC Docket No. 01-338 released on February 4, 2005 ("TRRO"); and the FCC's Order in WC Docket 03-171 released on October 18, 2004 ("Core Forbearance Order"); and that each Party shall be entitled to an appropriate amendment implementing the changes wrought in those orders in accordance with the procedures outlined in this Agreement and the Parties agree that the effectiveness of any such amendment shall be implemented retroactively to the Effective Date of this Agreement.

2.3 Unless otherwise specifically determined by the Commission, in cases of conflict between this Agreement on the one hand, and Qwest's Tariffs, PCAT, methods and procedures, technical publications, policies, product notifications or other Qwest documentation, on the other, relating to Qwest's or CLEC's rights or obligations, then the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail. To the extent another document purports to abridge or expand the rights or obligations of either Party under this Agreement, the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail.

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## Section 3.0 - CLEC INFORMATION

3.1 Except as otherwise required by law, Qwest will not provide or establish Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, ancillary services and/or resale of Telecommunications Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement prior to CLEC's execution of this Agreement. The Parties shall complete Qwest's "New Customer Questionnaire," as it applies to CLEC's obtaining of Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, ancillary services, and/or resale of Telecommunications Services hereunder.

3.2 Prior to placing any orders for services under this Agreement, the Parties will jointly complete the following sections of Qwest's "New Customer Questionnaire":

General Information

Billing and Collection (Section 1)

Credit Information

Billing Information

Summary Billing

OSS and Network Outage Notification Contact Information

System Administration Contact Information

Ordering Information for LIS Trunks, Collocation, and Associated Products (if CLEC plans to order these services)

Design Layout Request – LIS Trunking and Unbundled Loop (if CLEC plans to order these services)

3.2.1 The remainder of this questionnaire must be completed within two (2) weeks of completing the initial portion of the questionnaire. This questionnaire will be used to:

Determine geographical requirements;

Identify CLEC identification codes;

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

Collect credit information;

Obtain Billing information;

Create summary bills;

Establish input and output requirements;

Create and distribute Qwest and CLEC contact lists; and

Identify CLEC hours and holidays.

3.2.2 CLECs that have previously completed a Questionnaire need not fill out a new New Customer Questionnaire; however, CLEC will update its New Customer Questionnaire with any changes in the required information that have occurred and communicate those changes to Qwest. Before placing an order for a new product, CLEC will need to complete the relevant new product questionnaire and amend this Agreement, which may include an amendment pursuant to Section 1.7.1.

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## Section 4.0 - DEFINITIONS

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

"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.

"Access Tandem Switch" is a Switch used to connect End Office Switches to interexchange Carrier switches. Qwest's Access Tandem Switches are also used to connect and switch traffic between and among Central Office Switches within the same LATA and may be used for the exchange of local traffic.

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

"Advanced Intelligent Network" or "AIN" is a Telecommunications network architecture in which call processing, call routing and network management are provided by means of centralized databases.

"Advanced Services" refers to high speed, switched, broadband, wireline Telecommunications capability that enables users to originate and receive high-quality, voice, data, graphics or video Telecommunications using any technology.

"Affiliate" means a Person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another Person. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'own' means to own an equity interest (or the equivalent thereof) of more than 10 percent.

"AMI T1" is a transmission system sometimes used on loops to transmit DS1 signals (1.544 Mbps) using Alternate Mark Inversion (AMI) line code.

"Applicable Law" means all laws, statutes, common law, ordinances, codes, rules, guidelines, orders, permits and approval of any governmental regulations, including, but not limited to, the Act, the regulations, rules, and final orders of the FCC and the Commission, and any final orders and decisions of a court of competent jurisdiction reviewing the regulations, rules, or orders of the FCC or the Commission.

"Application Date" or "APP" means the date CLEC provides Qwest an application for service containing required information as set forth in this Agreement.

"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.

"Automated Message Accounting" or "AMA" is the structure inherent in Switch technology that initially records telecommunication message information. AMA format is contained in the AMA



document, published by Telcordia Technologies, or its successors, as GR-1100-CORE which defines the industry standard for message recording.

“Automatic Location Identification” or “ALI” is the automatic display at the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) of the caller’s telephone number, the address/location of the telephone and supplementary emergency services information for Enhanced 911 (E911).

“Automatic Location Identification/Database Management System” or “ALI/DBMS” is an Enhanced 911/(E911) database containing End User Customer location information (including name, service address, telephone number, and sometimes special information from the local service provider) used to determine to which Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to route the call and used by the PSAP for emergency call handling (i.e., dispatch of emergency aid).

“Automatic Location Identification Gateway” or “ALI Gateway” is a computer facility into which CLEC delivers Automatic Location Identification (ALI) data for CLEC Customers. Access to the ALI Gateway will be via a dial-up modem using a common protocol.

"Automatic Number Identification" or "ANI" is the Billing telephone number associated with the access line from which a call originates. ANI and Calling Party Number (CPN) usually are the same number.

“Automatic Route Selection” or “ARS” is a service feature that provides for automatic selection of the least expensive or most appropriate transmission facility for each call based on criteria programmed into a circuit Switch routing table or system.

“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 and operator services.

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

“Billing” involves the provision of appropriate usage data by one Telecommunications Carrier to another to facilitate Customer Billing with attendant acknowledgments and status reports. It also involves the exchange of information between Telecommunications Carriers to process claims and adjustments.

“Binder Groups” means the sub-units of a cable, usually in groups of 25, 50 or 100 color-coded twisted pairs wrapped in colored tape within a cable.

“Bona Fide Request” or “BFR” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.

“Bridged Tap” means the unused sections of a twisted pair subtending the loop between the End User Customer and the Serving Wire Center or extending beyond the End User Customer's location.

"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 call on another End User Customer's Basic Exchange Telecommunications Service line.

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

"Carrier" or "Common Carrier" See Telecommunications Carrier.

"Carrier Liaison Committee" or "CLC" is under the auspices of ATIS and is the executive oversight committee that provides direction as well as an appeals process to its subtending fora, the Network Interconnection Interoperability Forum (NIIF), the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF), the Industry Numbering Committee (INC), and the Toll Fraud Prevention Committee (TFPC). On occasion, the CLC commissions ad hoc committees when issues do not have a logical home in one of the subtending forums. OBF and NIMC publish business process rules for their respective areas of concern.

"Central Office" means a building or a space within a building where transmission facilities or circuits are connected or switched.

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

"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

"Tandem Office Switches" - CLEC 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 of geography, when approved by the Commission or mutually agreed to by the Parties, should be used to classify any Switch on a prospective basis. Qwest "Tandem Office Switches" are used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among other End Office Switches. Access tandems typically provide connections for exchange access and toll traffic, and Jointly Provided Switched Access traffic while local tandems provide connections for Exchange Service (EAS/Local) traffic. CLECs may also utilize a Qwest Access Tandem for the exchange of local traffic as set forth in this Agreement.

"Centralized Automatic Message Accounting" or "CAMA" trunks are trunks using MF signaling protocol used to record Billing data.

"Centralized Message Distribution System" or "CMDS" means the operation system that Local Exchange Carriers use to exchange outcollect and IABS access messages among each other and other parties connected to CMDS.

"Charge Number" is a Common Channel Signaling parameter, which refers to the number, transmitted through the network identifying the Billing number of the calling party. Charge Number frequently is not the Calling Party Number (CPN).

"Centrex" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.2.2.9.

"Collocation" is an arrangement where Qwest provides space in Qwest Premises for the placement of CLEC's equipment to be used for the purpose of Interconnection or access to Qwest Unbundled Network Elements.

"Collocation – Point of Interconnection" or "C-POI" is the point outside Qwest's Wire Center where CLEC's fiber facility meets Qwest's Fiber Entrance Facility, except where CLEC uses an Express Fiber Entrance Facility. In either case, Qwest will extend or run the Fiber Entrance Facility to CLEC's Collocation Space.

"Commission" means the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

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

"Common Channel Signaling" or "CCS" means a method of exchanging call set up and network control data over a digital signaling network fully separate from the Public Switched Network that carries the actual call. Signaling System 7 (SS7) is currently the preferred CCS method.

"Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act" or "CALEA" refers to the duties and obligations of Carriers to assist law enforcement agencies by intercepting communications and records, and installing pen registers and trap and trace devices.

"Competitive Local Exchange Carrier" or "CLEC" refers to a Party that has submitted a request, pursuant to this Agreement, to obtain Interconnection, access to Unbundled Network Elements, ancillary services, or resale of Telecommunications Services. A CLEC is an entity authorized to provide Local Exchange Service that does not otherwise qualify as an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC).

"Confidential Information" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.16.

"Cross Connection" is a cabling scheme between cabling runs, subsystems, and equipment using patch cords or jumper wires that attach to connection hardware on each end.

"Custom Calling Features" comprise a group of features provided via a Central Office Switch without the need for special Customer Premises Equipment. Features include, but are not limited to, call waiting, 3-way calling, abbreviated dialing (speed calling), call forwarding, and series completing (busy or no answer).

"Custom Local Area Signaling Service" or "CLASS" is a set of call-management service features consisting of number translation services, such as call forwarding and caller identification, available within a Local Access and Transport Area (LATA). Features include, but are not limited to, automatic callback, automatic recall, calling number delivery, Customer originated trace, distinctive ringing/call waiting, selective call forwarding and selective call rejection.

"Current Service Provider" means the Party from which an End User Customer is planning to switch its local exchange service or the Party from which an End User Customer is planning to port its telephone number(s).

"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.

"Customer Premises Equipment" or "CPE" means equipment employed on the premises of a Person other than a Carrier to originate, route or terminate Telecommunications (e.g., a telephone, PBX, modem pool, etc.).

"Customer Usage Data" means the Telecommunications Service usage data of a CLEC Customer, measured in minutes, sub-minute increments, message units or otherwise, that is recorded by Qwest AMA equipment and forwarded to CLEC.

"Dark Fiber" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.7.1.

"Day" means calendar days unless otherwise specified.

"Dedicated Transport" is a Qwest provided digital transmission path between locations designated by CLEC to which CLEC is granted exclusive use. Such locations may include, but not be limited to, Qwest Wire Centers, Qwest End Office Switches, and Qwest Tandem Switches. The path may operate at DS1 or higher transmission speeds. Dedicated Transport is also described in Section 9.

"Demarcation Point" means the point where Qwest owned or controlled facilities cease, and CLEC, End User Customer, premises owner or landlord ownership or control of facilities begin.

"Designed, Verified and Assigned Date" or "DVA" means the date on which implementation groups are to report that all documents and materials have been received and are complete.

"Desired Due Date" means the desired service activation date as requested by CLEC on a service order.

"Dialing Parity" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 14.1.

"Digital Cross-Connect System" or "DCS" is a function which provides automated Cross Connection of Digital Signal Level 0 (DS0) or higher transmission bit rate digital channels within physical interface facilities. Types of DCS include but are not limited to DCS 1/0s, DCS 3/1s, and DCS 3/3s, where the nomenclature 1/0 denotes interfaces typically at the DS1 rate or greater with Cross Connection typically at the DS0 rate. This same nomenclature, at the appropriate rate substitution, extends to the other types of DCS specifically cited as 3/1 and 3/3. Types of DCS that cross-connect Synchronous Transport Signal level 1 (STS-1 s) or other Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) signals (e.g., STS-3) are also DCS, although not denoted by this same type of nomenclature. DCS may provide the functionality of more than one of the aforementioned DCS types (e.g., DCS 3/3/1 which combines functionality of DCS 3/3 and DCS 3/1). For such DCS, the requirements will be, at least, the aggregation of requirements on the "component" DCS. In locations where automated cross connection capability does not exist, DCS will be defined as the combination of the functionality provided by a Digital Signal Cross-Connect (DSX) or Light Guide Cross Connect (LGX) patch panels and D4 channel banks or other DS0 and above multiplexing equipment used to provide the function of a manual Cross Connection. Interconnection is between a DSX or LGX to a Switch, another Cross Connection, or other service platform device.

"Digital Signal Level" means one of several transmission rates in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.

"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.

"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.

"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.

"Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer" or "DSLAM" is a network device that: (i) aggregates lower bit rate DSL signals to higher bit-rate or bandwidth signals (multiplexing) and (ii) disaggregates higher bit-rate or bandwidth signals to lower bit-rate DSL signals (demultiplexing). DSLAMs can connect DSL loops with some combination of CLEC ATM, Frame Relay or IP networks. The DSLAM must be located at the end of a copper loop nearest the Serving Wire Center (e.g., in a Remote Terminal, Central Office, or a Customer's premises).

"Digital Subscriber Loop" or "DSL" refers to a set of service-enhancing copper technologies that are designed to provide digital communications services over copper Loops either in addition to or instead of normal analog voice service, sometimes referred to herein as xDSL, including, but not limited to, the following:

"ADSL" or "Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line" is a Passband digital loop transmission technology that typically permits the transmission of up to 8 Mbps downstream (from the Central Office to the End User Customer) and up to 1 Mbps digital signal upstream (from the End User Customer to the Central Office) over one copper pair.

"HDSL" or "High-Data Rate Digital Subscriber Line" is a synchronous baseband DSL technology operating over one or more copper pairs. HDSL can offer 784 Kbps circuits over a single copper pair, T1 service over 2 copper pairs, or future E1 service over 3 copper pairs.

"HDSL2" or "High-Data Rate Digital Subscriber Line 2" is a synchronous baseband DSL technology operating over a single pair capable of transporting a bit rate of 1.544 Mbps.

"IDSL" or "ISDN Digital Subscriber Line" or "Integrated Services Digital Network Digital Subscriber Line" is a symmetrical, baseband DSL technology that permits the bi-directional transmission of up to 128 Kbps using ISDN CPE but not circuit switching.

"RADSL" or "Rate Adaptive Digital Subscriber Line" is a form of ADSL that can automatically assess the condition of the Loop and optimize the line rate for a given line quality.

"SDSL" or "Symmetric Digital Subscriber Line" is a baseband DSL transmission technology that permits the bi-directional transmission from up to 160 kbps to 2.048 Mbps on a single pair.

"VDSL" or "Very High Speed Digital Subscriber Line" is a baseband DSL transmission technology that permits the transmission of up to 52 Mbps downstream (from the Central Office to the End User Customer) and up to 2.3 Mbps digital signal upstream (from the End User Customer to the Central Office). VDSL can also be 26 Mbps symmetrical, or

other combination.

"Directory Assistance Database" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.5.2.2, 10.5.2.8, and 10.5.2.9.

"Directory Assistance Lists" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.6.1.1.

"Directory Assistance Service" includes, but is not limited to, making available to callers, upon request, information contained in the Directory Assistance Database. Directory Assistance Service includes, where available, the option to complete the call at the caller's direction.

"Directory Listings" are any information: (1) identifying the listed names of subscribers of a Telecommunications Carrier and such subscriber's telephone numbers, addressees, or primary advertising classifications (as such classifications are assigned at the time of the establishment of such service), or any combination of such listed names, numbers, addresses or classifications; and (2) that the Telecommunications Carrier or an Affiliate has published, caused to be published, or accepted for publication in any directory format.

"Disturber" is defined as a technology recognized by industry standards bodies that significantly degrades service using another technology (such as how AMI T1x affects DSL).

"Due Date" means the specific date on which the requested service is to be available to the CLEC or to CLEC's End User Customer, as applicable.

"DSX Panel" means a cross-connect bay or panel used for the termination of equipment and facilities operating at digital rates.

"Effective Date" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1.1.

"Electronic Bonding" is a real-time and secure electronic exchange of data between information systems in separate companies. Electronic Bonding allows electronic access to services which have traditionally been handled through manual means. The heart of Electronic Bonding is strict adherence to both International and National standards. These standards define the communication and data protocols allowing all organizations in the world to exchange information.

"Electronic File Transfer" means any system or process that utilizes an electronic format and protocol to send or receive data files.

"Emergency Service Number" or "ESN" is a three to five digit number representing a unique combination of Emergency Response Agencies (law enforcement, fire and emergency medical service) designed to serve a specific range of addresses within a particular geographical area. The ESN facilitates Selective Routing and transfer, if required, to the appropriate PSAP and the dispatch of proper Emergency Response Agency(ies).

"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.

"Enhanced Services" means any service offered over Common Carrier transmission facilities that employ computer processing applications that act on the format, content, code, protocol or

similar aspects of a subscriber's transmitted information; that provide the subscriber with additional, different or restructured information; or involve End User Customer interaction with stored information.

"Enhanced 911" or "E911" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.3.1.

"Environmental Hazard" means any substance the presence, use, transport, abandonment or disposal of which (i) requires investigation, remediation, compensation, fine or penalty under any Applicable Law (including, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act, Resource Conservation Recovery Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act and provisions with similar purposes in applicable foreign, state and local jurisdictions) or (ii) poses risks to human health, safety or the environment (including, without limitation, indoor, outdoor or orbital space environments) and is regulated under any Applicable Law.

"Exchange Access" (IntraLATA Toll)" as used in Section 7 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. "Exchange Access" as used in the remainder of this Agreement shall have the meaning set forth in the Act.

"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.

"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, a Telcordia document that defines industry standards for exchange message records.

"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.

"FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission.

"Fiber Meet" means an Interconnection architecture method whereby the Parties physically interconnect their networks via an optical fiber interface (as opposed to an electrical interface) at a mutually-agreed-upon location.

"Finished Services" means complete end to end services offered by Qwest to wholesale or retail Customers. Finished Services do not include Unbundled Network Elements or combinations of Unbundled Network Elements. Finished Services include voice messaging, Qwest provided DSL, Access Services, private lines, retail services and resold services.

"Firm Order Confirmation" or "FOC" means the notice Qwest provides to CLEC to confirm that the CLEC Local Service Order (LSR) 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.

"Hub Provider" means an entity that (i) provides Common Channel Signaling (SS7) connectivity

between the networks of service providers that are not directly connected to each other; or (ii) provides third party database services such as LIDB. The SS7 messages received by Hub Providers are accepted or rejected by the Hub Provider depending on whether a contractual arrangement exists between the Hub Provider and the message originator (sender) and whether the message originator has contracted for the type of SS7 messages being submitted for transmission to the Hub Provider.

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

"Information Service" is the offering of a capability for generating, acquiring, storing, transforming, processing, retrieving, utilizing, or making available information via Telecommunications, and includes electronic publishing, but does not include any use of any such capability for the management, control, or operation of a Telecommunications system or the management of a Telecommunications Service.

"Integrated Digital Loop Carrier" means a subscriber loop carrier system, which integrates multiple voice channels within the Switch on a DS1 level signal.

"Integrated Services Digital Network" or "ISDN" refers to a digital circuit switched network service. Basic Rate ISDN (BRI) provides for channelized (2 bearer and 1 data) end-to-end digital connectivity for the transmission of voice or data on either or both bearer channels and packet data on the data channel. Primary Rate ISDN (PRI) provides for 23 bearer channels and 1 data channel. For BRI, the bearer channels operate at 64 Kbps and the data channel at 16 Kbps. For PRI, all 24 channels operate at 64 Kbps or 1.5 Mbps.

"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.

"Interconnection Agreement" or "Agreement" is an agreement entered into between Qwest and CLEC for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements or other services as a result of negotiations, adoption and/or arbitration or a combination thereof pursuant to Section 252 of the Act.

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

"InterLATA Traffic" describes Telecommunications between a point located in a Local Access Transport and Area (LATA) and a point located outside such area.

"IntraLATA Toll Traffic" describes IntraLATA Traffic outside the Local Calling Area.

"Interoperability" means the ability of a Qwest OSS Function to process seamlessly (*i.e.*, without any manual intervention) business transactions with CLEC's OSS application, and vice versa, by means of secure exchange of transaction data models that use data fields and usage rules that can be received and processed by the other Party to achieve the intended OSS Function and related response. (See also Electronic Bonding.)

"Legitimately Related" terms and conditions are those rates, terms, and conditions that relate solely to the individual interconnection, service or element being requested by CLEC under Section 252(i) of the Act, and not those relating to other interconnection, services or elements in



the approved Interconnection Agreement. This definition is not intended to limit the FCC's interpretation of "legitimately related" as found in its rules, regulations or orders or the interpretation of a court of competent jurisdiction.

"LERG Reassignment" or "NXX Reassignment" means the reassignment of an entire NXX code shown in the LERG from one Carrier to another Carrier.

"Line Information Database" or "LIDB" shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 9.15.1.1.

"Line Side" refers to End Office Switch connections that have been programmed to treat the circuit as a local line connected to a terminating station (e.g., an End User Customer's telephone station set, a PBX, answering machine, facsimile machine or computer).

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

"Local Calling Area" is as defined by the Commission.

"Local Exchange Carrier" or "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.

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

"Local Interconnection Service or "LIS" Entrance Facility" is a DS1 or DS3 facility that extends from CLEC's Switch location or Point of Interconnection (POI) to the Qwest Serving Wire Center. An Entrance Facility may not extend beyond the area served by the Qwest Serving Wire Center.

"Local Interconnection Service" or "LIS" is the Qwest product name for its provision of Interconnection as described in Section 7 of this Agreement.

"Local Number Portability" or "LNP" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.2.1.1.

"Local Service Ordering Guide" or "LSOG" is a document developed by the OBF to establish industry-wide ordering and Billing processes for ordering local services.

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

"Location Routing Number" or "LRN" means a unique 10-digit number assigned to a Central Office Switch in a defined geographic area for call routing purposes. This 10-digit number serves as a network address and the routing information is stored in a database. Switches routing calls to subscribers whose telephone numbers are in portable NXXs perform a database query to obtain the Location Routing Number that corresponds with the Switch serving the dialed telephone number. Based on the Location Routing Number, the querying Carrier then routes the call to the Switch serving the ported number. The term "LRN" may also be used to refer to a method of LNP.

"Loop" or "Unbundled Loop" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.2.1.

"Loop Concentrator/Multiplexer" or "LCM" is the Network Element that does one or more of the following:

aggregates lower bit rate or bandwidth signals to higher bit rate or bandwidth signals (multiplexing);

disaggregates higher bit rate or bandwidth signals to lower bit rate or bandwidth signals (demultiplexing);

aggregates a specified number of signals or channels to fewer channels (concentrating);

performs signal conversion, including encoding of signals (e.g., analog to digital and digital to analog signal conversion); or

in some instances performs electrical to optical (E/O) conversion.

LCM includes DLC, and D4 channel banks and may be located in Remote Terminals or Central Offices.

"Main Distribution Frame" or "MDF" means a Qwest distribution frame (e.g., COSMIC™ frame) used to connect Qwest cable pairs and line and trunk equipment terminals on a Qwest switching system.

"Maintenance and Repair" involves the exchange of information between Carriers where one initiates a request for maintenance or repair of existing products and services or Unbundled Network Elements or combinations thereof from the other with attendant acknowledgments and status reports in order to ensure proper operation and functionality of facilities.

"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 performs 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.

"Master Street Address Guide" or "MSAG" is a database of street names and house number ranges within their associated communities defining particular geographic areas and their associated ESNs to enable proper routing of 911 calls.

"Meet Point" is a point of interconnection between two networks, designated by two Telecommunications Carriers, at which one Carrier's responsibility for service begins and the other Carrier's responsibility ends.

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

"Mid-Span Meet" means an Interconnection between two (2) networks, designated by two Telecommunications Carriers, whereby each provides its own cable and equipment up to the

Meet Point of the cable facilities.

"Miscellaneous Charges" mean cost-based 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, additional labor and maintenance. Miscellaneous Charges are not already included in Qwest's recurring or nonrecurring rates. Miscellaneous Charges are listed in Exhibit A.

"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 LECs (including a LEC and a CLEC), or by one LEC in two or more states within a single LATA.

"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 LECs (including a LEC and a CLEC). It is published by Telcordia Technologies as SRBDS 00983.

"N-1 Carrier" means the Carrier in the call routing process immediately preceding the terminating Carrier. The N-1 Carrier is responsible for performing the database queries (under the FCC's rules) to determine the LRN value for correctly routing a call to a ported number.

"National Emergency Number Association" or "NENA" is an association which fosters the technological advancement, availability and implementation of 911 Service nationwide through research, planning, training, certification, technical assistance and legislative representation.

"Near Real Time" means that Qwest's OSS electronically receives a transaction from CLEC, automatically processes that transaction, returns the response to that transaction to CLEC in an automatic event driven manner (without manual intervention) via the interface for the OSS Function in question. Except for the time it takes to send and receive the transaction between Qwest's and CLEC's OSS application, the processing time for Qwest's representatives should be the same as the processing time for CLEC's representatives. Current benchmarks using TCIF 98-006 averages between two and four seconds for the connection and an average transaction transmittal. The specific agreed metrics for "near-real-time" transaction processing will be contained in the Performance Indicator Definitions (PIDs), where applicable.

"Network Element" is a facility or equipment used in the provision of Telecommunications service. It also includes features, functions, and capabilities that are provided by means of such facility or equipment, including subscriber numbers, databases, signaling systems, and information sufficient for Billing and collection or used in the transmission, routing, or other provision of a Telecommunications Service.

"Network Installation and Maintenance Committee" or "NIMC" is the ATIS/CLC sub-committee

responsible for developing business process rules for Maintenance and Repair or trouble administration.

"Network Interface Device" or "NID" is a Network Element that includes any means of interconnection of Customer premises wiring to Qwest's Distribution plant, such as a cross connect device used for that purpose.

"New Service Provider" means the Party to which an End User Customer switches its local exchange service or the Party to which an End User Customer is porting its telephone number(s).

"911 Service" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.3.1.

"911/E911 Interconnection Trunk Groups" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.3.7.

"North American Numbering Council" or "NANC" means the federal advisory committee chartered by the FCC to analyze, advise, and make recommendations on numbering issues.

"North American Numbering Plan" or "NANP" means the basic numbering plan for the Telecommunications networks located in the United States as well as 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.

"Number Portability Administration Center" or "NPAC" means one of the seven regional number portability centers involved in the dissemination of data associated with ported numbers. The NPACs were established for each of the seven, original Bell Operating Company regions so as to cover the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories in the North American Numbering Plan area.

"Numbering Plan Area" or "NPA" is also sometimes referred to as an area code. It is a unique three-digit indicator that is defined by the "A," "B" and "C" digits of each 10-digit telephone number within the NANP. Each NPA contains 800 possible NXX Codes. There are two (2) general categories of NPA. "Geographic NPA" is associated with a defined geographic area, and all telephone numbers bearing such NPA are associated with services provided within that Geographic area. A "Non-Geographic NPA," also known as a "Service Access Code" (SAC Code), is typically associated with a specialized Telecommunications Service which may be provided across multiple geographic NPA areas; 500, Toll Free Service NPAs, 700, and 900 are examples of Non-Geographic NPAs.

"NXX," "NXX Code," "Central Office Code," or "CO Code" is the three digit Switch entity code which is defined by the D, E, and F digits of a 10 digit telephone number within the NANP.

"Operational Support Systems" or "OSS" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12.

"Ordering and Billing Forum" or "OBF" means the telecommunications industry forum, under the auspices of the Carrier Liaison Committee of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, concerned with inter-company ordering and Billing.

"Originating Line Information" or "OLI" is an CCS SS7 Feature Group D signaling parameter which refers to the number transmitted through the network identifying the Billing number of the

calling party.

"P.01 Transmission Grade of Service" means a circuit switched trunk facility Provisioning standard with the statistical probability of no more than one call in 100 blocked on initial attempt during the average busy hour.

"Packet Switch" is a router designed to read the destination address in an incoming cell or packet, consult a routing table and route the packet toward its destination. Packetizing is done in originating CPE and reassembly is done in terminating CPE. Multiple packet formats or protocols exist (e.g., x.25, x.75, frame relay, ATM, and IP).

"Parity" means the provision of non-discriminatory access to Interconnection, Resale, Unbundled Network Elements and other services provided under this Agreement to the extent legally required on rates, terms and conditions that are non-discriminatory, just and reasonable. Where Technically Feasible, the access provided by Qwest will be provided in "substantially the same time and manner" to that which Qwest provides to itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates or to any other party.

"Party" means either Qwest or CLEC and "Parties" means Qwest and CLEC.

"Percent Local Usage" or "PLU" is a calculation which represents the ratio of the local minutes to the sum of local and intraLATA toll minutes sent between the Parties over Local Interconnection Trunks. Directory Assistance Services, CMRS traffic, transiting calls from other LECs and Switched Access Services are not included in the calculation of PLU.

"Person" is a general term meaning an individual or association, corporation, firm, joint-stock company, organization, partnership, trust or any other form or kind of entity.

"Performance Indicator Definitions" or "PIDs" shall have the meaning set forth in Exhibit B.

"Plant Test Date" or "PTD" means the date acceptance testing is performed with CLEC.

"Physical Collocation" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8.1.1.

"Pole Attachment" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10.8.1.

"Point of Interface", "Point of Interconnection," or "POI" is a demarcation between the networks of two (2) LECs (including a LEC and CLEC). The POI is that point where the exchange of traffic takes place.

"Point of Presence" or "POP" means the Point of Presence of an IXC.

"Port" means a line or trunk connection point, including a line card and associated peripheral equipment, on a Central Office Switch but does not include Switch features. The Port serves as the hardware termination for line or Trunk Side facilities connected to the Central Office Switch. Each line side Port is typically associated with one or more telephone numbers that serve as the Customer's network address.

"POTS" means plain old telephone service.

"Power Spectral Density (PSD) Masks" are graphical templates that define the limits on signal

power densities across a range of frequencies to permit divergent technologies to coexist in close proximity within the same Binder Groups.

“Premises” refers to Qwest’s Central Offices and Serving Wire Centers; all buildings or similar structures owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by Qwest that house its network facilities; all structures that house Qwest facilities on public rights-of-way, including but not limited to vaults containing Loop Concentrators or similar structures; and all land owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by Qwest that is adjacent to these Central Offices, Wire Centers, buildings and structures.

“Product Catalog” or “PCAT” is a Qwest document that provides information needed to request services available under this Agreement. Qwest agrees that CLEC shall not be held to the requirements of the PCAT. The PCAT is available on Qwest’s Web site:

<http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/pcat/>

"Project Coordinated Installation" allows CLEC to coordinate installation activity as prescribed in section 9.2.2.9.7, including out of hours coordination.

"Proof of Authorization" or "POA" shall consist of verification of the end user's selection and authorization adequate to document the end user's selection of its local service provider.

“Proprietary Information” shall have the same meaning as Confidential Information.

“Provisioning” involves the exchange of information between Telecommunications Carriers where one executes a request for a set of products and services or Unbundled Network Elements or combinations thereof from the other with attendant acknowledgments and status reports.

“Pseudo Automatic Number Identification” or “Pseudo-ANI” is a number, consisting of the same number of digits as ANI, that is not a NANP telephone directory number and may be used in place of an ANI to convey special meaning, determined by agreements, as necessary, between the system originating the call, intermediate systems handling and routing the call, and the destination system.

“Public Safety Answering Point” or “PSAP” is the public safety communications center where 911/E911 calls for a specific geographic area are answered.

“Public Switched Network” includes all Switches and transmission facilities, whether by wire or radio, provided by any Common Carrier including LECs, IXCs and CMRS providers that use the NANP in connection with the provision of switched services.

“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-NXX codes which have been assigned to a LEC for its provision of Telephone Exchange Service.

“Ready for Service” or “RFS” – A Collocation job is considered to be Ready for Service when Qwest has completed all operational work in accordance with CLEC Application and makes

functional space available to CLEC. Such work includes but is not necessarily limited to: DC power (fuses available, Battery Distribution Fuse Board (BDFB) is powered, and cables between CLEC and power are terminated), cage enclosures, primary AC outlet, cable racking, and circuit terminations (e.g., fiber jumpers are placed between the outside plant fiber distribution panel and the Central Office fiber distribution panel serving CLEC) and APOT/CFA are complete, telephone service, and other services and facilities ordered by CLEC for Provisioning by the RFS date.

“Records Issue Date” or “RID” means the date that all design and assignment information is sent to the necessary service implementation groups.

“Remote Premises” means all Qwest Premises other than Qwest Wire Centers or adjacent to Qwest Wire Centers. Such Remote Premises include controlled environmental vaults, controlled environmental huts, cabinets, pedestals and other Remote Terminals.

“Remote Terminal” or “RT” means a cabinet, vault or similar structure at an intermediate point between the End User Customer and Qwest’s Central Office, where Loops are aggregated and hauled to the Central Office or Serving Wire Center using LCM. A Remote Terminal may contain active electronics such as digital loop carriers, fiber hubs, DSLAMs, etc.

"Reseller" is a category of CLECs who purchase the use of Finished Services for the purpose of reselling those Telecommunications Services to their End User Customers.

“Reserved Numbers” means those telephone numbers which are not in use but which are held in reserve by a Carrier under a legally enforceable written agreement for a specific End User Customer's future use.

“Scheduled Issued Date” or “SID” means the date the order is entered into Qwest’s order distribution system.

“Selective Router” means the equipment necessary for Selective Routing.

“Selective Routing” is the automatic routing of 911/E911 calls to the PSAP that has jurisdictional responsibility for the service address of the caller, irrespective of telephone company exchange or Wire Center boundaries. Selective Routing may also be used for other services.

"Service Control Point" or "SCP" means a node in the CCS network to which information requests for service handling, such as routing, are directed and processed. The SCP is a real time database system that, based on a query from a Service Switching Point (SSP), performs subscriber or application-specific service logic and then sends instructions back to the SSP on how to continue call processing.

“Service Creation Environment” is a computer containing generic call processing software that can be programmed to create new Advanced Intelligent Network call processing services.

“Service Date” or “SD” means the date service is made available to the End User Customer. This also is referred to as the “Due Date.”

"Service Provider Identification" or "SPID" is the number that identifies a service provider to the relevant NPAC. The SPID may be a state specific number.

“Serving Wire Center” denotes the Wire Center from which dial tone for Local Exchange Service would normally be provided to a particular Customer premises.

"Shared Transport" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.8.1.1.

“Signaling System 7” or “SS7” is an out-of-band signaling protocol consisting of four basic sub-protocols:

- 1) Message Transfer Part (MTP), which provides functions for basic routing of signaling messages between signaling points;
- 2) Signaling Connection Control Part (SCCP), which provides additional routing and management functions for transfer of messages other than call setup between signaling points;
- 3) Integrated Services Digital Network User Part (ISUP), which provides for transfer of call setup signaling information between signaling points; and
- 4) Transaction Capabilities Application Part (TCAP), which provides for transfer of non-circuit related information between signaling points.

"Signaling Transfer Point" or "STP" means a Packet Switch that performs message routing functions and provides information for the routing of messages between signaling end points, including SSPs, SCPs, Signaling Points (SPs) and other STPs in order to set up calls and to query call-related databases. An STP transmits, receives and processes Common Channel Signaling ("CCS") messages.

“Special Request Process” or “SRP” shall have the meaning set forth in Exhibit F.

“Spectrum Compatibility” means the capability of two (2) Copper Loop transmission system technologies to coexist in the same cable without service degradation and to operate satisfactorily in the presence of crosstalk noise from each other. Spectrum compatibility is defined on a per twisted pair basis for specific well-defined transmission systems. For the purposes of issues regarding Spectrum Compatibility, service degradation means the failure to meet the Bit Error Ratio (BER) and Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) margin requirements defined for the specific transmission system for all Loop lengths, model Loops, or loss values within the requirements for the specific transmission system.

“Splitter” means a device used in conjunction with a DSLAM either to combine or separate the high (DSL) and low (voice) frequency spectrums of the loop in order to provide both voice and data over a single loop.

“Stand-Alone Test Environment” or “SATE” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12.2.9.3.2.

"Subloop" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.3.1.1.

“Suspended Lines” means subscriber lines that have been temporarily disconnected.

“Switch” means a switching device employed by a Carrier within the Public Switched Network. Switch includes but is not limited to End Office Switches, Tandem Switches, Access Tandem



Switches, Remote Switching Modules, and Packet Switches. Switches may be employed as a combination of End Office/Tandem Switches.

"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.

"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.

"Synchronous Optical Network" or "SONET" is a TDM-based (time division multiplexing) standard for high-speed fiber optic transmission formulated by the Exchange Carriers Standards Association (ECSA) for the American National Standards Institute ("ANSI").

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

"Technically Feasible." Interconnection, access to Unbundled Network Elements, Collocation, and other methods of achieving Interconnection or access to Unbundled Network Elements at a point in the network shall be deemed Technically Feasible absent technical or operational concerns that prevent the fulfillment of a request by a Telecommunications Carrier for such Interconnection, access, or methods. A determination of technical feasibility does not include consideration of economic, accounting, Billing, space, or site concerns, except that space and site concerns may be considered in circumstances where there is no possibility of expanding the space available. The fact that an incumbent LEC must modify its facilities or equipment to respond to such request does not determine whether satisfying such request is Technically Feasible. An incumbent LEC that claims that it cannot satisfy such request because of adverse network reliability impacts must prove to the Commission by clear and convincing evidence that such Interconnection, access, or methods would result in specific and significant adverse network reliability impacts.

"Telecommunications" means the transmission, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user's choosing, without change in the form or content of the information as sent and received.

"Telecommunications Carrier" means any provider of Telecommunications Services, 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.

"Telecommunications Equipment" means equipment, other than Customer Premises Equipment, used by a Carrier to provide Telecommunications Services, and include software integral to such equipment, including upgrades.

"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.

"Telephone Exchange Service" means a service within a telephone exchange, or within a connected system of telephone exchanges within the same exchange area operated to furnish to End User Customers intercommunicating service of the character ordinarily furnished by a single exchange, and which is covered by the exchange service charge, or comparable service provided through a system of Switches, transmission equipment or other facilities (or combinations thereof) by which a subscriber can originate and terminate a Telecommunications Service.

"TELRIC" means Total Element Long-Run Incremental Cost.

"Toll Free Service" means service provided with any dialing sequence that invokes Toll Free, i.e., 800-like, service processing. Toll Free Service currently includes calls to the Toll Free Service 800/888/877/866 NPA SAC codes.

"Transaction Set" is a term used by ANSI X12 and elsewhere that denotes a collection of data, related field rules, format, structure, syntax, attributes, segments, elements, qualifiers, valid values that are required to initiate and process a business function from one trading partner to another. Some business function events, e.g., pre-order inquiry and response are defined as complimentary Transaction Sets. An example of a Transaction Set is service address validation inquiry and service address validation response.

"Trunk Side" refers to Switch connections that have been programmed to treat the circuit as connected to another switching entity.

"Unbundled Network Element" is a Network Element that has been defined by the FCC or the Commission as a Network Element to which Qwest is obligated to provide unbundled access or for which unbundled access is provided under this Agreement.

"Unbundled Network Element Platform" or "UNE-P" - is a combination of Unbundled Network Elements as set forth in Section 9.23.

"UNE Combination" means a combination of two (2) or more Unbundled Network Elements that were or were not previously combined or connected in Qwest's network, as required by the FCC, the Commission or this Agreement.

"Virtual Collocation" shall have the meaning set forth in Sections 8.1.1.1 and 8.2.2.1.

"Voluntary Federal Subscriber Financial Assistance Programs" are Telecommunications Services provided to low-income subscribers, pursuant to requirements established by the Commission or the FCC.

"Waste" means all hazardous and non-hazardous substances and materials which are intended to be discarded, scrapped or recycled, associated with activities CLEC or Qwest or their respective contractors or agents perform at Work Locations. It shall be presumed that all substances or materials associated with such activities, that are not in use or incorporated into structures (including without limitation damaged components or tools, leftovers, containers, garbage, scrap, residues or by products), except for substances and materials that CLEC, Qwest or their respective contractors or agents intend to use in their original form in connection with similar activities, are Waste. Waste shall not include substances, materials or components

incorporated into structures (such as cable routes) even after such components or structure are no longer in current use.

"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.

"Wired and Office Tested Date" or "WOT" means the date by which all intraoffice wiring is completed, all plug-ins optioned and aligned, frame continuity established, and the interoffice facilities, if applicable, are tested. This includes the date that switching equipment, including translation loading, is installed and tested.

"Work Locations" means any real estate that CLEC or Qwest, as appropriate, owns, leases or licenses, or in which it holds easements or other rights to use, or does use, in connection with this Agreement.

Terms not otherwise defined here, but defined in the Act and the orders and the rules implementing the Act, shall have the meaning defined there. The definition of terms that are included here and are also defined in the Act, or its implementing orders or rules, are intended to include the definition as set forth in the Act and the rules implementing the Act. Terms not otherwise defined in this Section or the Act but defined elsewhere in the Agreement shall have the meaning attributable them in such other part of the Agreement.

## 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 this 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 reinstated 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 Users 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 CLEC for services, facilities, Unbundled Network Elements, ancillary services 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 (including resold Telecommunications Services, Unbundled Network Elements, UNE Combinations and ancillary services) and all new and additional services or Unbundled Network Elements to be provided hereunder, shall be priced in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Act and the rules and orders of the Federal Communications Commission and orders of the Commission.

## **5.2 Term of Agreement**

5.2.1 This Agreement shall become effective on the Effective Date pursuant to Section 252 of the Act. 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. This Agreement will terminate on the date a successor agreement is approved by the Commission.

5.2.2.1 Prior to the conclusion of the term specified above, CLEC may obtain Interconnection services under the terms and conditions of a then-existing SGAT or agreement to become effective at the conclusion of the term or prior to the conclusion of the term if CLEC so chooses.

## **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.

5.4.4 Should CLEC 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, CLEC and Qwest shall pay all undisputed amounts due. Both CLEC 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 through informal means 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 CLEC, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 earlier of 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 CLEC 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 CLEC 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 certificate(s) 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 the 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 CLEC under this Agreement during the contract year in which the cause accrues or arises.

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. If the Parties enter into a Performance Assurance Plan under this Agreement, nothing in this Section 5.8.2 shall limit amounts due and owing under any Performance Assurance Plan.

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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 (including gross negligence) or (ii) bodily injury, death or damage to tangible real or tangible personal property proximately caused 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.

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## **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 Except as otherwise provided in Section 5.10, 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 (attorneys' fees accounting fees, or other), whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any other Party or person, for (i) invasion of privacy, (ii) 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, (iii) for breach of or failure to perform under this Agreement, regardless of the form of action, or (iv) for actual or alleged infringement of any patent, copyright, trademark, service mark, trade name, trade dress, trade secret or any other intellectual property right, now known or later developed, to the extent that such claim or action arises from CLEC or CLEC's Customer's use of the services provided under this Agreement.

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 or intentional misconduct (including gross negligence) of the Indemnified Party.

5.9.1.3 Reserved for Future Use.

5.9.1.4 For purposes of Section 5.9.1.2, where the Parties have agreed to provision Line Sharing using a POTS Splitter: "End User" means the DSL provider's End User for claims relating to DSL and the voice service provider's End User for claims relating to voice service.

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 CLEC 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 CLEC 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 CLEC 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 CLEC 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 CLEC.

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 Users, 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 For purposes of resale only and notwithstanding the above, unless otherwise prohibited by Qwest pursuant to an applicable provision herein, CLEC may use the phrase "CLEC is a Reseller of Qwest Services" (the "Authorized Phrase") in CLEC's printed materials provided:

5.10.6.1 The Authorized Phrase is not used in connection with any goods or services other than Qwest services resold by CLEC.

5.10.6.2 CLEC's use of the Authorized Phrase does not cause End Users to believe that CLEC is Qwest.

5.10.6.3 The Authorized Phrase, when displayed, appears only in text form (CLEC may not use the Qwest logo) with all letters being the same font and point size. The point size of the Authorized Phrase shall be no greater than one fourth the point size of the smallest use of CLEC's name and in no event shall exceed 8 point size.

5.10.6.4 CLEC shall provide all printed materials using the Authorized Phrase to Qwest for its prior written approval.

5.10.6.5 If Qwest determines that CLEC's use of the Authorized Phrase causes End User confusion, Qwest may immediately terminate CLEC's right to use the Authorized Phrase.

5.10.6.6 Upon termination of CLEC's right to use the Authorized Phrase or termination of this Agreement, all permission or right to use the Authorized Phrase shall immediately cease to exist and CLEC shall immediately cease any and all such use of the Authorized Phrase. CLEC shall either promptly return to Qwest or destroy all materials in its possession or control displaying the Authorized Phrase.

5.10.7 Qwest and CLEC 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 (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.

5.10.8 Upon request, for all intellectual property owned or controlled by a third party and licensed to Qwest associated with the Unbundled Network Elements provided by Qwest under this Agreement, either on the Effective Date or at any time during the term of the Agreement, Qwest shall within ten (10) business days, unless there are extraordinary circumstances in which case Qwest will negotiate an agreed upon date, then disclose to CLEC in writing (i) the name of the Party owning, controlling or licensing such intellectual property, (ii) the facilities or equipment associated with such intellectual property, (iii) the nature of the intellectual property, and (iv) the relevant agreements or licenses governing Qwest's use of the intellectual property. Except to the extent Qwest is prohibited by confidentiality or other provisions of an agreement or license from disclosing to CLEC any relevant agreement or license within ten (10) business days of a request by CLEC, Qwest shall provide copies of any relevant agreements or licenses governing Qwest's use of the intellectual property to CLEC. To the extent Qwest is prohibited by confidentiality or other provisions of an agreement or license from disclosing to CLEC any relevant agreement or license, Qwest shall immediately, within ten (10) business days (i) disclose so much of it as is not prohibited, and (ii) exercise best efforts to cause the vendor, licensor or other beneficiary of the confidentiality provisions to agree to disclosure of the remaining portions under terms and conditions equivalent to those governing access by and disclosure to Qwest.

## **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 CLEC 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 CLEC 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 CLEC 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 CLEC's rights to opt into Interconnection Agreements 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, 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 business or marketing plans 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. 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. If either Party loses, or makes an unauthorized disclosure of, the other Party's Proprietary Information, it will notify such other Party immediately and use reasonable efforts to retrieve the information.

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, CLEC 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 of the forecast as it relates to any reason for which CLEC provided it to Qwest under this Agreement, as well as to CLEC's wholesale account managers, wholesale LIS and Collocation 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 CLECs 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 CLEC 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**

5.18.1 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 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 CLEC 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 CLEC, 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. This request for arbitration is an offer to arbitrate which shall not be binding unless

both Parties agree to arbitration. 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 Party who requested arbitration may choose to have the arbitration conducted in the city of its principal place of business, 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 CLEC shall attempt, in good faith, to agree on a plan for such document discovery. Should they fail to agree, either Qwest or CLEC may request a joint meeting or conference call with the Arbitrator. The Arbitrator shall resolve any disputes between Qwest and CLEC, 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, tradename, trade dress or service mark of a Party.

## **5.19 Controlling Law**

5.19.1 This Agreement is offered by Qwest and accepted by CLEC in accordance with applicable federal law and the state law of South Dakota. It shall be interpreted solely in accordance with applicable federal law and the state law of South Dakota.

## **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, CLEC will ensure that to the extent any activities which it undertakes in the facility disturb such suspect materials, such CLEC 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 CLEC or equipment placement activities that result in the generation of asbestos-containing material, CLEC 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 CLEC if Qwest undertakes any asbestos control or asbestos abatement activities that potentially could affect CLEC 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 CLEC at the addresses shown below:

Qwest Corporation  
Director Interconnection Agreements  
1801 California, Room 2400  
Denver, CO 80202  
Email: [intagree@qwest.com](mailto: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 CLEC at the address shown below:

MCImetro  
Director – National Carrier Contracts and Initiatives  
Attn: Peter H. Reynolds  
Verizon Business  
22001 Loudoun County Parkway  
Ashburn, VA 20147  
Email: [peter.h.reynolds@verizonbusiness.com](mailto:peter.h.reynolds@verizonbusiness.com)

Phone: 703-886-1918  
Fax: 703-886-0118

With copy to:

MCImetro  
Chief Network Counsel  
Attn: Robert A. Peterson  
1133 19th Street Northwest  
Washington, DC 20036 USA  
Email: robert.a.peterson@mci.com  
Phone: 202-736-6587  
Fax: 202-736-6903

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 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.

## **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 Reserved for Future Use.**

## **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 CLEC 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 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 12 of this Agreement.

## **5.30 Amendments**

5.30.1 Either Party may request an amendment to this Agreement at any time by providing to the other Party in writing information about the desired amendment and proposed language changes. If the Parties have not reached agreement on the requested amendment within sixty (60) calendar Days after receipt of the request, either Party may pursue resolution of the amendment through the Dispute Resolution provisions of this Agreement.

## **5.31 Entire Agreement**

5.31.1 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Qwest and CLEC and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, proposals and undertakings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

## **5.32 Reserved for Future Use.**

## **Section 6.0 – RESALE**

### **6.1 Description**

6.1.1 Qwest shall offer for resale at wholesale rates any Telecommunications Services that it provides at retail to subscribers who are not Telecommunications Carriers, subject to the terms and conditions of this Section. All Qwest retail Telecommunications Services are available for resale from Qwest pursuant to the Act and will include terms and conditions (except prices) in Qwest's applicable product Tariffs, catalogs, price lists, or other retail Telecommunications Services offerings. To the extent, however, that a conflict arises between the terms and conditions of the Tariff, catalog, price list, or other retail Telecommunications Services offering and this Agreement, this Agreement shall be controlling.

6.1.2 While this Section 6.0 of this Agreement addresses the provision of certain Qwest services to CLEC for resale by CLEC, the Parties also acknowledge that CLEC is required to provide its Telecommunications Services to Qwest for resale by Qwest. Upon request by Qwest, CLEC shall make its Telecommunications Services available to Qwest for resale pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the FCC's relevant orders and rules, and the Commission's relevant orders and rules.

6.1.3 Certain Qwest services are not available for resale under this Agreement, as noted in Section 6.2. The applicable discounts for services available for resale are identified in Exhibit A.

### **6.2 Terms and Conditions**

6.2.1 Qwest shall offer introductory training on procedures that CLEC must use to access Qwest's OSS at no cost to CLEC. If CLEC asks Qwest personnel to travel to CLEC's location to deliver training, CLEC will pay Qwest's reasonable travel related expenses. Qwest may also offer to CLEC other training at reasonable costs.

6.2.2 Services available for resale under this Agreement may be resold only to the same class of End User to which Qwest sells such services where such restrictions have been ordered or approved by the Commission. Such restrictions are listed below in this Section 6.2.2.

6.2.2.1 Promotional offerings of ninety (90) Days or less are available for resale. Such promotions are available for resale under the same terms and conditions that are available to Qwest retail End Users, with no wholesale discount. Should Qwest re-offer any promotion for a sequential ninety (90) Day or less promotion period following the initial ninety (90) Day or less promotion period, then the initial and subsequent promotion(s) will be available to CLEC for resale with any applicable wholesale discount.

6.2.2.2 Market Trials of ninety (90) Days or less are not available for resale.

6.2.2.3 Residential services and Lifeline/Link-up services are available only to the same class of End User eligible to purchase these services from Qwest.

6.2.2.4 Universal Emergency Number Service is not available for resale. Universal Emergency Number Service (E911/911 service) is provided with each Local Exchange Service line resold by CLEC whenever E911/911 service would be provided



on the same line if provided by Qwest to a Qwest retail End User.

6.2.2.5 Non-Telecommunications Services, such as inside wiring and maintenance, calling cards and CPE, are not available for resale.

6.2.2.6 Voice messaging service is available for resale at the retail rate with no discount. Enhanced services and Information Services other than voice messaging are not available for resale.

6.2.2.7 Qwest will make retail Contract Service Arrangements (CSA) available for resale at the wholesale discount rate specified in Exhibit A of this Agreement. All terms and conditions (except prices) in Qwest's applicable Tariffs, catalogs, price lists, or other retail Telecommunications Services offerings will apply to resale of CSAs, including early termination liability. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect any obligation of any Qwest retail end user that early terminates a CSA, including payment of any early termination charges. Where CLEC seeks to continue serving a Customer presently served through a resold Qwest CSA, but wishes to provide such service through alternate resale arrangements, Qwest shall provide CLEC the same waivers of early termination liabilities as it makes to its own end users in similar circumstances. In any case where it is required to offer such a waiver, Qwest shall be entitled to apply provisions that provide Qwest substantially the same assurances and benefits that remained to it under the resold agreement as of the time it is changed.

6.2.2.8 Grandfathered services are available for resale by CLEC to existing End Users of the grandfathered product or service.

6.2.2.9 Centrex terms and conditions related to calculation of charges for, and Provisioning of common blocks, station lines and optional features will be based on the Centrex definition of a system and CLEC's serving location.

6.2.2.9.1 Where a common block is applicable, a Centrex system is defined by a single common block or multiple common blocks for a single CLEC within a single Central Office switching system. A common block defines the dialing plan for intercom calling, access to the Public Switched Network and/or private facilities, station line and system restrictions and feature access arrangements and functionality. CLEC may purchase multiple common blocks within a single Central Office switching system when CLEC requires different dialing plans, feature access arrangements and station line or system restrictions within a single system operation. CLEC with multiple common blocks within the same Central Office Switch may have Network Access Register and Private Facility trunk groups aggregated across multiple common blocks. Centrex system based optional features (i.e. Automatic Route Selection) may not be aggregated across multiple common blocks. A Centrex system must provide station lines to at least one location and may provide station lines to multiple locations.

6.2.2.9.2 Centrex station lines are provisioned and charges are calculated based on serving CLEC's location. A location is defined as the site where Qwest facilities (cable plant from the serving Central Office Switch) meet CLEC facilities (inside wire). In a multi-tenant building, Qwest may bring facilities directly to a single point of Interconnection with CLEC facilities, typically in a basement

equipment room, which would be considered a single location for this multi-tenant building. Should Qwest bring service to multiple floors or offices within a multi-tenant building each floor or office with a separate CLEC facilities termination point is considered a location. A CLEC with multiple buildings within contiguous property (campus) will be provisioned and billed as a single location. Contiguous property is defined as property owned or leased by a single CLEC and not separated by public thoroughfare, river or railroad rights-of-way. Property will be considered contiguous when connected via connecting passageways or conduit acceptable to Qwest for its facilities. A CLEC with Centrex station lines from multiple Central Office switching systems, within the same Qwest Wire Center, and provisioned to the same location will not be charged for service or provisioned as if service was originating from a single Centrex system. For example, station lines may only be aggregated from a single Centrex CLEC system to a single CLEC serving location for rating purposes. CLEC may not specify a Central Office as a CLEC location for the termination of Centrex station lines.

6.2.2.10 Private line service used for Special Access is available for resale but not at a discount.

6.2.2.11 Reserved for Future Use.

6.2.2.12 Telecommunications Services provided directly to CLEC for its own use and not resold to End Users must be identified by CLEC as such, and CLEC will pay Qwest retail prices for such services.

6.2.3 Qwest shall provide to CLEC Telecommunications Services for resale that are at least equal in quality and in substantially the same time and manner that Qwest provides these services to itself, its subsidiaries, its Affiliates, other Resellers, and Qwest's retail End Users. Qwest shall also provide resold services to CLEC in accordance with the Commission's retail service quality requirements, if any. Qwest further agrees to reimburse CLEC for credits or fines and penalties assessed against CLEC as a result of Qwest's failure to provide service to CLEC, subject to the understanding that any payments made pursuant to this provision will be an offset and credit toward any other penalties voluntarily agreed to by Qwest as part of a performance assurance plan, and further subject to the following provisions:

6.2.3.1 Qwest shall provide service credits to CLEC for resold services in accordance with the Commission's retail service requirements that apply to Qwest retail services, if any. Such credits shall be limited in accordance with the following:

- a) Qwest's service credits to CLEC shall be subject to the wholesale discount;
- b) Qwest shall only be liable to provide service credits in accordance with the resold services provided to CLEC. Qwest is not required to provide service credits for service failures that are the fault of CLEC;
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- d) Intentionally Left Blank.

- e) In no case shall Qwest's credits to CLEC exceed the amount Qwest would pay a Qwest end user under the service quality requirements, less any wholesale discount applicable to CLEC's resold services; and
- f) In no case shall Qwest be required to provide duplicate reimbursement or payment to CLEC for any service quality failure incident.

6.2.3.2 Fines and Penalties - Qwest shall be liable to pay to CLEC fines and penalties for resold services in accordance with the Commission's retail service requirements that apply to Qwest retail services, if any. Such credits shall be limited in accordance with the following:

- a) Qwest's fines and penalties paid to CLEC shall be subject to the wholesale discount;
- b) Qwest shall only be liable to provide fines and penalties in accordance with the resold services provided to CLEC. Qwest is not required to pay fines and penalties for service failures that are the fault of CLEC;
- c) Reserved for Future Use;
- d) In no case shall Qwest's fines and penalties to CLEC exceed the amount Qwest would pay the Commission under the service quality plan, less any wholesale discount applicable to CLEC's resold services; and
- e) In no case shall Qwest be required to provide duplicate reimbursement or payment to CLEC for any service quality failure incident.

6.2.4 In the event that there are existing agreements between CLEC and Qwest for resale under Qwest retail Tariff discounts, CLEC may elect to continue to obtain services for resale under the existing agreements and retail Tariff discounts, or CLEC may elect to terminate such existing agreements and obtain such services by adopting this Agreement pursuant to the General Terms of this Agreement. If CLEC so adopts this Agreement, the associated wholesale discount specified in Exhibit A of this Agreement will apply.

6.2.5 Reserved for Future Use.

6.2.6 The Parties may not reserve blocks of telephone numbers except as allowed by Applicable Law or regulation.

6.2.7 Qwest will accept at no charge one primary white pages directory listing for each main telephone number belonging to CLEC's End User based on End User information provided to Qwest by CLEC. Qwest will place CLEC's End Users' listings in Qwest's Directory Assistance Database and will include such listings in Qwest's Directory Assistance Services. Additional terms and conditions with respect to directory listings are described in the Ancillary Services Section and the Qwest Dex Section of this Agreement.

6.2.8 Qwest shall provide to CLEC, for CLEC's End Users, E911/911 call routing to the appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Qwest shall not be responsible for any failure of CLEC to provide accurate End User information for listings in any databases in which Qwest is required to retain and/or maintain such information. Qwest shall provide CLEC's End

User information to the Automatic Location Identification/Database Management System (ALI/DMS). Qwest shall use its standard process to update and maintain CLEC's End User service information in the ALI/DMS used to support E911/911 services on the same schedule that it uses for its retail End Users. Qwest assumes no liability for the accuracy of information provided by CLEC.

6.2.9 If Qwest provides and CLEC accepts Qwest's Directory Assistance Services or operator services for CLEC's resold Local Exchange Service lines, such directory assistance or operator services may be provided with branding as provided in this Agreement in Sections 10.5 for Directory Assistance Services, and 10.7 for operator services.

6.2.10 CLEC shall designate the Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) assignments on behalf of its End Users for InterLATA and IntraLATA services. CLEC and Qwest shall follow all Applicable Laws, rules and regulations with respect to PIC changes. Qwest shall disclaim any liability for CLEC's improper InterLATA and IntraLATA PIC change requests, and CLEC shall disclaim any liability for Qwest's improper InterLATA (when applicable) and IntraLATA PIC change requests.

6.2.11 When End Users switch from Qwest to CLEC, or to CLEC from any other Reseller and if they do not change their service address to an address served by a different Central Office, such End Users shall be permitted to retain their current telephone numbers if they so desire.

6.2.12 In the event Qwest properly terminates the Provisioning of any resold services to CLEC for any reason, CLEC shall be responsible for providing any and all necessary notice to its end users of the termination. In no case shall Qwest be responsible for providing such notice to CLEC's end users. Qwest will provide notice to CLEC of Qwest's termination of a resold service on a timely basis consistent with Commission rules and notice requirements.

6.2.13 The underlying network provider of a resold service shall be entitled to receive, from the purchaser of Switched Access, the appropriate access charges pursuant to its then effective Switched Access Tariff.

6.2.14 Resold services are available where facilities currently exist and are capable of providing such services without construction of additional facilities or enhancement of existing facilities. However, if CLEC requests that facilities be constructed or enhanced to provide resold services, Qwest will construct facilities to the extent necessary to satisfy its obligations to provide basic Local Exchange Service as set forth in Qwest's Tariff and Commission rules. Under such circumstances, Qwest will develop and provide to CLEC a price quote for the construction. Construction charges associated with resold services will be applied in the same manner that construction charges apply to Qwest retail end users. If the quote is accepted by CLEC, CLEC will be billed the quoted price and construction will commence after receipt of payment.

### **6.3 Rates and Charges**

6.3.1 Wholesale discounts for resold Telecommunications Services offerings are provided in Exhibit A. The Telecommunications Services offerings available for resale but excluded from the wholesale pricing arrangement in the Agreement are available at the retail Tariff, price list, catalog, or other retail Telecommunications Services offering rates. Telecommunications Services available for resale with or without a wholesale discount are

subject to Commission-approved change, and any such changes shall apply from the effective date of such change on a going-forward basis only.

6.3.2 The Customer Transfer Charges (CTC) as specified in Exhibit A apply when transferring services to CLEC.

6.3.3 A Subscriber Line Charge (SLC), or any subsequent federally mandated charge to End Users, will continue to be paid by CLEC without discount for each local exchange line resold under this Agreement. All federal and state rules and regulations associated with SLC as found in the applicable Tariffs also apply.

6.3.4 CLEC will pay to Qwest the Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) change charge without discount for CLEC End User changes of Interexchange or IntraLATA Carriers. Any change in CLEC's End Users' Interexchange or IntraLATA Carrier must be requested by CLEC on behalf of its End User, and Qwest will not accept changes to CLEC's End Users' Interexchange or IntraLATA Carrier(s) from anyone other than CLEC.

6.3.5 CLEC agrees to pay Qwest when its End User activates any services or features that are billed on a per use or per activation basis (e.g., continuous redial, last call return, call back calling, call trace) subject to the applicable discount in Exhibit A as such may be amended pursuant to this Section. With respect to all such charges, Qwest shall provide CLEC with sufficient information to enable CLEC to bill its End Users.

6.3.6 Miscellaneous Charges applicable to services ordered for resale by CLEC will apply if such Miscellaneous Charges apply for equivalent services ordered by Qwest retail End Users, except that CLEC will receive any applicable wholesale discount. Such Miscellaneous Charges include charges listed in the applicable Tariff.

6.3.7 If the Commission orders additional services to be available for resale, Qwest will revise Exhibit A to incorporate the services added by such order into this Agreement, effective on the date ordered by the Commission. If the Commission indicates those additional services must be available for resale at wholesale discount rates, those additional services will be added to this Agreement at the original Agreement wholesale discount rate.

6.3.8 Qwest shall timely bill new or changed Commission-ordered resale rates or charges using the effective date for such rates or charges as ordered by the Commission. If Qwest bills CLEC amounts different from new or changed rates or charges after the effective date of such rates or charges, Qwest shall make appropriate bill adjustments or provide appropriate bill credits on CLEC's bill(s).

6.3.9 If rates for services resold by CLEC under this Agreement change, based on changes in Qwest's Tariffs, catalogs, price lists or other retail Telecommunications Services offerings, charges billed to CLEC for such services will be based upon the new Tariff, catalogs, price lists, or other retail Telecommunications Services offerings rates less the applicable wholesale discount, if any, as agreed to herein or as established by Commission order. The new rate will be effective upon the effective date of the Tariff, catalog, price list, or other retail Telecommunications Services offerings.

6.3.10 Product-specific nonrecurring charges as set forth in Qwest's applicable Tariffs, catalogs, price lists, or other retail Telecommunications Services offerings will apply when new or additional resold services are ordered and installed at CLEC's request for use by CLEC's End

Users. Such nonrecurring charges will be subject to the wholesale discount, if any, that applies to the underlying service being added or changed.

#### **6.4 Ordering Process**

6.4.1 CLEC, or CLEC's agent, shall act as the single point of contact for its End Users' service needs, including without limitation, sales, service design, order taking, Provisioning, change orders, training, maintenance, trouble reports, repair, post-sale servicing, Billing, collection and inquiry. CLEC's End Users contacting Qwest in error will be instructed to contact CLEC; and Qwest's End Users contacting CLEC in error will be instructed to contact Qwest. In responding to calls, neither Party shall make disparaging remarks about each other. To the extent the correct provider can be determined, misdirected calls received by either Party will be referred to the proper provider of Local Exchange Service; however, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prohibit Qwest or CLEC from discussing its products and services with CLEC's or Qwest's End Users who call the other Party seeking such information.

6.4.2 CLEC shall transmit to Qwest all information necessary for the ordering (Billing, listing and other information), installation, repair, maintenance and post-installation servicing according to Qwest's standard procedures, as described in the Qwest PCAT available on Qwest's public web site located at <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/>. Information shall be provided using Qwest's designated Local Service Request (LSR) format which may include the LSR, End User and resale forms.

6.4.3 Qwest will use the same performance standards and criteria for installation, Provisioning, maintenance, and repair of services provided to CLEC for resale under this Agreement as Qwest provides to itself, its Affiliates, its subsidiaries, other Resellers, and Qwest retail End Users. The installation, Provisioning, maintenance, and repair processes for CLEC's resale service requests are detailed in the Support Functions Section of this Agreement, and are applicable whether CLEC's resale service requests are submitted via Operational Support System or by facsimile.

6.4.4 CLEC is responsible for providing to Qwest complete and accurate End User listing information including initial and updated information for Directory Assistance Services, white pages directories, and E911/911 Emergency Services. The Ancillary Services Section of this Agreement contains complete terms and conditions for listings for Directory Assistance Services, white pages directories, and E911/911 Emergency Services.

6.4.5 If Qwest's retail End User, or the End User's new local service provider orders the discontinuance of the End User's existing Qwest service in anticipation of End User moving to a new local service provider, Qwest will render its closing bill to the End User, discontinuing Billing as of the date of the discontinuance of Qwest's service to the End User. If a CLEC that currently provides resold service to an End User, or if End User's new local service provider, orders the discontinuance of existing resold service from CLEC, Qwest will bill the existing CLEC for service through the date End User receives resold service from the existing CLEC. Qwest will notify CLEC by Operational Support System interface, facsimile, or by other agreed-upon processes when an End User moves from one CLEC to a different local service provider. Qwest will not provide CLEC with the name of the other local service provider selected by the End User.

6.4.6 CLEC shall provide Qwest and Qwest shall provide CLEC with points of contact for order entry, problem resolution and repair of the resold services. These points of contact will

be identified for both CLEC and Qwest in the event special attention is required on a service request.

6.4.7 Prior to placing orders on behalf of the End User, CLEC shall be responsible for obtaining and having in its possession Proof of Authorization (POA), as set forth in the Proof of Authorization Section of this Agreement

6.4.8 Due Date intervals for CLEC's resale service requests are established when service requests are received by Qwest through Operational Support Systems or by facsimile. Intervals provided to CLEC shall be equivalent to intervals provided by Qwest to itself, its Affiliates, its subsidiaries, other Resellers, and to Qwest's retail End Users.

## **6.5 Billing**

6.5.1 Qwest shall bill CLEC and CLEC shall be responsible for all applicable charges for the resold services as provided herein. CLEC shall also be responsible for all Tariffed, cataloged, price listed, and other retail Telecommunications Services offerings charges and charges separately identified in this Agreement associated with services that CLEC resells to an End User under this Agreement.

6.5.2 Qwest shall provide CLEC, on a monthly basis, within seven (7) to ten (10) calendar Days of the last day of the most recent Billing period, in an agreed upon standard electronic Billing format as detailed in the Section 12.2.5, Billing information including (1) a summary bill, and (2) individual End User sub-account information consistent with the samples available for CLEC review.

## **6.6 Maintenance and Repair**

6.6.1 Qwest will maintain its facilities and equipment used to provide CLEC resold services. CLEC or its End Users may not rearrange, move, disconnect or attempt to repair Qwest's facilities or equipment, including facilities or equipment that may terminate or be located at CLEC's End User's premises, other than by connection or disconnection to any interface between Qwest and the End User's facilities, without the written consent of Qwest.

6.6.2 Maintenance and repair procedures are detailed in Section 12. Access to telephone numbers and Dialing Parity are discussed in Sections 13 and 14 respectively.

6.6.3 CLEC and Qwest will employ the procedures for handling misdirected repair calls as specified in Section 12.3.8 of this Agreement.

## **Section 7.0 - INTERCONNECTION**

### **7.1 Interconnection Facility Options**

7.1.1 This Section describes the Interconnection of Qwest's network and CLEC's network for the purpose of exchanging Exchange Service (EAS/Local traffic), Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll) and Jointly Provided Switched Access (InterLATA and IntraLATA) traffic. Qwest will provide Interconnection at any Technically Feasible point within its network, including but not limited to, (i) the line-side of a local Switch (i.e., local switching); (ii) the trunk side of a local Switch, (iii) the trunk connection points for a tandem Switch, (iv) Central Office Cross Connection points, (v) out-of-band signaling transfer points necessary to exchange traffic at these points and access call-related databases, and (vi) points of access to Unbundled Network Elements. Section 9 of this Agreement describes Interconnection at points (i), (iv), (v), and (vi), although some aspects of these Interconnection points are described in Section 7. "Interconnection" is as described in the Act and refers, in this Section, to the connection between networks for the purpose of transmission and routing of telephone Exchange Service traffic and exchange access traffic at points (ii) and (iii) described above. Interconnection, which Qwest currently names "Local Interconnection Service" (LIS) is provided for the purpose of connecting End Office Switches to End Office Switches or End Office Switches to local or Access Tandem Switches for the exchange of Exchange Service (EAS/Local traffic); or End Office Switches to Access Tandem Switches for the exchange of Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll) or Jointly Provided Switched Access traffic. New or continued Qwest local tandem to Qwest access tandem and Qwest access tandem to Qwest Access Tandem Switch connections are not required where Qwest can demonstrate that such connections present a risk of Switch exhaust and that Qwest does not make similar use of its network to transport the local calls of its own or any Affiliate's End Users.

7.1.1.1 Qwest will provide to CLEC Interconnection at least equal in quality to that provided to itself, to any subsidiary, Affiliate, or any other Party to which it provides Interconnection. Notwithstanding specific language in other sections of this Agreement, all provisions of this Agreement regarding Interconnection are subject to this requirement. Qwest will provide Interconnection under rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable and non-discriminatory. In addition, Qwest shall comply with all state wholesale and retail service quality requirements.

### **7.1.2 Methods of Interconnection**

The Parties will negotiate the facilities arrangement used to interconnect their respective networks. CLEC shall establish at least one Physical Point of Interconnection in Qwest territory in each LATA CLEC has local Customers. The Parties shall establish, through negotiations, at least one of the following Interconnection arrangements: (1) a DS1 or DS3 Qwest provided facility; (2) Collocation; (3) negotiated Mid-Span Meet POI facilities; (4) Other Technically Feasible methods of Interconnection via the Bona Fide Request (BFR) Process unless a particular arrangement has been previously provided to a third party, or is offered by Qwest as a product.

7.1.2.1 Qwest-provided Facility. Interconnection may be accomplished through the provision of a DS1 or DS3 entrance facility of CLEC's determination. An entrance facility extends from the Qwest Serving Wire Center to CLEC's Switch location or any Technically Feasible POI chosen by CLEC. Qwest provided entrance facilities may not



extend beyond the area served by the Qwest Serving Wire Center. The rates for Qwest provided entrance facilities are provided in Exhibit A. Qwest's Private Line Transport service is available as an alternative to Qwest provided entrance facilities, when CLEC uses such Private Line Transport service for multiple services. Entrance facilities may be used for Interconnection with Unbundled Network Elements.

7.1.2.2 Collocation. Interconnection may be accomplished through the Collocation arrangements offered by Qwest. The terms and conditions under which Collocation will be available are described in Section 8 of this Agreement.

7.1.2.3 Mid-Span Meet POI. A Mid-Span Meet POI is a negotiated Point of Interface, limited to the Interconnection of facilities between one Party's Switch and the other Party's Switch. The actual physical Point of Interface 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. A CLEC may use remaining capability in an existing Mid-Span Meet POI to gain access to unbundled network facilities; provided that CLEC shall be obliged to compensate Qwest under the terms and conditions applicable to UNEs for the portion of the facility so used. In determining such portion, the decision shall be based to the extent practicable on the guideline that the portion so determined should correspond to the nature and extent of facilities that would be required to provide access to elements in the absence of a concurrent use for Interconnection. Qwest may seek appropriate relief from the Commission if it can demonstrate that this provision has been used to occasion the installation of new facilities that, while claimed necessary for Interconnection, were actually intended for UNE access. These Mid Span Meet POIs will consist of facilities used for the Provisioning of one or two way local/IntraLATA and Jointly Provided Switched Access Interconnection trunks, as well as miscellaneous trunks such as Mass Calling Trunks, OS/DA, 911 and including any dedicated DS1, DS3 transport trunk groups used to provision originating CLEC traffic.

7.1.2.3.1 The Mid-Span Fiber Meet architecture requires each Party to own its equipment on its side of the Point of Interconnection (POI). CLECs may designate Mid Span Fiber Meet as the target architecture, except in scenarios where it is not Technically Feasible or where the Parties disagree on midpoint location.

7.1.2.3.2 In a Mid-Span Fiber Meet the Parties agree to establish technical interface specifications for Fiber Meet arrangements that permit the successful Interconnection and completion of traffic routed over the facilities that interconnect at the Fiber Meet. CLEC is responsible for providing at its location the Fiber Optic Terminal (FOT) equipment, multiplexing, and fiber required to terminate the optical signal provided by Qwest. Qwest is responsible for providing corresponding FOT(s), multiplexing, and fiber required to terminate the optical signal provided by CLEC.

7.1.2.3.3 The Parties shall, wholly at their own expense, procure, install, and maintain the FOT(s) in each of their locations where the Parties establish a Fiber Meet with capacity sufficient to provision and maintain all trunk groups. The Parties shall mutually agree on the capacity of the FOT(s) to be utilized based on equivalent DS1s and DS3s necessary for transport of forecasted local Interconnection trunking. Each Party will also agree upon the optical frequency

and wavelength necessary to implement the Interconnection.

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

## **7.2 Exchange of Traffic**

### **7.2.1 Description**

7.2.1.1 This Section 7.2 addresses the exchange of traffic between CLEC'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 or contractual offerings for such third party terminations. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, via an amendment to this Agreement, the Parties will directly exchange traffic between their respective networks without the use of third party transit providers.

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

7.2.1.2.1 EAS/Local Exchange Service (EAS/Local) traffic as defined in this Agreement.

7.2.1.2.2 IntraLATA Toll Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll) traffic as defined in this Agreement.

7.2.1.2.3 Jointly Provided Switched Access traffic is defined in Section 7.5.1. Jointly Provided Switched Access is associated with Meet Point Billing.

7.2.1.2.4 Transit traffic is any traffic that originates from one Telecommunications Carrier's network, transits another Telecommunications Carrier's network, and terminates to yet another Telecommunications Carrier's network. For purposes of the Agreement, transit traffic does not include traffic carried by Interexchange Carriers. That traffic is defined as Jointly Provided Switched Access. Transit service is provided by Qwest, as a local and access tandem provider, to CLEC to enable the completion of calls originated by or terminated to another Telecommunications Carrier (such as another CLEC, an existing LEC, or a wireless Carrier), which is connected to Qwest's local or access tandems. To the extent that CLEC's Switch functions as a local or Access Tandem Switch, as defined in this Agreement, CLEC may also provide transit service to Qwest.

7.2.1.2.5 Traffic having special Billing or trunking requirements includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a) Directory Assistance;
- b) 911/E911;
- c) Operator busy line interrupt and verify; and

- d) Toll free services;
- e) ISP-bound traffic.

## 7.2.2 Terms and Conditions

### 7.2.2.1 Transport and Termination of Exchange Service (EAS/Local) Traffic

7.2.2.1.1 Exchange Service (EAS/Local) traffic will be terminated as Local Interconnection Service (LIS).

7.2.2.1.2 As negotiated between the Parties, the transport of Exchange Service (EAS/Local) traffic may occur in several ways:

7.2.2.1.2.1 One-way or two-way trunk groups may be established. However, if either Party elects to provision its own one-way trunks for delivery of Exchange Service (EAS/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. To the extent there is a dispute, Section 5.18 applies.

7.2.2.1.2.2 CLEC may purchase transport services from Qwest or from a third party, including a third party that has leased the Private Line Transport Service facility from Qwest. Such transport provides a transmission path for the LIS trunk to deliver the originating Party's Exchange Service EAS/Local Traffic to the terminating Party's end office or tandem for call termination. Transport may be purchased from Qwest as tandem routed (i.e., tandem switching, tandem transmission and direct trunked transport) or direct routed (i.e., direct trunked transport). This Section is not intended to alter either Party's obligation under Section 251(a) of the Act.

7.2.2.1.3 When either Party utilizes the other Party's tandem Switch for the exchange of local traffic, where there is a DS1's worth of traffic (512 CCS) between the originating Party's End Office Switch delivered to the other Party's tandem Switch for delivery to one of the other Party's End Office Switches, the originating Party will order a direct trunk group to the other Party's end office. To the extent that CLEC has established a Collocation arrangement at a Qwest end office location, and has available capacity, CLEC may, at its sole option, provide two-way direct trunk facilities from that end office to CLEC's Switch.

7.2.2.1.4 LIS ordered to a tandem will be provided as direct trunked transport between the Serving Wire Center of CLEC's POI and the tandem. Tandem transmission rates, as specified in Exhibit A of this Agreement, will apply to the transport provided from the tandem to Qwest's end office.

7.2.2.1.5 Qwest will provide Direct Trunked Transport LATA-wide where facilities are available. If Direct Trunked Transport is greater than fifty (50) miles in length, and existing facilities are not available in either Party's network, and the Parties cannot agree as to which Party will provide the facility, the Parties will construct facilities to a mid-point of the span, or Qwest will construct the entire

span and CLEC will pay one half (1/2) the expense of the entire span.

7.2.2.1.6 Regardless of the number of Location Routing Numbers (LRNs) used by a CLEC in a LATA, Qwest will route traffic destined for CLEC Customers via direct trunking where direct trunking has been established. In the event that direct trunking has not been established, such traffic shall be routed via a Qwest tandem.

#### 7.2.2.2 Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll) Traffic

7.2.2.2.1 Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll) traffic shall be delivered to Qwest at the access tandem or via separate trunks to Qwest's end office(s), as designated by CLEC.

#### 7.2.2.3 Transit Traffic

7.2.2.3.1 Qwest will accept traffic originated by CLEC for termination to another CLEC, existing LEC or wireless Carrier that is connected to Qwest's local and/or access tandems. Qwest will also terminate traffic from these other Telecommunications Carriers to CLEC. For purposes of the Agreement, transit traffic does not include traffic carried by Interexchange Carriers. That traffic is defined as Jointly Provided Switched Access.

7.2.2.3.2 To the extent Technically Feasible, the Parties involved in transporting transit traffic will deliver calls to each involved network with CCS/SS7 Protocol and the appropriate ISUP/TCAP messages to facilitate full Interoperability and Billing functions.

7.2.2.3.3 The originating company is responsible for payment of appropriate rates to the transit company and to the terminating company. In the case of Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll) traffic where Qwest is the designated IntraLATA Toll provider for existing LECs, Qwest will be responsible for payment of appropriate usage rates.

7.2.2.3.4 When Qwest receives an unqueried call from CLEC to a number that has been ported to another local services provider, the transit rate will apply.

7.2.2.4 Jointly Provided Switched Access. The Parties will use industry standards developed to handle the Provisioning and Billing of jointly provided switched access (MECAB, MECOD, and the Parties' FCC and state access Tariffs). Each Party will bill the IXC the appropriate portion of its Switched Access rates. Qwest will also provide the one-time notification to CLEC of the Billing name, Billing address and Carrier identification codes of the IXCs subtending any access tandems to which CLEC directly connects. This type of traffic is discussed separately in this Section.

7.2.2.5 Interface Code Availability. Supervisory signaling specifications, and the applicable network channel interface codes for LIS trunks can be found in the Qwest Technical Publication for Local Interconnection Service 77398.

#### 7.2.2.6 Switching Options.

7.2.2.6.1 SS7 Out of Band Signaling. SS7 Out of Band Signaling is available for LIS trunks. SS7 Out of Band Signaling must be requested on the order for the new LIS trunks. Common Channel Signaling Access Capability Service may be obtained through the following options: (a) as set forth in this Agreement at Section 9.6 or 9.13; (b) as defined in the Qwest FCC Tariff #1, Section 20; or (c) from a third party signaling provider. Each of the Parties, Qwest and CLEC, will provide for Interconnection of their signaling network for the mutual exchange of signaling information in accordance with the industry standards as described in Telcordia documents, including but not limited to GR-905 CORE, GR-954 CORE, GR-394 CORE and Qwest Technical Publication 77342.

7.2.2.6.2 Clear Channel Capability. Clear Channel Capability (64CCC) permits 24 DS0-64 Kbps services or 1.536 Mbps of information on the 1.544 Mbps/s line rate. 64CCC is available for LIS trunks equipped with SS7 Out-of-Band Signaling. 64CCC must be requested on the order for the new LIS trunks. Qwest will provide CLEC with a listing of Qwest Switches fully capable of routing 64CCC traffic through the Qwest website: <http://www.qwest.com/disclosures>. Where available to Qwest, Qwest will provide CLEC with the same 64CCC on an alternate route or if necessary via an overlay network.

7.2.2.6.3 MF Signaling. Interconnection trunks with MF signaling may be ordered by CLEC if the Qwest Central Office Switch does not have SS7 capability.

7.2.2.7 Measurement of terminating Local Interconnection Service (LIS) minutes begins when the terminating LIS entry Switch receives answer supervision from the called End User's end office indicating the called End User has answered. The measurement of terminating call usage over LIS trunks ends when the terminating LIS entry Switch receives disconnect supervision from either the called End User's end office, indicating the called End User has disconnected, or CLEC's Point of Interconnection, whichever is recognized first by the entry Switch. This is commonly referred to as "conversation time." The Parties will only charge for actual minutes of use and/or fractions thereof of completed calls. Minutes of use are aggregated at the end of the Billing cycle by end office and rounded to the nearest whole minute.

#### 7.2.2.8 LIS Forecasting

7.2.2.8.1 Both CLEC and Qwest shall work in good faith to define a mutually agreed upon forecast of LIS trunking.

7.2.2.8.2 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 call completion between the Parties' networks. Such forecasts shall be for LIS trunking that impacts the Switch capacity and facilities of each Party. Qwest shall provide trunk group specific projections to CLEC on or before the date of the joint planning meeting.

7.2.2.8.3 Switch capacity growth requiring the addition of new switching modules may require six (6) months to 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 LIS Trunk Forecast Forms for growth planning. For capacity growth, Qwest will utilize CLEC semi-annual forecasts and near-term demand submitted on Unforecast Demand Notification Forms to ensure availability of Switch capacity.

7.2.2.8.4 Each Party will utilize the forecast cycle outlined on the Qwest LIS Trunk Forecast Forms, which stipulates that forecasts be submitted on a semi-annual basis. The forecast will identify total trunking requirements for a two (2) 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 may require a six (6) month interval to complete the network build. Seven (7) months after submission of the forecast, Qwest will have the necessary capacity in place to meet orders against the forecast. For ordering information see Section 7.4. See also Section 7.2.2.8.6.

7.2.2.8.5 Both Parties will follow the forecasting and Provisioning requirements of this Agreement for the appropriate sizing of trunks, and use of direct end office vs. tandem routing. See Section 7.2.2.1.3.

7.2.2.8.6 LIS Forecasting Deposits: In the event of a dispute regarding forecast quantities, where in each of the preceding eighteen (18) months, trunks-required is less than fifty percent (50%) of trunks in service, Qwest will make capacity available in accordance with the lower forecast.

7.2.2.8.6.1 Three (3) weeks after a forecasting cycle, Qwest will provide CLEC feedback in the form of a potentially lower forecast. In the event of a dispute regarding forecast quantities, where in each of the preceding eighteen (18) months, trunks-required is less than fifty percent (50%) of trunks in service each month, Qwest will make capacity available in accordance with the higher forecast if CLEC provides Qwest with a deposit according to the following terms. As to the difference between the lower and higher forecast, Qwest reserves the right to require, prior to construction, a refundable deposit of up to one hundred percent (100%) of the trunk-group specific estimated cost to provision the new trunks, if CLEC's trunk state wide average utilization over the prior eighteen (18) months is less than fifty percent (50%) of trunks in service each month. Qwest will return the deposit if CLEC's state-wide average trunks in service to trunk usage (utilization) ratio exceeds fifty percent (50%) within six (6) months of the forecasting period to which the deposit applies. If CLEC does not achieve the fifty percent (50%) utilization within six (6) months, Qwest will retain a pro-rata portion of the deposit to cover its capital cost of Provisioning. The pro-rata shall assume a full refund when the state-wide average utilization ratio meets or exceeds fifty percent (50%) for one of the six (6) months following receipt of deposit. The pro-rata assumes half (1/2) of the deposit is refunded when the highest state-wide average utilization ratio for any one of the six (6) months after receipt of deposit is twenty-five percent (25%). In the event Qwest does not have available facilities to provision Interconnection trunking orders that CLEC forecasted and for which CLEC provided a

deposit, Qwest will immediately refund a pro rata portion of the deposit associated with its facility shortfall. Ancillary trunk groups, such as mass calling, are excluded from the ratio.

7.2.2.8.6.2 Where there is a reasonably reliable basis for doing so, Qwest shall include in the trunks-required calculation any usage by others, including but not limited to Qwest itself, of facilities for which that CLEC has made deposit payments. Qwest shall not be required to credit such usage more than once in all the trunks-required calculations it must make for all CLECs in the relevant period.

7.2.2.8.7 Joint planning meetings will be used to bring clarity to the process. Each Party will provide adequate information associated with the Qwest LIS Trunk Forecast Forms in addition to its forecasts. No later than two (2) weeks prior to the joint planning meeting, 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 CLEC 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. CLEC will be provided Interconnection trunk group data on its own trunks. Qwest shall also provide a report reflecting tandem-routed Interconnection trunking that has exceeded 512BHCCS. The information is proprietary, provided under non-disclosure and is to be used solely for Interconnection network planning.

7.2.2.8.8 In addition to the above information, CLEC shall provide:

- a) Completed Qwest LIS Trunk Forecast Forms; and
- b) Any planned use of an alternate tandem provider.

7.2.2.8.9 In addition to the above information, the following information will be available through the Local Exchange Routing Guide or the Interconnections (ICONN) Database. The LERG is available through Telcordia. ICONN is available through the Qwest Web site.

- 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 CLEC six (6) months prior to LERG amendment, the anticipation of a new local tandem Switch.

7.2.2.8.10 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>.

7.2.2.8.11 When appropriate, Qwest will notify CLEC 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. CLEC shall respond to the TGSR within ten (10) business days of receipt.

7.2.2.8.12 The following terms shall apply to the forecasting process:

7.2.2.8.12.1 CLEC forecasts shall be provided to Qwest as detailed in the standard Trunk Forecast Form;

7.2.2.8.12.2 CLEC forecasts provided to Qwest, information provided by CLEC to Qwest outside of the normal forecasting process to modify the forecast, and forecasting information disclosed by Qwest to CLEC 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.

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7.2.2.8.13 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 CLEC of Qwest's desire to resize the trunk group. Such notification shall include Qwest's information on current utilization levels. If CLEC does not submit an ASR to resize the trunk group or provide Qwest with its reasons for maintaining excess capacity 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 trunk group with less than twenty five percent (25%) excess capacity. Ancillary trunk groups are excluded from this treatment.

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

7.2.2.8.16 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 CLEC alone is the sole cause of such construction. Qwest shall initiate such proceeding within ten (10) calendar days of notifying CLEC in writing that it will not construct the requested facilities, or within ten (10) calendar days of notice from CLEC 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 CLEC will share costs in proportion to each Party's use of the overall capacity of the route involved. Qwest and CLEC may also choose to work in good faith to identify and locate alternative routes that can be used to accommodate CLEC 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.

#### 7.2.2.9 Trunking Requirements

7.2.2.9.1 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, state requirements and standards provided for in the ROC and incorporated herein by reference.

7.2.2.9.1.1 Qwest shall provide monthly reports to CLEC on all Interconnection trunk groups and quarterly reports on all interoffice trunk groups carrying EAS/local traffic between Qwest tandem Switches and Qwest End Office Switches. The reports will contain busy hour traffic data, including but not limited to, overflow and the number of trunks in each trunk group.

7.2.2.9.2 Reserved for Future Use.

7.2.2.9.3 Separate trunk groups may be established based on Billing, signaling, and network requirements. The following is the current list of traffic types that require separate trunk groups, unless specifically otherwise stated in this Agreement.

- a) Directory assistance trunks (where the Switch type requires separation from operator services trunks);
- b) 911/E911 trunks;
- c) Operator services trunks (where the Switch type requires separation from directory assistance trunks); and
- d) Mass calling trunks, if applicable.

7.2.2.9.3.1 Exchange Service (EAS/local), Exchange Access (IntraLATA toll carried solely by Local Exchange Carriers) and Jointly Provided Switched Access (InterLATA and IntraLATA toll involving a third-party IXC) may be combined in a single LIS trunk group or transmitted on separate LIS trunk groups. If traffic is combined, Section

7.3.9 of this Agreement applies.

7.2.2.9.3.2 Exchange Service (EAS/Local) traffic and Switched Access Traffic including Jointly Provided Switched Access Traffic, may be combined on the same trunk group. If combined, the originating Carrier shall provide to the terminating Carrier, each quarter, Percent Local Use (PLU) factor(s) that can be verified with individual call record detail. Call detail or direct jurisdictionalization using Calling Party Number information may be exchanged in lieu of PLU if it is available.

7.2.2.9.4 Trunk group connections will be made at a DS1 or multiple DS1 level for exchange of EAS/Local, and IntraLATA Toll/Jointly Provided Switched Access traffic. Directory Assistance, 911/E911, Operator busy line interrupt and verify; and toll free service trunk groups may be made below a DS1 level, as negotiated.

7.2.2.9.5 The Parties will provide Common Channel Signaling (CCS) to one another in conjunction with all trunk circuits, except as provided below.

a) The Parties will provision all trunking using SS7/CCS capabilities. Redundant MF signaling networks will not be provided unless specifically called for in this Agreement. Exceptions to this arrangement would be limited to operator services trunking, directory assistance trunking, 911 trunking and any others currently available in the Qwest network only on MF signaling. Qwest will not require a Bona Fide Request to accomplish Interconnection with a Qwest Central Office Switch not currently equipped for SS7 and where MF signaling is used. When the SS7/CCS option becomes available in the Qwest network for said trunking, the Parties will provision new trunks using SS7. In addition, the Parties will jointly work to convert existing trunking to SS7, as appropriate; and

b) When the Parties interconnect via CCS for Jointly Provided Switched Access Service, the tandem provider will provide MF/CCS interworking as required for Interconnection with Interexchange Carriers who use MF signaling.

7.2.2.9.6 The Parties shall terminate Exchange Service (EAS/Local) traffic on Tandem or End Office Switches. When there is a DS1 level of traffic (512 BHCCS) between CLEC's switch and a Qwest End Office Switch, Qwest may request CLEC to order a direct trunk group to the Qwest End Office Switch. CLEC shall comply with that request unless it can demonstrate that such compliance will impose upon it a material adverse economic or operations impact. Furthermore, Qwest may propose to provide Interconnection facilities to the Local Tandems or End Offices served by the Access Tandem at the same cost to CLEC as Interconnection at the Access Tandem. If CLEC provides a written statement of its objections to a Qwest cost-equivalency proposal, Qwest may require it only: (a) upon demonstrating that a failure to do so will have a material adverse affect on the operation of its network and (b) upon a finding that doing so will have no material adverse impact on the operation of CLEC, as compared with Interconnection at such Access Tandem.

7.2.2.9.6.1 If the request for Interconnection will raise the POI to a level of exhaust, Qwest may temporarily decline Interconnection at that point. If Qwest temporarily declines Interconnection at a point due to exhaust, Qwest shall provide the timeframe within which expansion will allow Interconnection, the anticipated cost of such Interconnection, and available alternatives to the requested Interconnection. If there is sufficient volume to justify a connection to a local tandem, Qwest may require such connection, but for no more than the price of interconnection with the access tandem.

7.2.2.9.7 To the extent Qwest is using a specific end office to deliver limited tandem switching functionality to itself, a wireless service provider, another CLEC, or another ILEC, it will arrange the same trunking for CLEC.

7.2.2.9.8 Alternate Traffic Routing. If CLEC has a LIS arrangement which provides two (2) paths to a Qwest end office (one (1) route via a tandem and one (1) direct route), CLEC may elect to utilize alternate traffic routing. CLEC traffic will be offered first to the direct trunk group (also referred to as the "primary high" route) and then overflow to the tandem group (also referred to as the "alternate final" route) for completion to Qwest end offices.

7.2.2.9.9 Host-Remote. When a Qwest Wire Center is served by a remote End Office Switch, CLEC may deliver traffic to the host Central Office or to the tandem. CLEC may deliver traffic directly to the remote End Office Switch only to the extent Qwest has arranged similar trunking for itself or others. For remote Switches that currently lack direct trunking capability, Qwest will accept Bona Fide Requests for trunk-side access.

#### 7.2.2.10 Testing

7.2.2.10.1 Acceptance Testing. At the time of installation of a LIS 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.

#### 7.2.2.10.2 Testing Capabilities

7.2.2.10.2.1 LIS 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.

7.2.2.10.2.2 In addition to LIS 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 Qwest Tariff rates. Testing fees will be paid by CLEC when requesting this type of testing.

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

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

## **7.3 Reciprocal Compensation**

### **7.3.1 Interconnection Facility Options**

The Reciprocal Compensation Provisions of this Agreement shall apply to the exchange of Exchange Service (EAS/Local) traffic between CLEC's network and Qwest's network. Where either Party acts as an IntraLATA Toll provider, each Party shall bill the other the appropriate charges pursuant to its respective Tariff or Price Lists. 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.

#### **7.3.1.1 Entrance Facilities**

7.3.1.1.1 Recurring and nonrecurring rates for Entrance Facilities are specified in Exhibit A and will apply for those DS1 or DS3 facilities dedicated to use by LIS.

7.3.1.1.2 If CLEC 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.

7.3.1.1.3 If the Parties elect to establish LIS two-way trunks, for reciprocal exchange of Exchange Service (EAS/Local) traffic, the cost of the LIS two-way facilities shall be shared among the Parties by reducing the LIS two-way EF rate element charges as follows:

7.3.1.1.3.1 The provider of the LIS two-way Entrance Facility (EF) will initially share the cost of the LIS two-way EF by assuming an initial relative use factor of fifty percent (50%) for a minimum of one quarter. The nominal charge to the other Party for the use of the Entrance Facility (EF), as described in Exhibit A, shall be reduced by this initial relative use factor. Payments by the other Party will be according to this initial relative use factor for a minimum of one quarter. The initial relative use factor will continue for both bill reduction and payments until the Parties agree to a new factor, based upon actual minutes of use data for non-ISP-bound traffic to substantiate a change in that factor. If either Party demonstrates with non-ISP-bound data that actual minutes of use during the first quarter justify a relative use factor other than fifty percent (50%), the Parties will retroactively true up first quarter charges. Once negotiation of a new factor is finalized, the bill reductions and payments

will apply going forward, for a minimum of one quarter. Traffic delivered to Enhanced Service Providers is interstate in nature.

7.3.1.2 Collocation

7.3.1.2.1 See Section 8.

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**7.3.2 Direct Trunked Transport**

7.3.2.1 Either Party may elect to purchase Direct Trunked Transport from the other Party.

7.3.2.1.1 Direct Trunked Transport (DTT) is available between the Serving Wire Center of the POI and the terminating Party's Tandem or End Office Switches. The applicable rates are described in Exhibit A. DTT facilities are provided as dedicated DS3, DS1 or DS0 facilities.

7.3.2.1.2 When DTT is provided to a local or access tandem for Exchange Service (EAS/local traffic), or to an access tandem for Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll), or Jointly Provided Switched Access traffic, the applicable DTT rate elements apply between the Serving Wire Center and the tandem. Additional rate elements for delivery of traffic to the terminating end office are Tandem Switching and Tandem Transmission. These rates are described below.

7.3.2.1.3 Mileage shall be measured for DTT based on V&H coordinates between the Serving Wire Center and the local/access tandem or end office.

7.3.2.1.4 Fixed Charges per DS0, DS1 or DS3 and per mile charges are defined for DTT in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

7.3.2.2 If the Parties elect to establish LIS two-way DTT trunks, for reciprocal exchange of Exchange Service (EAS/Local) traffic, the cost of the LIS two-way DTT facilities shall be shared among the Parties by reducing the LIS two-way DTT rate element charges as follows:

7.3.2.2.1 The provider of the LIS two-way DTT will initially share the cost of the LIS two-way DTT by assuming an initial relative use factor of fifty percent (50%) for a minimum of one quarter. The nominal charge to the other Party for the use of the DTT as described in Exhibit A, shall be reduced by this initial relative use factor. Payments by the other Party will be according to this initial relative use factor for a minimum of one quarter. The initial relative use factor will continue for both bill reduction and payments until the Parties agree to a new factor, based upon actual minutes of use data for non-ISP-bound traffic to substantiate a change in that factor. If either Party demonstrates with non-ISP-bound data that actual minutes of use during the first quarter justify a relative use factor other than fifty percent (50%), the Parties will retroactively true up first quarter charges. Once negotiation of a new factor is finalized, the bill reductions and payments will apply going forward, for a minimum of one quarter. Traffic delivered to Enhanced Service Providers is interstate in nature.

7.3.2.3 Multiplexing options (DS1/DS3 MUX or DS0/DS1 MUX) are available at rates described in Exhibit A.

### **7.3.3 Trunk Nonrecurring charges**

7.3.3.1 Installation non-recurring charges may be assessed by the provider for each LIS trunk ordered. Qwest rates are specified in Exhibit A.

7.3.3.2 Nonrecurring charges for rearrangement may be assessed by the provider for each LIS trunk rearrangement ordered, at one-half (1/2) the rates specified in Exhibit A.

### **7.3.4 Exchange Service (EAS/Local) Traffic**

#### **7.3.4.1 End Office Call Termination**

7.3.4.1.1 The per minute of use call termination rates as described in Exhibit A of this Agreement will apply reciprocally for Exchange Service (EAS/Local) traffic terminated at a Qwest or CLEC end office.

7.3.4.1.2 For purposes of call termination, CLEC Switch(es) shall be treated as End Office Switch(es) unless CLEC's Switch(es) meet the definition of a Tandem Switch in this Agreement in the Definitions Section.

7.3.4.1.3 Reserved for Future Use.

7.3.4.1.4 Neither Party shall be responsible to the other for call termination charges associated with third party traffic that transits such Party's network.

#### **7.3.4.2 Tandem Switched Transport**

7.3.4.2.1 For traffic delivered through a Qwest or CLEC tandem Switch (as defined in this Agreement), the tandem switching rate and the tandem transmission rate in Exhibit A shall apply per minute in addition to the end office call termination rate described above.

7.3.4.2.2 Mileage shall be measured for the tandem transmission rate elements based on V&H coordinates between the tandem and terminating end office.

7.3.4.2.3 When a Party terminates traffic to a remote Switch, tandem transmission rates will be applied for the V & H mileage between the host Switch and the remote Switch when the identity of each is filed in the NECA 4 Tariff.

7.3.4.2.4 When Qwest receives a unqueried call from CLEC to a number that has been ported to another Qwest Central Office within the EAS/Local calling area, and Qwest performs the query, mileage sensitive tandem transmission rates will apply which reflect the distance to the end office to which the call has been ported.

7.3.4.2.4.1 To determine the responsible originating Carrier of unqueried calls for purposes of identification of the Carrier to bill LNP query charges, Qwest and CLEC are required to utilize the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) database, or another database that is supported by OBF.

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7.3.4.4 CLEC may choose one (1) of the following two (2) options for the exchange of traffic subject to §251(b)(5) of the Act ("§251(b)(5) Traffic") (See Exhibit J):

7.3.4.4.1 The rates applicable to §251(b)(5) Traffic between Qwest and CLEC shall be the same as the rates established for ISP-bound traffic pursuant to Section 7.3.6.2.2. Such rate for ISP-bound traffic will apply to §251(b)(5) Traffic in lieu of End Office Call Termination rates, and Tandem Switched Transport rates.

7.3.4.4.2 Compensation rate for §251(b)(5) Traffic shall be as established by the Commission. The Parties shall cooperate in establishing a process by which §251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-bound traffic will be identified in order to compensate one another at the appropriate rates and in a prompt manner (See §7.3.6).

### **7.3.5 Miscellaneous Charges**

7.3.5.1 Cancellation charges will apply to cancelled LIS 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.

7.3.5.2 Expedites for LIS trunk orders are allowed only on an exception basis with executive approval within the same timeframes as provided for other designed services. When expedites are approved, expedite charges will apply to LIS trunk orders based on rates, terms and conditions described in Exhibit A.

7.3.5.3 Intentionally Left Blank.

### **7.3.6 ISP-bound Traffic**

7.3.6.1 Qwest elects to exchange ISP-bound traffic at the FCC ordered rates pursuant to the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order (Inter-carrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic) CC Docket 01-131 (FCC ISP Order), effective June 14, 2001. While the subsections of this 7.3.6 reference dates that precede the Effective Date, the Parties agree that the terms of such subsections apply on a prospective basis, commencing with the Effective Date. If the Parties were exchanging traffic prior to the Effective Date, then for such period prior to the Effective Date, the Parties agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the FCC ISP order as such order applies to the Interconnection agreement (i) that was in effect between the Parties when such order was adopted, and (ii) pursuant to which the Parties were exchanging such traffic.

7.3.6.2 The following usage-based compensation applies if Qwest and CLEC

were exchanging traffic pursuant to an Interconnection agreement as of the FCC's adoption of the FCC ISP Order, April 18, 2001:

7.3.6.2.1 Identification of ISP-Bound traffic -- The Parties will presume traffic delivered to a Party that exceeds a 3:1 ratio of terminating to originating traffic is ISP-bound traffic. Either Party may rebut this presumption by demonstrating the factual ratio to the state Commission.

7.3.6.2.2 Rate Caps -- ISP-bound traffic exchanged between Qwest and CLEC will be billed in accordance with a state Commission-ordered compensation rate, or as follows, whichever rate is lowest:

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7.3.6.2.2.2 \$.001 per MOU for eighteen (18) months from December 14, 2001 through June 13, 2003.

7.3.6.2.2.3 \$.0007 per MOU from June 14, 2003 until thirty six (36) months after the Effective Date or until further FCC action on intercarrier compensation, whichever is later.

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### **7.3.7 Transit Traffic**

The following rates will apply:

7.3.7.1 Local Transit: The applicable LIS tandem switching and tandem transmission rates at the assumed mileage contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement, apply to the originating Party. The assumed mileage will be modified to reflect actual mileage, where the mileage can be measured, based on negotiations between the Parties.

7.3.7.2 IntraLATA Toll Transit: The applicable Qwest Tariffed Switched Access Tandem Switching and tandem transmission rates apply to the originating CLEC or LEC. The assumed mileage contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement shall apply.

7.3.7.3 Jointly Provided Switched Access: The applicable Switched Access rates will be billed by the Parties to the IXC based on MECAB guidelines and each Party's respective FCC and state access Tariffs.

7.3.8 Signaling Parameters: Qwest and CLEC are required to provide each other the proper signaling information (e.g., originating call party number and destination call party number, etc.) to enable each Party to issue bills in a complete and timely fashion. All CCS signaling parameters will be provided including Calling Party Number (CPN), originating line information (OLI), calling party category, Charge Number, etc. All privacy indicators will be honored. If CLEC fails to provide CPN (valid originating information), and cannot substantiate technical restrictions (i.e., MF signaling) such traffic will be billed as Switched Access. Traffic sent to CLEC without CPN (valid originating information) will be handled in the following manner. The transit provider will be responsible for only its portion of this traffic, which will not exceed more than five percent (5%) of the total Exchange Service (EAS/Local) and Exchange



Access (IntraLATA Toll) traffic delivered to the other Party. Qwest will provide to CLEC, upon request, information to demonstrate that Qwest's portion of no-CPN traffic does not exceed five percent (5%) of the total traffic delivered.

7.3.9 To the extent a Party combines Exchange Service (EAS/Local), Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll carried solely by Local Exchange Carriers), and Jointly Provided Switched Access (InterLATA and IntraLATA calls exchanged with a third-party IXC) traffic on a single LIS trunk group, the originating Party, at the terminating party's request will declare quarterly PLU(s). Such PLU's will be verifiable with either call summary records utilizing Calling Party Number information for jurisdictionalization or call detail samples. The terminating Party should apportion per minute of use (MOU) charges appropriately.

## **7.4 Ordering**

7.4.1 When ordering LIS, the ordering Party shall specify requirements on the Access Service Request (ASR). 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.

7.4.2 For each NXX code assigned to CLEC by the NANPA, CLEC will provide Qwest with the CLLI codes of the Qwest tandems and the CLEC Point of Interface to which traffic associated with the NXX will be routed. For NXX codes assigned to existing LIS trunk groups, CLEC will also provide Qwest with the Qwest assigned Two-Six Code (TGSN) to which each NXX will be routed. Information that is not currently available in the LERG may be provided via the Routing Supplemental Form-Wireline available on the Qwest web site: [http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/notices/npa\\_nxxProcess.html](http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/notices/npa_nxxProcess.html). Either Party shall respond to a special request for a Supplemental Form when a single Switch is served by multiple trunk groups.

7.4.3 When either Party has ordered a DS3 Entrance facility or private line facility, that Party will order the appropriate DS1 facility required and identify the channels of the DS3 to be used to provide circuit facility assignments (CFA). Also, if either Party has provided or ordered a DS1 Entrance facility or private line facility, that Party will be responsible for identification of the DSO channels of the DS1 private line to be used to provide CFA.

7.4.4 A joint planning meeting will precede initial trunking orders. 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. The Parties will provide their best estimate of the traffic distribution to each end office subtending the tandem.

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7.4.6 Service intervals and Due Dates for initial establishment of trunking arrangements at each new Switch location of Interconnection between the Parties will be determined on an Individual Case Basis.

7.4.7 Qwest will establish intervals for the provision of LIS trunks that conform to the performance objectives set forth in Section 20. Qwest will provide notice to CLEC of any changes to the LIS trunk intervals consistent with the Change Management Process applicable to the PCAT. Operational processes within Qwest work centers are discussed as part of the

Change Management Process (CMP). Qwest agrees that CLEC shall not be held to the requirements of the PCAT.

7.4.8 The ordering Party may cancel an order at any time prior to notification that service is available. If the ordering Party is unable to accept service within thirty (30) calendar Days after the Service Date, the provider has the following options:

- a) The order will be canceled; cancellation charges as noted in 7.3.5.1 apply unless mutually agreed to by the Parties;
- b) Reserved for Future Use; and
- c) Billing for the service will commence.

In such instances, the cancellation date or the date Billing is to commence, depending on which option is selected, will be the 31<sup>st</sup> calendar Day beyond the Service Date.

7.4.9 There are two types of trunking orders – forecasted and unforecasted. Intervals for unforecasted orders shall be separately negotiated, and will depend on the availability of spare facilities. Forecasted orders will generally be installed pursuant to the intervals in Exhibit C. In the event of a dispute between the Parties on forecast quantities, CLEC may place a deposit to ensure the availability of facilities to satisfy the CLEC's forecasted trunk quantities. See Section 7.2.2.8.6. Deposit amounts shall be pursuant to Exhibit A, which shall be modified in compliance with the completion of the cost docket.

## **7.5 Jointly Provided Switched Access Services**

7.5.1 Jointly Provided Switched Access Service is defined and governed by the FCC and State Access Tariffs, Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) and Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD) Guidelines, and is not modified by any provisions of this Agreement. Both Parties agree to comply with such guidelines.

7.5.2 Qwest will agree to function as the Access Service Coordinator (ASC) as defined in the Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design Guidelines (MECOD)(Technical Reference SR-TAP-000984). Qwest will provide the operational, technical and administrative support required in the planning, Provisioning and maintenance involved in the joint access Provisioning process to the IXCs. Qwest will be unable to fulfill the role of ASC if CLEC does not fully comply with MECOD requirements, including filing CLEC end offices and billed percentages (BPs) in the NECA 4 Tariff.

7.5.3 Qwest and CLEC will each render a separate bill to the IXC, using the multiple bill, multiple Tariff option.

7.5.4 A charge will apply for Category 11-01-XX and 11-50-XX records sent in an EMR mechanized format. These records are used to provide information necessary for each Party to bill the Interexchange Carrier for Jointly Provided Switched Access Services and 8XX database queries. The charge is for each record created and transmitted and is listed in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

## **7.6 Transit Records**

7.6.1 Qwest and CLEC will exchange wireline network usage data originated by a wireline Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) where the NXX resides in a wireline LEC Switch, transits Qwest's network, and terminates to CLEC's network. Each Party agrees to provide to the other this wireline network usage data when Qwest or CLEC acts as a transit provider currently or in the future. The Parties understand that this information is Carrier protected information under §222 of the Communications Act and shall be used solely for the purposes of Billing the wireline LEC. CLEC will provide to Qwest information to be able to provide transit records on a mechanized basis when Technically Feasible. This includes, but is not limited to: service center information, Operating Company Number, and state jurisdiction. Qwest and CLEC agree to exchange wireline network usage data as Category 11-01-XX.

7.6.2 Qwest and CLEC will exchange wireless network usage data originated by a Wireless Service Provider (WSP) where the NXX resides in a WSP Switch, transits Qwest's network, and terminates to CLEC's network. Each Party agrees to provide to the other this wireless network usage data when Qwest or CLEC acts as a transit provider currently or in the future. The Parties understand that this information is Carrier protected information under §222 of the Communications Act and shall be used solely for the purposes of Billing the WSP. The CLEC will provide to Qwest information to be able to provide transit records on a mechanized basis when Technically Feasible. This includes, but is not limited to: service center information, Operating Company Number and state jurisdiction. Qwest and CLEC agree to exchange wireless network usage data as Category 11-50-XX.

7.6.3 A charge will apply for Category 11-01-XX and 11-50-XX records sent in an EMR mechanized format. These records are used to provide information necessary for each Party to bill the Originating Carrier for transit when Technically Feasible. The charge is for each record created and transmitted and is listed in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

## **7.7 Local Interconnection Data Exchange for Billing**

7.7.1 There are certain types of calls or types of Interconnection that require exchange of Billing records between the Parties, including, for example, alternate billed and toll free service calls. The Parties agree that all call types must be routed between the networks, accounted for, and settled among the Parties. Certain calls will be handled via the Parties' respective operator service platforms. The Parties agree to utilize, where possible and appropriate, existing accounting and settlement systems to bill, exchange records and settle revenue.

7.7.2 The exchange of Billing records for alternate billed calls (e.g., calling card, bill-to-third-number and collect) will be distributed through the existing CMDS processes, unless otherwise separately agreed to by the Parties.

7.7.3 Inter-Company Settlements (ICS) revenues will be settled through the Calling Card and Third Number Settlement System (CATS). Each Party will provide for its own arrangements for participation in the CATS processes, through direct participation or a hosting arrangement with a direct participant.

7.7.4 Non-ICS revenue is defined as IntraLATA collect calls, calling card calls, and billed to third number calls which originate on one (1) service provider's network and are billed by another service provider located within the same Qwest geographic specific region. The

Parties agree to negotiate and execute an agreement for settlement of non-ICS revenue. This separate arrangement is necessary since existing CATS processes do not permit the use of CATS for non-ICS revenue. The Parties agree that current message distribution processes, including the CMDS system or Qwest in-region facilities, can be used to transport the call records for this traffic.

7.7.5 Both Parties will provide the appropriate call records to the IntraLATA toll free service provider, thus permitting the service provider to bill its End Users for the inbound toll free service. No adjustments to bills via tapes, disks or NDM will be made without the mutual agreement of the Parties.

## Section 8.0 - COLLOCATION

### 8.1 Description

8.1.1 Collocation allows for the placing of equipment by CLEC at Qwest's Premises, where Technically Feasible, that is necessary for accessing Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs), ancillary services or Interconnection. Collocation includes the leasing to CLEC of physical space in Qwest Premises, as well as the resources necessary for the operation and economical use of collocated equipment, such as the use by CLEC of power; heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and cabling in Qwest's Premises. Collocation also allows CLEC to access Interconnection Distribution Frames (ICDF) for the purpose of accessing and combining Unbundled Network Elements and accessing ancillary services. There are currently eight (8) standard types of Collocation available pursuant to this Agreement – Virtual, Caged Physical, Shared Caged Physical, Cageless Physical, Interconnection Distribution Frame, Adjacent Collocation, Common Area Splitter Collocation, and Remote Collocation. Other types of Collocation may be requested through the BFR process. In addition, where Qwest may offer a new form of Collocation, CLEC may order that form as soon as it becomes available and under the terms and conditions pursuant to which Qwest offers it. The terms and conditions of any such offering by Qwest shall conform as nearly as circumstances allow to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as limiting the ability to retroactively apply any changes to such terms and conditions as may be negotiated by the Parties or ordered by the state Commission or any other competent authority.

8.1.1.1 Virtual Collocation -- A Virtual Collocation arrangement requires CLEC to purchase and deliver to Qwest CLEC's own equipment for Qwest to install, repair, and maintain in Qwest's Premises. CLEC does not have physical access to its virtually collocated equipment in the Qwest Premises.

8.1.1.2 Caged Physical Collocation -- allows CLEC to lease caged floor space for placement of its equipment within Qwest's Premises for the purpose of interconnecting with Qwest Finished Services or accessing unbundled elements. CLEC is responsible for the procurement, installation and on-going maintenance of its equipment as well as the Cross Connections required within the cage.

8.1.1.3 Cageless Physical Collocation -- is a non-caged area within a Qwest Premises. In Wire Centers, space will be made available in single frame bay increments. In Wire Centers, the current minimum square footage is nine (9) square feet per bay, however, if smaller bays are or become available, Qwest will reduce the minimum square footage accordingly. Space will be provided utilizing industry standard equipment bay configurations in which CLEC can place and maintain its own equipment. CLEC is responsible for the procurement, installation and on-going maintenance of its equipment as well as the Cross Connections required within CLEC's leased Collocation space.

8.1.1.4 Shared Caged Physical Collocation -- allows two (2) or more CLECs to share or sublease a single Collocation enclosure. Under Shared Physical Collocation, one (1) CLEC obtains a Caged Physical Collocation arrangement from Qwest pursuant to this Agreement or an approved Interconnection agreement, and another CLEC, pursuant to the terms of its Agreement or approved Interconnection agreement, may share use of that space, in accordance to terms and conditions of a sublease agreement

between the two (2) CLECs. Shared Collocation may also be established through joint Application by CLECs in which Qwest will have a separate Billing relationship with each applicant and will look to each collocating CLEC for payment of its proportionate share of the charges relating to the Collocation space. Qwest will prorate the charge for site conditioning and preparation undertaken by Qwest to construct the shared Collocation cage or condition the space for Collocation use, regardless of how many Carriers actually collocate in that cage, by determining the total charge for site preparation and allocating that charge to a collocating CLEC (and billed directly to each such CLEC) based on the percentage of the total space utilized by that CLEC as per the Collocation Application. Qwest shall not place unreasonable restrictions on CLEC's use of a Collocation cage, such as limiting CLEC's ability to contract with other CLECs to share CLEC's Collocation cage in a sublease-type arrangement. In addition, if two (2) or more CLECs who have Interconnection agreements with Qwest utilize a shared Collocation arrangement, Qwest shall permit each CLEC to order UNEs to and provision service from that shared Collocation space, regardless of which CLEC was the original collocator, directly from Qwest. Qwest shall make Shared Collocation space available in single-bay increments or their equivalent.

8.1.1.5 Interconnection Distribution Frame (ICDF) Collocation -- is offered for the purpose of facilitating CLEC's combining of Unbundled Network Elements and ancillary services. Under ICDF Collocation, CLEC need not collocate equipment in the Qwest Wire Center. With ICDF Collocation, CLEC will have access to the Qwest Wire Center and an ICDF to combine UNEs and ancillary services. The ICDF connects through tie cables to various points within the Wire Center (e.g., MDF, COSMIC™ or DSX, etc.) providing CLEC with access to UNEs and ancillary services.

8.1.1.5.1 The ICDF is a distribution frame shared by multiple providers. If CLEC desires a dedicated distribution frame for the purpose of facilitating CLEC's combination of UNEs and ancillary services, CLEC may do so through the placement of a CLEC-owned Cross Connection device collocated in the Qwest Wire Center through either Caged or Cageless Physical Collocation.

8.1.1.6 Adjacent Collocation – is available in those instances where space is legitimately exhausted in a particular Qwest Premises to accommodate Physical Collocation. Qwest shall make space available in adjacent controlled environmental vaults, controlled environmental huts, or similar structures to the extent Technically Feasible. Qwest shall permit CLEC to construct or otherwise procure such an adjacent structure on property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by Qwest, subject only to applicable OSHA, EPA, federal, state, and local safety and maintenance requirements. Such adjacent structure shall be in accordance with Qwest's design and space planning for the site. CLEC may propose the design for the adjacent structure, subject to Qwest's approval, which approval may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Qwest must provide power and physical Collocation services and facilities, subject to the same nondiscrimination requirements as applicable to any other physical Collocation arrangement. Qwest must permit CLEC to place its own equipment, including, but not limited to, copper cables, coaxial cables, fiber cables, and Telecommunications equipment, in adjacent facilities constructed by Qwest, by CLEC itself, or a third party.

8.1.1.7 Common Area Splitter Collocation – See Section 9.4 for a description.

8.1.1.8 Remote Collocation – allows CLEC to collocate equipment in or adjacent

to a Qwest Remote Premises. The terms for Remote Collocation are set forth more fully in Section 8.2.7 and 8.4.6.

8.1.1.8.1 With respect to Cross Connections for access to Subloop elements in multi-tenant environments (MTE) and field connection points (FCP), the provisions concerning Subloop access and intervals are contained in Section 9.3. This type of access and Cross Connection is not Collocation.

## **8.2 Terms and Conditions**

### **8.2.1 Terms and Conditions - All Collocation**

8.2.1.1 Qwest shall provide Collocation on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable and nondiscriminatory. In addition, Qwest shall provide Collocation in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws.

8.2.1.2 Collocation of Switching Equipment. CLEC may collocate any equipment that is necessary for Interconnection or access to Unbundled Network Elements.

8.2.1.2.1 Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexers (DSLAMS) always meet this legal standard.

8.2.1.2.2 Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) or Packet Switching also meets this legal standard when used for Interconnection or access to Unbundled Network Elements for purposes of providing Advanced Services such as xDSL. Equipment used predominantly to support DSLAMs and ATMs, such as routers and concentrators, as well as testing and network management equipment also meet this legal standard. Before any equipment that includes switching functionality is installed, CLEC must provide a written inventory to Qwest of all switching equipment and how it will be used for Interconnection or access to Unbundled Network Elements. Once CLEC establishes that it will use a certain type of equipment for Interconnection or access to Unbundled Network Elements, Qwest will allow future Collocations of similar equipment without requesting a written justification unless and until Qwest can establish to the state Commission that such equipment is not intended for Interconnection or access to Unbundled Network Elements. However, Qwest will complete the Collocation within the appropriate interval unless granted relief by the Commission.

8.2.1.2.3 Remote Switching Units (RSUs) also meet this legal standard when used for Interconnection or access to Unbundled Network Elements for purposes of providing Local Exchange Service.

8.2.1.2.4. Except as provided for in Sections 8.2.1.2.1 through 8.2.1.2.3 above, CLEC may not collocate equipment that is not necessary for Interconnection or access to Unbundled Network Elements.

8.2.1.3 CLEC must identify what transmission and Cross Connection equipment will be installed and the vendor technical specifications of such equipment so that Qwest may verify the appropriate power, floor loading, heat release, environmental particulate level, HVAC, and tie cables to CLEC-provided cross-connection device.

8.2.1.4 Demarcation Points for Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) and ancillary services. The Demarcation Point for Unbundled Network Elements and ancillary services is that physical point where Qwest shall terminate its Unbundled Network Elements and ancillary services for access by CLEC. There are two (2) standard Demarcation Points where Unbundled Network Elements and ancillary services may be delivered to CLEC. CLEC shall specify its choice of standard Demarcation Points for its access to UNEs and ancillary services. One available Demarcation Point is at CLEC-provided Cross Connection equipment in CLEC's Physical or Virtual Collocation space. Alternatively, the Demarcation Point can be at an Interconnection Distribution Frame (ICDF) or may be established at a location jointly agreed to by CLEC and Qwest. To the extent CLEC selects a Demarcation Point outside of its collocated space, CLEC shall provide and Qwest shall install the tie cables from CLEC's collocated equipment to the Demarcation Point. Alternatively, Qwest shall provide and install these tie cables, at CLEC's expense.

8.2.1.5 Qwest will provide a connection between Unbundled Network Elements and ancillary services and a Demarcation Point. Such connection is an Interconnection Tie Pair (ITP). The Demarcation Point shall be:

- a) at CLEC-provided cross-connection equipment located in CLEC's Virtual or Physical Collocation space; or
- b) if CLEC elects to use ICDF Collocation, at the Interconnection Distribution Frame (ICDF); or
- c) if CLEC elects to use an ICDF in association with Virtual or Physical Collocation, at the ICDF;
- d) at a direct connection point of termination as described in Section 8.3.1.11.2; or
- e) at another Demarcation Point mutually-agreed to by the Parties.

8.2.1.6 CLEC may purchase Qwest's finished Private Line or Switched Access services via applicable Tariff terms and conditions. These services will be terminated at the Demarcation Point.

8.2.1.7 For Caged and Cageless Physical Collocation and Virtual Collocation, CLEC must lease space for the placement of CLEC's equipment within Qwest's Premises. Qwest will provide the structure that is necessary in support of Collocation including physical space, a cage (for Caged Physical Collocation), required cabling between equipment and other associated hardware.

8.2.1.8 All equipment shall meet and be installed in accordance with Network Equipment Building System (NEBS) Level 1 safety standards. Qwest shall provide standard Premises alarming pursuant to Qwest Technical Publication 77385. Qwest shall not impose safety or engineering requirements on CLEC that are more stringent than the safety or engineering requirements Qwest imposes on its own equipment located on its Premises.

8.2.1.9 Space Availability Report -- Upon request by CLEC, Qwest will submit to



a requesting CLEC within ten (10) calendar Days of CLEC's request, a report for each requested Premises, that includes:

- a) Available Collocation space in a particular Qwest Premises;
- b) Number of collocators;
- c) Any modifications in the use of the space since the last report;
- d) Measures that Qwest is taking to make additional space available for Collocation;
- e) Whether sufficient power is available to meet the specific CLEC request;
- f) Number of CLECs in queue at the Premises, if any;
- g) Whether the Wire Center is equipped with DS3 capability; and
- h) The number and description of Qwest and its Affiliates and CLEC reservations of space.

8.2.1.9.1 A Space Availability Report Charge in Exhibit A will apply to each Space Availability Report requested by CLEC and shall apply on per Premises basis. Rates and justification for the charge deferred to Cost Docket.

8.2.1.9.2 Inventory Report – Remote Premises. The locations of the Remote Premises (e.g., Feeder Distribution Interfaces, "FDI") and the Customer addresses served by each Remote Premises are available to CLECs through the Raw Loop Data Tool. Remote Premises with Digital Loop Carrier and Pair Gain equipment will be provided on the web site in the ICONN database. (ICONN is available through the Qwest web site located at <http://www.qwest.com/iconn>). If CLEC is unable to determine the information it seeks regarding Remote Premises after using such database tools, Qwest will provide CLEC with a report that contains the information. The Parties agree that a charge may apply to such report, based on time and material, unless the database information is inaccurate or unusable for the Remote Premises then no charge would apply. Qwest will provide CLEC access to relevant plats, maps, engineering records and other data in accordance with Section 10.8.2.4. In addition, CLEC can request a copy of Qwest's distribution area map associated with the Remote Premises, with a charge for time and material.

8.2.1.10 Collocation is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests for Collocation may be denied due to the legitimate lack of sufficient space in a Qwest Premises for placement of CLEC's equipment. If Qwest determines that the amount of space requested by CLEC for Caged Physical Collocation is not available, but a lesser amount of space is available, that lesser amount of space will be offered to CLEC for Caged Physical Collocation. Alternatively, CLEC will be offered Cageless Physical Collocation (single frame bay increments), or Virtual Collocation as an alternative to Caged Physical Collocation. In the event the original Collocation request is not available due to lack of sufficient space, and CLEC did not specify an alternative form of

Collocation on the original order form, CLEC will be required to submit a new order for CLEC's preferred alternative Collocation arrangement. If CLEC identifies alternate choices for Collocation on its original Collocation request, Qwest will determine the feasibility of the next preferred option in the event CLEC's first choice is not available. To the extent possible, Qwest shall make contiguous space available to CLEC when it seeks to expand its existing Collocation space. Where adjoining space is not available, Qwest will engineer a route for CLEC to provide facilities between the non-adjointing CLEC Collocation spaces as part of the Collocation order. When planning renovations of existing facilities or constructing or leasing new facilities, Qwest shall take into account projected demand for Collocation of equipment.

8.2.1.10.1 Space Denial Queue – Qwest will maintain a list of denied Collocation requests, in order of the date of receipt (Space Denial Queue), for each Premises where Qwest has exhausted Collocation space. A separate queue will be maintained for each Premises. When space becomes available in a Premises in which a queue has developed, Qwest will inform CLECs in the queue that space for Collocation has become available. If there is insufficient space to accommodate all CLECs in queue, Qwest shall notify CLECs of the availability of space in accordance with CLEC's position in the queue. CLEC must respond within ten (10) calendar Days of receipt of notification from Qwest with a new Collocation Application. If CLEC does not provide a Collocation Application within ten (10) calendar Days of receipt of notification, or if CLEC responds that it no longer requires the Collocation space, CLEC shall be removed from the queue and the available space shall be offered to the next CLEC in the queue. If the space made available to a CLEC in the queue is not sufficient to meet such CLEC's needs, such CLEC may deny the space that becomes available and keep its position in the queue.

8.2.1.11 If Qwest denies a request for Collocation in a Qwest Premises due to space limitations, Qwest shall allow CLEC representatives to tour the entire Premises escorted by Qwest personnel within ten (10) calendar days of CLEC's receipt of the denial of space, or a mutually agreed upon date. Qwest will review the detailed floor plans for the Premises with CLEC during the tour, including Qwest reserved or optioned space. Such tour shall be without charge to CLEC. If, after the tour of the Premises, Qwest and CLEC disagree about whether space limitations at the Premises make Collocation impractical, Qwest and CLEC may present their arguments to the Commission. In addition, if after the fact it is determined that Qwest has incorrectly identified the space limitations, Qwest will honor the original Collocation Application date for determining RFS unless both parties agree to a revised date.

8.2.1.12 Qwest shall submit to the Commission, subject to any protective order as the Commission may deem necessary, detailed floor plans or diagrams of any Premises where Qwest claims that Physical Collocation is not practical because of space limitations. See 8.2.1.9.

8.2.1.13 Qwest will maintain a publicly available document, posted for viewing on the Internet, (<http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/notices/collo/spaceAvail.html>) indicating all Premises that are full, and will update this document within ten (10) calendar Days of the date at which a Premises runs out of physical space and will update the document within ten (10) calendar Days of the date that space becomes available. In addition, the publicly available document shall include, based on information Qwest develops through

the Space Availability Report process, the Reservation Process, or the Feasibility Study Process: <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/notices/collo/spaceavail.html>.)

- a) Number of CLECs in queue at the Premises, if any;
- b) Premises that have not been equipped with DS3 capability;
- c) Estimated date for completion of power equipment additions that will lift the restriction of Collocation at the Premises;
- d) Address of the Remote Premises that have been inventoried for Remote Collocation, and if the Remote Premises cannot accommodate Collocation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Qwest web site will list and update within the ten (10) Day period, all Wire Centers that are full, whether or not there has been a CLEC requested Space Availability Report.

#### 8.2.1.14 Reclamation and Reconditioning of Space

8.2.1.14.1 Reclamation of Space -- Reclamation of space is performed by Qwest removing unused, obsolete Qwest equipment to make space for equipment use. The cost of removal of the obsolete unused equipment shall be borne by Qwest.

8.2.1.14.1.1 If CLEC issues a forecast or reservation for Collocation, Qwest shall use its best judgement to determine whether it would be appropriate to reclaim space and or equipment to meet expected Collocation requirements.

8.2.1.14.1.2 If CLEC issues a Collocation Application and unused, obsolete equipment must be removed to provide the requested Collocation, Qwest will affirmatively remove such unused, obsolete equipment as necessary to fulfill the Collocation request within the applicable interval set forth in section 8.4.

8.2.1.14.2 Reconditioning of Space -- Reconditioning of space is the remodeling of space for equipment use, such as, but not limited to, adding HVAC. The Collocation feasibility study will identify whether reconditioning of space is available and necessary to meet CLEC needs for Collocation. If requested by CLEC, Qwest will assess the cost of such reconditioning, provide a quote to CLEC for the costs, and upon Acceptance of quote by CLEC, perform the necessary work to recondition the space. For reconditioned space, CLEC is responsible for prorated charges based on the amount of space requested.

8.2.1.15 Cancellation of Collocation Request. CLEC may cancel a Collocation request prior to the completion of the request by Qwest by submitting a written request by certified mail to the Qwest account manager. CLEC shall be responsible for payment of all costs incurred by Qwest up to the point when the cancellation is received.

8.2.1.16 Qwest may retain a limited amount of floor space for its own specific

future uses, provided, however, that neither Qwest nor any of its Affiliates may reserve space for future use on terms more favorable than those that apply to CLEC's reservation of Collocation space for CLEC's own future use. Qwest shall relinquish any space held for future use before denying a request for Virtual Collocation on the grounds of space limitations, unless Qwest proves to the Commission that Virtual Collocation at that point is not Technically Feasible.

8.2.1.17 In addition to the requirements of Section 8.2.1.8, all Collocation installation and structures shall meet applicable earthquake safety rating requirements comparable to and to the same extent that Qwest installations and structures meet earthquake rating requirements as contained in the Network Equipment Building System (NEBS) - BR GR-63-CORE document. A list of Qwest Premises and the applicable related earthquake ratings is available for review on the Qwest website at: <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/pcat/collocation.html>.

8.2.1.18 Qwest will review the security requirements, issue keys, ID cards and explain the access control processes to CLEC. The access control process includes but is not limited to the requirement that all CLEC approved personnel are subject to trespass violations if they are found outside of designated and approved areas or if they provide access to unauthorized individuals. Likewise, Qwest personnel are subject to trespass violations if they are found to be wrongfully inside CLEC physical caged collocated areas or if they wrongfully provide access to unauthorized individuals.

8.2.1.18.1 Qwest will take all reasonable measures to insure that CLEC equipment collocated in Qwest Premises is afforded physical security at Parity with Qwest's similarly situated equipment. Should an event occur within a Qwest Premises that suggests vandalism or other tampering with CLEC's equipment, Qwest will, at CLEC's request, vigorously and thoroughly investigate the situation. CLEC shall cooperate in the investigation as requested by Qwest. Qwest will keep CLEC apprised of the progress of any investigation, and report any conclusions in a timely manner.

8.2.1.19 Qwest shall provide access to CLEC's collocated equipment and existing eyewash stations, bathrooms, and drinking water within the Premises on a twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) Days per week basis for CLEC personnel and its designated agents. Such access shall be permitted without requiring either a security escort of any kind or delaying CLEC's employees entry into Qwest Premises. Qwest shall provide CLEC with access to other basic facilities, including parking, where available on a first-come, first-served basis.

8.2.1.20 CLEC shall be restricted to corridors, stairways, and elevators that provide direct access to CLEC's space, or to the nearest restroom facility from CLEC's designated space, and such direct access will be outlined during CLEC's orientation meeting. Access shall not be permitted to any other portion of the building.

8.2.1.21 Nothing herein shall be construed to limit CLEC's ability to obtain more than one form of Collocation (i.e., Virtual, Caged, Shared and Cageless Physical Collocation or ICDF Collocation) in a single Premises, provided space is available.

8.2.1.22 Termination of Collocation Arrangement. CLEC may terminate a completed Collocation arrangement by submitting a written request via certified mail to

the Qwest account manager. Qwest shall provide CLEC a quotation for the costs of removing CLEC's collocated equipment and associated cabling and structure, which will be paid by CLEC within thirty (30) Days of the removal of the equipment by Qwest. CLEC will not be charged for the removal of equipment or cabling that is owned and removed by CLEC in their Physical Collocation space.

8.2.1.23 Qwest shall design and engineer the most efficient route and cable racking for the connection between CLEC's equipment in its collocated spaces to the collocated equipment of another CLEC located in the same Qwest Premises; or to CLEC's own non-contiguous Collocation space. The most efficient route generally will be over existing cable racking, to the extent Technically Feasible, but to determine the most efficient route and cable racking, Qwest shall consider all information provided by CLEC in the Application form, including but not limited to, distance limitations of the facilities CLEC intends to use for the connection and shall consider any applicable ANSI standards for cable distance limitations. If the length of the most efficient route exceeds any such distance limitations, Qwest will notify CLEC of available options. When CLEC notifies Qwest of CLECs preferred option, Qwest will proceed with the route design and quote preparation. If CLEC elects to have Qwest provide the channel regeneration, the quote will include the applicable charges. CLEC shall have access to the designated route and construct such connection, using copper, coax, optical fiber facilities, or any other Technically Feasible method utilizing a vendor of CLEC's own choosing. CLEC may place its own fiber, coax, copper cable, or any other Technically Feasible connecting facilities outside of the actual physical Collocation space, subject only to reasonable NEBS Level 1 safety limitations using the route specified by Qwest. CLEC may perform such Interconnections at the ICDF, if desired. CLEC may interconnect its network as described herein to any other collocating Carrier, to any collocated Affiliate of CLEC, to any End User's premises, and may interconnect CLEC's own collocated space and/or equipment (e.g., CLEC's Physical Collocation and CLEC's Virtual Collocation on the same Premises). CLEC-to-CLEC Connections shall be ordered either as part of an Application for Collocation under Section 8.4, or separately from a Collocation Application in accordance with Section 8.4.7. CLEC-to-CLEC Cross Connections at an ICDF are available, as follows:

8.2.1.23.1 CLEC-to-CLEC Cross Connections at the ICDF:

8.2.1.23.1.1 CLEC-to-CLEC Cross Connection (COCC-X) is defined as CLEC's capability to order a cross-connection from its Collocation in a Qwest Premises to its non-adjacent Collocation space or to another CLEC's Collocation within the same Qwest Premises at the ICDF.

8.2.1.23.1.2 Qwest will provide the capability to combine these separate Collocations through an Interconnection Distribution Frame (ICDF). This is accomplished by the use of CLECs' Connecting Facility Assignment (CFA) terminations residing at an ICDF. Also, ICDF Cross Connections must terminate on the same ICDF at the same service rate level.

8.2.1.23.1.3 If CLEC has its own Dedicated ICDF, CLEC is responsible for ordering tie cables to the common ICDF frame/bay where the other CLEC resides. These tie cables would be ordered through the

existing Collocation Application form.

8.2.1.23.1.4 CLEC is responsible for the end-to-end service design that uses ICDF cross-connection to ensure that the resulting service meets its Customer's needs. This is accomplished by CLEC using the Design Layout Record (DLR) for the service connection. Depending on the distance parameters of the combination, regeneration may be required.

8.2.1.23.1.5 If two (2) CLECs are involved, one CLEC acts as the "ordering" CLEC. The ordering CLEC identifies both connection CFA's on the ASR. CLEC requests service order activity by using the standard ASR forms. These forms are agreed upon nationally at the OBF (Ordering and Billing Forum). Refer to the DMP (Document Management Platform)/Carrier/Carrier Centers/"A"/"ASOG" for copies of all forms including definitions of the fields. CLEC is responsible for obtaining these forms. Qwest must not reproduce copies for its Customers, as this is a copyright violation. The standard industry forms for CLEC-to-CLEC Cross Connections (COCC-X) are: Access Service Request (ASR), Special Access (SPE) and Additional Circuit Information (ACI).

8.2.1.24 Qwest will provide CLEC the same connection to the network as Qwest uses for provision of services to Qwest End Users. The direct connection to Qwest's network is provided to CLEC through direct use of Qwest's existing Cross Connection network. CLEC and Qwest will share the same distributing frames for similar types and speeds of equipment, where Technically Feasible and space permitting.

8.2.1.25 CLEC terminations will be placed on the appropriate Qwest Cross Connection frames using standard engineering principles. CLEC terminations will share frame space with Qwest terminations on Qwest frames without a requirement for an intermediate device.

8.2.1.26 If CLEC disagrees with the selection of the Qwest cross-connection frame, CLEC may request a tour of the Qwest Premises to determine if Cross Connection frame alternatives exist, and may request use of an alternative frame or an alternative arrangement, such as direct connections from CLEC's Collocation space to the MDF or COSMIC™ frame.

8.2.1.27 Conversions of the various Collocation arrangements (e.g., Virtual to Physical) will be considered on an Individual Case Basis. However, conversions from Virtual Collocation to Cageless Physical Collocation, where the conversion only involves an administrative and Billing change, and the virtually collocated equipment is located in a space where Cageless Physical Collocation is available, shall be completed in thirty (30) calendar Days. CLEC must pay all associated conversion charges.

8.2.1.28 Qwest shall permit CLEC to construct or subcontract the construction and build-out of Physical Collocation arrangements with contractors approved by Qwest. Such CLEC construction of Physical Collocation arrangements are for within CLEC's physical space including the cage, if appropriate, frames, and cable racking, and also outside CLEC's physical space, CLEC may install the tie cables, blocks, and terminations on the ICDF or for CLEC-to-CLEC connections. Qwest approval of CLEC

contractors involves security access arrangements and shall not be unreasonably withheld. CLEC is not required to use Qwest or Qwest contracted personnel for the engineering and installation of CLEC's collocated equipment. Approval by Qwest of CLEC's employees, vendors or subcontractors shall be based on the same criteria that Qwest uses in approving contractors for its own purposes.

8.2.1.29 Qwest will provide CLEC with written notification at least five (5) business days before any scheduled non-emergency AC or DC power work in the collocated facility that may cause a power disruption to CLEC equipment located in the Qwest facility. This does not include notification of routine power testing or power installation work not expected to cause a power disruption. Qwest will use diligent efforts to notify CLEC by the Abnormal Condition Report (ACR) of: (a) general power outages as soon as Qwest becomes aware that an outage is to take place or has occurred and (b) any emergency power disruption that would impact CLEC equipment no later than thirty (30) minutes after such activity commences. Finally, Qwest shall immediately notify CLEC by ACR if an alarm condition exists with respect to the monitoring of power that poses a material risk to the continued operation of CLEC equipment.

## **8.2.2 Terms and Conditions - Virtual Collocation**

8.2.2.1 Qwest is responsible for installing, maintaining, and repairing virtually collocated equipment for the purpose of Interconnection or to access UNEs, ancillary and Finished Services. When providing Virtual Collocation, Qwest shall install, maintain, and repair collocated equipment within the same time periods and with failure rates that are no greater than those that apply to the performance of similar functions for comparable equipment of Qwest.

8.2.2.2 CLEC will not have physical access to the virtually collocated equipment in the Qwest Premises. However, CLEC will have physical access to the Demarcation Point in the Qwest Premises.

8.2.2.3 CLEC will be responsible for obtaining and providing to Qwest administrative codes (e.g., common language codes) for all equipment provided by CLEC and installed in Qwest Premises.

8.2.2.4 CLEC shall ensure that upon receipt of CLEC's virtually collocated equipment by Qwest, all warranties and access to ongoing technical support are passed through to Qwest at CLEC's expense. CLEC shall advise the manufacturer and seller of the virtually collocated equipment that CLEC's equipment will be possessed, installed and maintained by Qwest.

8.2.2.5 CLEC's virtually collocated equipment must comply with Telcordia Network Equipment Building System (NEBS) Level 1 safety standards and any statutory (local, state or federal) and/or regulatory requirements in effect at the time of equipment installation or that subsequently become effective. CLEC shall provide Qwest interface specifications (e.g., electrical, functional, physical and software) of CLEC's virtually collocated equipment. Such safety and engineering standards shall apply to CLEC equipment only to the degree that they apply to Qwest equipment located in Qwest's Premises.

8.2.2.6 CLEC must specify all software options and associated plug-ins for its virtually collocated equipment.

8.2.2.7 CLEC will be responsible for payment of Qwest's initial direct training charges associated with training Qwest employees for the maintenance, operation and installation of CLEC's virtually collocated equipment when such equipment is different than the standard equipment used by Qwest in that Premises. This includes per diem charges (*i.e.*, expenses based upon effective Qwest labor agreements), travel and lodging incurred by Qwest employees attending a vendor-provided training course.

8.2.2.8 CLEC will be responsible for payment of reasonable charges incurred in the maintenance and/or repair of CLEC's virtual collocated equipment in accordance with this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CLEC shall not be responsible for any costs or charges incurred in the maintenance and/or repair of CLEC's virtually collocated equipment where such costs or charges result from Qwest's fault or negligence.

### **8.2.3 Terms and Conditions - Caged and Cageless Physical Collocation**

8.2.3.1 Qwest shall provide Caged and Cageless Physical Collocation to CLEC for access to UNEs and ancillary services and Interconnection, except that Qwest may provide Virtual Collocation if Qwest demonstrates to the Commission that Physical Collocation is not practical for technical reasons or because of space limitations, as provided in Section 251(c)(6) of the Act.

8.2.3.2 Physical Collocation is offered in Premises on a space-available, first come, first-served basis.

8.2.3.3 Reserved for Future Use.

8.2.3.4 Qwest will design the floor space in the most efficient manner possible within each Premises that will constitute CLEC's leased space. CLEC will, in accordance with the other terms and conditions of this Section, have access to its leased space.

8.2.3.5 When Qwest constructs the collocated space, Qwest will ensure that the necessary construction work (e.g., racking, ducting and caging for Caged Physical Collocation) is performed pursuant to Qwest Technical Publication 77350, including all construction of CLEC's leased physical space and the riser from the vault to the leased physical space.

8.2.3.6 CLEC owns or leases and is responsible for the installation, maintenance and repair of its equipment located within the physically collocated space leased from Qwest.

8.2.3.7 Qwest shall permit CLEC to commence installation of its equipment prior to completion of Qwest's work on the remaining Collocation infrastructure, at no additional charge to CLEC. Such "early access" date will be negotiated by Qwest and CLEC on a site specific basis. In order to obtain early access, CLEC must pay eighty percent (80%) of the remaining fifty percent (50%) of the quoted nonrecurring charges before early access is granted, leaving a holdback of ten percent (10%) of the originally quoted nonrecurring charges. All appropriate (*i.e.* space and cable racking) recurring



charges will begin on a negotiated date. The enclosure for Caged Physical Collocation must be complete before early access is granted. Such early access by CLEC shall not interfere with the work remaining to be performed by Qwest.

8.2.3.8 Upon completion of the construction of the Collocation project, Qwest will work cooperatively with CLEC in matters of joint testing and maintenance.

8.2.3.9 If, during installation, Qwest determines CLEC activities or equipment do not comply with the NEBS Level 1 safety standards listed in this Section or are in violation of any Applicable Laws or regulations all equally applied to Qwest, Qwest has the right to stop all installation work until the situation is remedied. Qwest shall provide written notice of the non-compliance to CLEC and such notice will include: (1) identification of the specific equipment and/or installation not in compliance; (2) the NEBS 1 safety requirement that is not met by the equipment and/or installation; (3) the basis for concluding that CLEC equipment and/or installation does not meet the safety requirement; and (4) a list of all equipment that Qwest locates at the Premises in question, together with an affidavit attesting that all of that equipment meets or exceeds the safety standard that Qwest contends CLEC's equipment fails to meet. If such conditions pose an immediate threat to the safety of Qwest employees, interfere with the performance of Qwest's service obligations, or pose an immediate threat to the physical integrity of the conduit system, cable facilities or other equipment in the Premises, Qwest may perform such work and/or take action as is necessary to correct the condition at CLEC's expense. In the event CLEC disputes any action Qwest seeks to take or has taken pursuant to this provision, CLEC may pursue immediate resolution by the Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction.

8.2.3.10 All equipment placed will be subject to random safety audits conducted by Qwest. These audits will determine whether the equipment meets the NEBS Level 1 safety standards required by this Agreement. CLEC will be notified of the results of this audit. If, at any time, pursuant to a random audit or otherwise, Qwest determines that the equipment or the installation does not meet the NEBS standards described in Section 8.2.1.8, CLEC will be responsible for the costs associated with the removal, modification to, or installation of the equipment to bring it into compliance. Qwest shall provide written notice of the non-compliance to CLEC, and such notice will include: (1) identification of the specific equipment and/or installation not in compliance; (2) the NEBS 1 safety requirement that is not met by the equipment and/or installation; (3) the basis for concluding that CLEC's equipment and/or installation does not meet the safety requirement; and (4) a list of all equipment that Qwest locates at the Premises in question, together with an affidavit attesting that all of that equipment meets or exceeds the safety standard that Qwest contends CLEC's equipment fails to meet. If CLEC fails to correct any non-compliance within fifteen (15) calendar Days of written notice of non-compliance, or if such non-compliance cannot be corrected within fifteen (15) calendar Days of written notice of non-compliance, and if CLEC fails to take all appropriate steps to correct any non-compliance as soon as reasonably possible, Qwest may pursue immediate resolution by the Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction. If there is an immediate threat to the safety of Qwest employees, or an immediate threat to the physical integrity of the conduit system, cable facilities, or other equipment in the Premises, Qwest may perform such work and/or take such action as is necessary to correct the condition at CLEC's expense.

8.2.3.11 Qwest shall provide basic telephone service with a connection jack at the

request of CLEC for Caged or Cageless Physical Collocated space. Upon CLEC's request, this service shall be available per standard Qwest business service Provisioning processes and rates.

8.2.3.12 For Caged Physical Collocation, CLEC's leased floor space will be separated from other CLECs and Qwest space through a cage enclosure. Qwest will construct the cage enclosure or CLEC may choose from Qwest approved contractors or may use another vendor of CLEC's own choosing, subject to Qwest's approval which may not be unreasonably withheld, to construct the cage enclosure. All CLEC equipment placed will meet NEBS Level 1 safety standards, and will comply with any local, state, or federal regulatory requirements in effect at the time of equipment installation or that subsequently become effective.

8.2.3.13 For Cageless Physical Collocation in a Wire Center, the minimum square footage is nine (9) square feet per bay (however, if smaller bays are or become available, Qwest will reduce the minimum square footage accordingly). Requests for multiple bay space will be provided in adjacent bays where possible. When contiguous space is not available, bays may be commingled with other CLECs' equipment bays. CLEC may request, through the Qwest Space Reclamation Policy, a price quote to rearrange Qwest equipment to provide CLEC with adjacent space.

#### **8.2.4 Transmission Facility Access to Collocation Space**

8.2.4.1 For Virtual or Physical Collocation, CLEC may select from four (4) optional methods for facility access to its Collocation space. They include: 1) fiber entrance facilities, 2) purchasing private line or Access Services, 3) Unbundled Network Elements; and 4) microwave entrance facilities. Other entrance facility technologies may be requested through the BFR process.

8.2.4.2 Collocation Fiber Entrance Facilities. Qwest offers three (3) Fiber Collocation Entrance Facility options – Standard Fiber Entrance Facility, Cross-Connect Fiber Entrance Facility, and Express Fiber Entrance Facilities. These options apply to Caged and Cageless Physical Collocation and Virtual Collocation. Fiber Entrance Facilities provide the connectivity between CLEC's collocated equipment within the Qwest Wire Center and a Collocation Point of Interconnection (C-POI) outside the Qwest Wire Center where CLEC shall terminate its fiber-optic facility, except the Express Fiber Entrance Facilities.

8.2.4.3 CLEC is responsible for providing its own fiber facilities to the C-POI outside Qwest's Wire Center. Qwest will extend the fiber cable from the C-POI to a Fiber Distribution Panel (FDP). Additional fiber, conduit and associated riser structure will then be provided by Qwest from the FDP to continue the run to CLEC's leased Collocation space (Caged or Cageless Physical Collocation) or CLEC's equipment (Virtual Collocation). The Qwest provided facility from the C-POI to the leased Collocation space (Physical Collocation) or CLEC equipment (Virtual Collocation) shall be considered the Collocation Fiber Entrance Facility. The preceding provisions do not apply to Express Fiber Entrance Facility, which provides that CLEC fiber will be pulled to CLEC Collocation equipment without splices or termination on an FDP.

8.2.4.3.1 Standard Fiber Entrance Facility -- The standard fiber entrance facility provides fiber connectivity between CLEC's fiber facilities delivered to the

C-POI and CLEC's Collocation space in increments of 12 fibers. CLEC's fiber cable is spliced into a Qwest-provided shared fiber entrance cable that consists of six buffer tubes containing 12 fibers each for a 72 fiber cable. The 72 fiber cable shall be terminated on a Fiber Distribution Panel (FDP). A 12 fiber Interconnection cable is placed between CLEC's Collocation space and the FDP. The FDP provides Qwest with test access and a connection point between the transport fiber and CLEC's Interconnection cable.

8.2.4.3.2 Cross-Connect Fiber Entrance Facility -- The cross-connect fiber entrance facility provides fiber connectivity between CLEC's fiber facilities delivered to a C-POI and multiple locations within the Qwest Wire Center. CLEC's fiber cable is spliced into a Qwest provided shared fiber entrance cable in 12 fiber increments. The Qwest fiber cable consists of six buffer tubes containing 12 fibers each for a 72 fiber cable. The 72 fiber cable terminates in a fiber distribution panel. This fiber distribution panel provides test access and flexibility for Cross Connection to a second fiber distribution panel. Fiber Interconnection cables in 4 and 12 fiber options connect the second fiber distribution panel and equipment locations in the Qwest Wire Center. This option has the ability to serve multiple locations or pieces of equipment within the Qwest Wire Center. This option provides maximum flexibility in distributing fibers within the Wire Center and readily supports Virtual and Cageless Physical Collocation and multiple CLEC locations in the office. This option also supports transitions from one form of Collocation to another.

8.2.4.3.3 Express Fiber Entrance Facility – Qwest will place CLEC-provided fiber cable from the C-POI directly to CLEC's Collocation space. The fiber cable placed in the Wire Center must meet NEBS Level 1 fire rating requirements. If CLEC provided cable does not meet NEBS Level 1 fire rating requirements then a transition splice will occur in the cable vault to insure that the cable within the Qwest Wire Center meets requirements. This option will not be available if there is only one (1) conduit with two (2) unused innerducts (one (1) for emergency restoral and one (1) for a shared entrance cable).

8.2.4.4 Qwest will designate the location of the C-POI for Virtual, Caged Physical or Cageless Physical Collocation arrangements.

8.2.4.5 The Collocation entrance facility is assumed to be fiber optic cable and meets industry standards (GR. 20 Core). Metallic sheath cable is not considered a standard Collocation entrance facility. Requests for non-standard entrances will be considered through the BFR process described in the Bona Fide Request Process Section of this Agreement. All costs and Provisioning intervals for non-standard entrances will be developed on an Individual Case Basis.

8.2.4.6 Qwest shall provide an Interconnection point or points, physically accessible by both Qwest and CLEC, at which the fiber optic cable carrying CLEC's circuits can enter Qwest's Wire Center, provided that Qwest shall designate Interconnection points as close as reasonably possible to its Premises. Qwest shall offer at least two (2) such Interconnection points at each Qwest Wire Center when at least two (2) entry points pre-exist and duct space is available. Qwest will not initiate construction of a second, separate Collocation entrance facility solely for Collocation. If Qwest requires the construction of a new Collocation entrance facility for its own use,

then the needs of CLEC will also be taken into consideration.

8.2.4.7 As an alternative to the Fiber Entrance Facilities described above, CLEC may purchase Qwest Tariffed or cataloged Private Line or Switched Access Services.

8.2.4.8 As an alternative to the Fiber Entrance Facilities described above, CLEC may purchase unbundled dedicated interoffice transport.

8.2.4.9 Microwave Entrance Facilities. Qwest offers Microwave Entrance Facilities, on Premises owned or controlled by Qwest, to access CLEC transmission equipment collocated on or inside the Qwest Premises. The rooftop, duct, conduit, and riser cable space for Microwave Entrance Facilities is available on a first-come, first-served basis, where Technically Feasible. CLEC may place its microwave antenna on a Qwest owned or controlled existing tower, building, or supporting structure, where space is available, or CLEC may construct such tower or supporting structure, if necessary and if there is sufficient space and the building structure is not jeopardized. Such microwave equipment will be limited to that which is necessary for Interconnection to Qwest's network or access to Qwest's Unbundled Network Elements.

8.2.4.9.1 Qwest will jointly coordinate and plan with CLEC for the placement and location of the microwave equipment on a non-penetrating roof mount, or an existing tower or supporting structure on the exterior of a Qwest Premises. The method of placing CLEC microwave equipment shall be mutually agreed upon. Tower or building roof space that allows for unobstructed line-of-sight will be provided by Qwest where Technically Feasible. A weather proof cable entry hatch or an existing wave-guide hatch or other suitable entrance into the building is required. If space is available, CLEC may use an existing cable entry hatch or a new cable entry hatch will need to be constructed. The cable entry hatch charges are on a per Port used basis.

8.2.4.9.2 CLEC can perform the determination of line-of-sight feasibility or if requested, Qwest will perform the line-of-sight feasibility. CLEC will submit a Microwave Entrance Facility Application for each antenna arrangement and each Qwest Premises requested. A site visit will include appropriate Qwest and CLEC personnel for the purpose of determining whether an unobstructed line-of-sight is Technically Feasible and structural analysis of the building. The site visit will take place within fifteen (15) calendar Days after receipt by Qwest of the CLEC's Microwave Entrance Facility Application, unless the CLEC requests a later date. If CLEC performs the structural analysis and line-of-sight feasibility, it shall submit a response regarding its analysis to Qwest and Qwest will only bill for an escort fee per site requested. If either Party disputes the technical feasibility, space availability, or other conditions proposed by Qwest, the Parties will promptly petition the Commission for resolution of the dispute.

8.2.4.9.3 If Qwest performs the feasibility analysis, a response will be provided to CLEC within thirty (30) calendar Days after the site visit with the structural analysis and line-of-sight feasibility. If the site visit determines that unobstructed line-of-sight and placement of the microwave equipment are not Technically Feasible, CLEC will be billed only for the site visit. If the site visit determines that the placement of microwave equipment is Technically Feasible, Qwest will provide a quote for the Microwave Entrance Facility with the quote for

the submitted Collocation Application. If CLEC does not submit a Collocation Application for the Premises within thirty (30) Days following the completion of the line-of-sight and structural feasibility analysis or CLEC subsequently cancels the Collocation Application, CLEC will be billed for the site visit.

8.2.4.9.4 CLEC must obtain all necessary variances, licenses, approvals and authorizations from governmental agencies with jurisdiction, such as use permits, building permits, FCC licenses and FAA approval, if required, to construct, operate and maintain the CLEC facilities. If Qwest's assistance is required in order for a CLEC to obtain necessary licenses or permits, Qwest will not unreasonably withhold such assistance. CLEC will pay all expenses associated with that assistance on a time and materials basis.

8.2.4.9.5 CLEC is responsible for the engineering, purchasing, supplying, installing, maintaining, repairing and servicing of its microwave specific equipment. CLEC shall provide the cable from the antenna equipment to the building cable entry hatch. However, CLEC is not permitted to penetrate the building exterior wall or roof. Qwest will do all building penetration and Qwest will install the coaxial cable or wave-guide/transmission facility from the cable entry hatch to the CLEC's Collocation space within the interval, as set forth in Section 8.4, for the type of Collocation requested by CLEC. CLEC facilities shall not physically, electronically, or inductively interfere with the existing Qwest or other CLECs' equipment. Each transmitter individually and all transmitters collectively, for Qwest, Qwest Affiliates and CLECs, at a given location shall comply with appropriate Federal, State, and Local regulations governing the safe levels of RF radiation.

8.2.4.9.6 Upon expiration or termination of the Collocation arrangement or the Microwave Entrance Facility, CLEC shall return the antenna space to its original condition. CLEC shall repair any damages caused by removal of its microwave equipment, or by the use, operation or placement of its microwave equipment on the Premises. If CLEC performs the foregoing, Qwest shall impose no charges on CLEC for such work. In the event the CLEC fails to remove its microwave equipment, CLEC shall be liable to Qwest for all reasonable costs of removal, restoration of the property, storage, and transportation to CLEC of such microwave equipment incurred by Qwest.

## **8.2.5 Terms and Conditions – ICDF Collocation**

8.2.5.1 Interconnection Distribution Frame (ICDF) Collocation is available for CLECs who have not obtained Caged or Cageless Physical Collocation, but who require access to the Qwest Wire Center for combining Unbundled Network Elements and ancillary services. ICDF Collocation provides CLECs with access to the Interconnection Distribution Frame, where Qwest will terminate the Unbundled Network Elements and ancillary services ordered by CLEC. CLEC may combine one (1) UNE to another UNE or ancillary service by running a jumper on the ICDF. CLEC access to the ICDF will be on the same terms and conditions described for other types of Collocation in this Section. There are multiple frames that could be used for ICDF Collocation including, but not limited to, the following: a) existing Interconnection Distributing Frame (ICDF); b) existing DSX panels for DS1 and DS3 services; c) new Interconnection Distributing Frame; d) existing toll frame; e) fiber distribution panel; and, f) existing intermediate

frame.

8.2.5.2 All Qwest terminations on the Interconnection Distribution Frame will be given a frame address. Qwest will establish and maintain frame address records for Qwest terminations. Qwest will maintain assignment records for each Unbundled Network Element and ancillary service ordered by CLEC that is terminated on the Interconnection Distribution Frame. Qwest will provide CLEC with the frame assignments for each Unbundled Network Element and ancillary service terminated on the ICDF.

8.2.5.3 CLEC will be required to place the jumper connection between frame addresses to connect Unbundled Loops, ancillary and Finished Services. CLEC will be required to maintain the records for CLEC-provided jumpers.

8.2.5.4 Reserved for Future Use.

## **8.2.6 Terms and Conditions- Adjacent Collocation and Adjacent Remote Collocation**

8.2.6.1 CLEC may request Adjacent Collocation and Adjacent Remote Collocation in an existing Qwest controlled environmental vault, controlled environmental hut, or similar structures on or under Qwest owned, leased or otherwise controlled property contiguous to a Qwest Premises, to the extent Technically Feasible. Adjacent Collocation in an existing structure shall be ordered as Physical Collocation. Adjacent Remote Collocation in an existing structure shall be ordered as Remote Collocation.

8.2.6.1.1 Alternatively, if no such structure described above exists, CLEC may choose to construct or procure a structure to place on or under Qwest owned, leased or otherwise controlled property contiguous to a Qwest Premises. Such adjacent structure shall be in accordance with Qwest's design and space planning for the site. CLEC may propose the design for the adjacent structure, subject to Qwest's approval. Qwest will review the building and property plans for the new structure within thirty (30) calendar Days.

8.2.6.1.2 CLEC shall own such structure, subject to a reasonable ground space lease. If CLEC terminates its Adjacent Collocation space, Qwest shall have the right of first refusal to such structure under terms to be mutually agreed upon by the Parties. In the event Qwest declines to take the structure or terms cannot be agreed upon, CLEC may transfer such structure to another CLEC for use for Interconnection and or access to UNEs. Transfer to another CLEC shall be subject to Qwest's approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If no transfer of ownership occurs, CLEC is responsible for removal of the structure and returning the property to its original condition.

8.2.6.2 Qwest shall provide written authorization for use of Qwest's property to CLEC or CLEC's contractor, to the extent that Qwest owns or controls such property, to assist CLEC in obtaining any building permits or other approvals that may be necessary to construct the facility. CLEC is responsible for construction of the structure or procurement of an existing structure. CLEC is responsible for meeting all state and municipal building and zoning requirements.

8.2.6.3 Qwest will provide power and all other Physical Collocation services and

facilities.

8.2.6.4 Upon request, Qwest will evaluate all parking or other spaces outside the Qwest Premises on Qwest property that can be reasonably made available to CLEC for Adjacent Collocation. Qwest will retain a reasonable amount of parking space for Qwest technicians or other vehicles, including CLECs. Space below a hoisting area will not be relinquished for Collocation space.

8.2.6.5 If Physical Collocation space becomes available in a previously exhausted Qwest structure, Qwest shall not require CLEC to move, or prohibit CLEC from moving its Collocation arrangement into the Qwest structure. Instead, Qwest shall continue to allow CLEC to collocate in any adjacent controlled environmental vault, controlled environmental hut, or similar structure.

### **8.2.7 Terms and Conditions – Remote Collocation**

8.2.7.1 Remote Collocation allows CLEC to collocate in a Qwest Remote Premises that is located remotely from a Qwest Wire Center building property. Such Remote Premises include controlled environmental vaults, controlled environmental huts, cabinets, pedestals and other Remote Terminals.

8.2.7.2 The terms and conditions for Physical Collocation or Virtual Collocation shall apply to Remote Collocation as appropriate to the specific Remote Premises structure and subject to technical feasibility (e.g., Section 8.2.3.11 and Section 8.2.4 would not apply), or if appropriate, Adjacent Collocation as set forth above. Space will be offered in increments appropriate to the Remote Premises structure (i.e., shelf, relay rack, etc.).

## **8.3 Rate Elements**

Rate elements for Collocation are included in Exhibit A.

### **8.3.1 Rate Elements - All Collocation**

8.3.1.1 Qwest will recover Collocation costs through both recurring and nonrecurring charges. The charges are determined by the scope of work to be performed based on the information provided by CLEC on the Collocation Order Form. A quote is then developed by Qwest for the work to be performed.

8.3.1.2 The following elements as specified in Exhibit A of this Agreement are used to develop a price quote in support of Collocation:

8.3.1.3 Quote Preparation Fee. A non-refundable charge for the work required to verify space and develop a price quote for the total costs to CLEC for its Collocation request.

8.3.1.4 Collocation Entrance Facility Charge. Provides for the fiber optic cable (in increments of 12 fibers) from the C-POI utilizing Qwest owned, conventional single mode type of fiber optic cable to the collocated equipment (for Virtual Collocation) or to the leased space (for Caged or Cageless Physical Collocation). The Collocation entrance facility includes manhole, conduit/innerduct, placement of conduit/innerduct,

fiber cable, fiber placement, splice case, a splice frame, fiber distribution panel, and relay rack. Charges apply per fiber pair. Express Fiber Entrance Facility does not include fiber cable, splice case, a splice frame or fiber distribution panel. Microwave Entrance Facility charges are addressed in 8.3.1.17.

8.3.1.5 Cable Splicing Charge. Represents the labor and equipment to perform a subsequent splice to CLEC provided fiber optic cable after the initial installation splice. Includes per-setup and per-fiber-spliced rate elements.

8.3.1.6 -48 Volt DC Power Usage Charge. Provides -48 volt DC power to CLEC collocated equipment and is fused at one hundred twenty five percent (125%) of request. Charged on a per ampere basis.

8.3.1.7 AC Power Feed. Recovers the cost of providing for the engineering and installation of wire, conduit and support, breakers and miscellaneous electrical equipment necessary to provide the AC power, with generator backup, to CLEC's space. The AC Power feed is optional. The AC Power Feed is available with single or triple phase options. The AC Power Feed is rated on a per foot and per ampere basis.

8.3.1.8 Inspector Labor Charge. Provides for Qwest qualified personnel, acting as an inspector, when CLEC requires access to the C-POI after the initial installation. A call-out of an inspector after business hours is subject to a minimum charge of three (3) hours. The minimum call-out charge shall apply when no other employee is present in the location, and an 'off-shift' Qwest employee (or contract employee) is required to go 'on-shift' on behalf of CLEC.

8.3.1.9 Channel Regeneration Charge. Required when the distance from the leased physical space (for Caged or Cageless Physical Collocation) or from the collocated equipment (for Virtual Collocation) to the Qwest network is of sufficient length to require regeneration. Cable distance limitations are based on the most current version of ANSI Standard T1.102-1993 " Digital Hierarchy – Electrical Interface; Annex B".

8.3.1.10 Interconnection Tie Pairs (ITP) are described in the UNE Section, and apply for each Unbundled Network Element, ancillary service or Interconnection service delivered to CLEC. The ITP provides the connection between the Unbundled Network Element, ancillary service or Interconnection service and the Demarcation Point.

8.3.1.11 Collocation Terminations. Terminations are purchased by CLEC for the purpose of accessing Unbundled Network Elements. These terminations may be requested in Shared Access and Direct Connection Configurations.

8.3.1.11.1 Shared Access

8.3.1.11.1.1 In a Shared Access configuration, there are multiple frames that could be designated as an ICDF or appropriate Demarcation Point including, but not limited to, the following:

- a) Existing Interconnection Distributing Frame (ICDF)
- b) Existing DSX Panels for DS1 and DS3 Services



- c) New Interconnection Distributing Frame
- d) Existing Toll Frame
- e) Fiber Distribution Panel
- f) Existing Intermediate Frame.

8.3.1.11.1.2 The ICDF is the test access point. It would not be uncommon to find multiple service providers, including Qwest, on the ICDF at any one time. This element includes Qwest's provided termination blocks, installation labor between CLEC collocated equipment and the appropriate cross connect device. Cabling is also required and may be provided by CLEC or at their request, Qwest will provide cabling at an additional charge. When Qwest provides the cabling, Collocation Block Termination rates will apply as contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement. When CLEC provides the cabling, Collocation Termination rates, on a per termination basis, will apply as contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement. When CLEC provides and installs the tie cables, blocks and terminations on the ICDF, no Collocation Termination rates will apply.

#### 8.3.1.11.2 Direct Connection

8.3.1.11.2.1 Direct Connection provides an uninterrupted path from the Collocation space to an existing frame. This option will guarantee that there will not be an ICDF. The connection will be designed from the Collocation space to the same frame that Qwest uses to connect to that specific service. For example, if CLEC wants to connect directly from their Collocation space to a 911 router, the infrastructure for the 911 trunks will terminate in a DS1 bay location with the 911-router circuits. There are several options for the location of the Demarcation Point. CLEC will select their desired option via the supplemental Direct Connection (DC-POT) With Collocation Form DC050900. If CLEC chooses a demarcation inside the Collocation space, the collocator should order and install the termination equipment itself. Demarcation equipment must be noted on the order form so that a CLLI code and unique tie cable assignments can be generated for systems flow through. If CLEC chooses a demarcation outside its Collocation space, Qwest will maintain and inventory this device. Direct terminations may be ordered where frame space is available. If frame space is exhausted the terminations may need to be made at another frame. Upon completion of the pre-Provisioning of the Direct Connection, CLEC will receive an Alternate Point of Termination (APOT) form so that they may order Finished Services and UNEs. CLEC will be responsible for augmenting terminations as required. The Direct Connection APOT information must be provided on the ASR or LSR to insure that the services are designed to the dedicated path.

8.3.1.11.2.2 CLEC's termination point will require a CLLI code (e.g., Frame Number) and the dedicated tie pairs will require a unique name to enable automatic assignment through TIRKS™ and SWITCH™ via Carrier Facilities Address (CFA) methods.

8.3.1.11.2.3 If CLEC wishes to arrange terminations on a 2-wire POTS level cross-connect device of the modular type, i.e. COSMIC™ Hardware, standard-engineering principles will apply. Provisioning intervals and costs will be customized and determined on an Individual Case Basis (ICB). A five (5) year forecast including terminations per quantities will be required. MELD™ runs will be required for the initial COSMIC™ plan and each subsequent block addition. To minimize CLEC's cost, to the extent feasible, Qwest shall consolidate CLEC's requirements with the requirements of Qwest and other CLECs into a single MELD™ run whenever feasible. Costs of such consolidated MELD™ runs shall be prorated among the Parties, including Qwest, Minimum installation requires at least one (1) block for every two (2) outside plant modules. A ½ shelf of block capacity must be reserved for future block space.

8.3.1.11.2.4 Requests for terminations at a DSO, DS1, DS3 and optical level (non-POTS) may also be made directly to the respective frame or panel (i.e. toll frame, DSX, FDP, etc.). Direct Connections to these frames do not require MELD™ runs and short jumper engineering principals, as with the COSMIC™ frame. However these connections will require coordination between Qwest and CLEC to ensure that the cable is terminated in an existing frame with the service that CLEC is wishing to connect with. Direct Connection is ordered via the supplemental Collocation order form, Direct Connection (DC-POT) With Collocation Form DC050900. Timing, pricing and feasibility will be determined on the basis of a specific, in-depth building analysis. Direct Connections are available where available frame space permits. If frame space is exhausted, terminations may need to be made at another frame. Space availability will be determined during the feasibility request phase of the order. Rates for Direct Connection Terminations will be on an ICB basis using rates defined in Exhibit A.

8.3.1.11.3 Terminations must be purchased in the following increments: DSO in blocks of 100; DS1 in increments of one (1); and DS3 in increments of one (1) coaxial cable or fiber pair.

8.3.1.12 Security Charge. This charge applies to the keys/card and card readers, required for CLEC access to the Qwest Premises for the purpose of Collocation. Charges are assessed per CLEC employee, per card, per Premises on a monthly basis.

8.3.1.13 Composite Clock/Central Office Synchronization. Recovers the cost of providing composite clock and/or DS1 synchronization signals traceable to a stratum one source. CLEC must determine the synchronization requirements for CLEC's equipment and notify Qwest of these requirements when ordering the clock signals. Central Office Synchronization is required for Virtual Collocation involving digital services or connections. Synchronization may be required for analog services. Central Office Synchronization is available where Qwest Central Offices are equipped with Building Integrated Timing Supply (BITS). The rate is applied on a per Port basis in accordance with Exhibit A.

8.3.1.14 -48 Volt DC Power Cable Charge. Provides for the transmission of -48

volt DC power to the collocated equipment, and is fused at one hundred twenty five percent (125%) of request. It includes engineering, furnishing and installing the main distribution bay power breaker, associated power cable, cable rack and local power bay to the closest power distribution bay. It also includes the power cable (feeders) A and B from the local power distribution bay to the leased physical space (for Caged or Cageless Physical Collocation) or to the collocated equipment (for Virtual Collocation). It is charged per foot, per A and B feeder.

8.3.1.15 Space Availability Report Charge – Recovers the cost of preparing a Space Availability Report in accordance with Section 8.2.1.9.1.

8.3.1.16 CLEC-to-CLEC Connection Charge. Recovers the cost of order processing, design and engineering. Additional charges will be assessed for Virtual Collocation connections and cable holes, if applicable. There will be recurring charges for cable racking.

8.3.1.17 Microwave Entrance Facility – The charges for Microwave Entrance Facility include the recurring and nonrecurring charges associated with preliminary rooftop engineering and survey analysis, Premises structural analysis and line of sight feasibility, if performed by Qwest; space rental for the rooftop and existing antenna support structure, cable racking, cable, building penetration for cable entry, and other work as required.

### **8.3.2 Rate Elements - Virtual Collocation**

The following rate elements, as specified in Exhibit A, apply uniquely to Virtual Collocation.

8.3.2.1 Maintenance Labor. Provides for the labor necessary for repair of out of service and/or service-affecting conditions and preventative maintenance of CLEC virtually collocated equipment. CLEC is responsible for ordering maintenance spares. Qwest will perform maintenance and/or repair work upon receipt of the replacement maintenance spare and/or equipment from CLEC. A call-out of a maintenance technician after business hours is subject to a minimum charge of three (3) hours.

8.3.2.2 Training Labor. Provides for the training of Qwest personnel on a metropolitan service area basis provided by the vendor of CLEC's virtually collocated equipment when that equipment is different from Qwest-provided equipment. Qwest will require three (3) Qwest employees to be trained per metropolitan service area in which CLEC's virtually collocated equipment is located. If, by an act of Qwest, trained employees are relocated, retired, or are no longer available, Qwest will not require CLEC to provide training for additional Qwest employees for the same virtually collocated equipment in the same metropolitan area. Where more than one (1) CLEC in the same metropolitan area selects the same virtually collocated equipment, the training costs shall be prorated to each according to the number of CLECs so selecting.

8.3.2.3 Equipment Bay. Provides mounting space for CLEC virtually collocated equipment. Each bay includes the seven (7) foot bay, its installation, and all necessary environmental supports. Mounting space on the bay, including space for the fuse panel and air gaps necessary for heat dissipation is limited to 78 inches. The monthly rate is applied per shelf. CLEC may request use of alternate bay heights of 9 foot and 11 foot 6 inches, which will be considered on an Individual Case Basis. No Equipment Bay

Charge is assessed if CLEC provides its own equipment bay.

8.3.2.4 Engineering Labor. Provides the planning and engineering of CLEC virtually collocated equipment at the time of installation, change or removal.

8.3.2.5 Installation Labor. Provides for the installation, change or removal of CLEC virtually collocated equipment.

8.3.2.6 Floor Space Lease. Required for Virtual Collocation only in the instance where CLEC provides its own equipment bay. This rate element provides the monthly lease for the space occupied by CLEC-provided equipment bay, including property taxes and base operating cost without -48 volt DC power. Includes convenience 110 AC, 15 amp electrical outlets provided in accordance with local codes and may not be used to power transmission equipment or -48 volt DC power generating equipment. Also includes maintenance for the leased space; provides for the preventative maintenance (climate controls, filters, fire and life systems and alarms, mechanical systems, standard HVAC); biweekly housekeeping services (sweeping, spot cleaning, trash removal) of Qwest Premises areas surrounding CLEC-provided equipment bay and general repair and maintenance. The Floor Space Lease includes required aisle space on each side of CLEC-provided equipment bay.

### **8.3.3 Rate Elements - Physical Collocation**

8.3.3.1 Space Construction and Site Preparation. Includes the material and labor to construct and prepare the space, including all support structure, cable racking and lighting required to set up the space. It also includes air conditioning (to support CLEC loads specified), lighting (not to exceed 2 watts per square foot), and convenience outlets (3 per Caged or Cageless Collocation or number required by building code) and the cost associated with space engineering. If a new line-up is established for Cageless Collocation, an AC power outlet will be provided at every other bay in the line-up. Cageless bays placed in existing line-ups will use the existing outlets. For Caged Collocation, it includes a nine (9) foot high cage enclosure. CLEC may choose from Qwest approved contractors or may use another vendor of CLEC's own choosing, subject to Qwest's approval, which may not be unreasonably withheld, to construct the space, including the cage in the case of Caged Collocation, in accordance with NEBS Level 1 safety requirements. Pricing for the Space Construction and Site Preparation is described in Exhibit A. In the case of Shared Collocation, Qwest may not increase the cost of site preparation or nonrecurring charges above the TELRIC cost for Provisioning such a cage of similar dimensions and material to a single collocating Party, and Qwest must prorate the charge for site conditioning and preparation by determining the total charge for site preparation and allocating that charge to CLEC based on the percentage of the total space used by CLEC. Qwest must in all cases of Shared space Collocation allocate space preparation, conditioning, security measures and other Collocation charges on a pro-rated basis to ensure that the charges paid by CLEC as a percentage of the total overall space preparation and conditioning expenses do not exceed the percentage of the total Collocation space used by CLEC.

8.3.3.2 Floor Space Lease. Provides the monthly lease for the leased physical space, property taxes and base operating cost without -48 volt DC power. Includes convenience 110 AC, 15 amp electrical outlets provided in accordance with local codes and may not be used to power transmission equipment or -48 volt DC power generating

equipment. Also includes maintenance for the leased space; provides for the preventative maintenance (climate controls, filters, fire and life systems and alarms, mechanical systems, standard HVAC); a pro-rata share of biweekly housekeeping services (sweeping, spot cleaning, trash removal) of Qwest Premises common areas surrounding the leased physical space and general repair and maintenance. The Floor Space Lease includes required aisle space on each side of the cage enclosure, as applicable.

8.3.3.3 Intentionally Left Blank.

8.3.3.4 Collocation Grounding Charge. Used to connect the Premises common ground to CLEC equipment. Recurring and nonrecurring charges are assessed per foot to CLEC's equipment.

### **8.3.4 Rate Elements - ICDF Collocation**

8.3.4.1 The charges for ICDF Collocation are the nonrecurring and recurring charges associated with the Unbundled Network Elements or ancillary services ordered by CLEC, the cost of extending the Unbundled Network Elements or ancillary services to the Demarcation Point, which are recovered through the ITP charges described in the UNE Section, and the Security charge, described in this Section.

### **8.3.5 Rate Elements – Adjacent Collocation**

8.3.5.1 The charges for Adjacent Collocation will be developed on an Individual Case Basis, except where the commission finds that standard pricing elements can be reasonably identified and their costs determined, depending on the specific needs of CLEC and the unique nature of the available adjacent space (e.g., existing structure or new structure to be constructed).

### **8.3.6 Rate Elements – Remote Collocation and Adjacent Remote Collocation**

8.3.6.1 The charges for Remote Collocation will be developed on an Individual Case Basis except where the Commission finds that standard pricing elements can be reasonably identified and their costs determined.

### **8.3.7 Rate Elements – CLEC-to-CLEC Connections**

8.3.7.1 The charges for CLEC-to-CLEC Connections are addressed in Section 8.3.1.16.

## **8.4 Ordering**

### **8.4.1 Ordering - All Collocation**

8.4.1.1 CLEC must complete the requirements in the Implementation Schedule Section of this Agreement before submitting a Collocation Application Form to Qwest.

8.4.1.1.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to preclude a CLEC from submitting an order for Collocation prior to CLEC's execution of this Agreement. If, however, the Collocation interval is completed before this

Agreement or another Interconnection agreement becomes effective, the rates, terms, and conditions of this Agreement shall apply to such Collocation.

8.4.1.2 Any material changes, modifications or additional engineering (Material Changes) requested by CLEC, subsequent to its original Collocation order, as to the type and quantity of equipment or other aspects of the original Collocation order, must be submitted with a revised Collocation Application. For purposes of this section, Material Changes are changes that would significantly impair Qwest's ability to provision the requested Collocation within the applicable intervals if the changes are provisioned with the original Collocation order and would require Qwest to incur financial penalties under the terms of this Agreement or other Applicable Law. Qwest shall determine the additional time required to comply with CLEC's request for Material Changes (Additional Time), and CLEC shall have the option of (a) having the request for Material Changes implemented with the original Collocation order (within the original Provisioning intervals) as extended by the Additional Time; or (b) having Qwest process and provision the request as a subsequent construction activity or augmentation to the original Collocation order. Any nonmaterial changes, modifications, or additional engineering requested by CLEC, subsequent to its original Collocation order, may be submitted with a revised Collocation Application or otherwise communicated to Qwest and shall be implemented with the original Collocation order within the original applicable intervals.

8.4.1.3 There are three (3) primary steps in the ordering of Collocation – 1) Forecasting, 2) Application, and 3) Acceptance of Quote.

8.4.1.4 CLEC shall submit an annual forecast, updated at the end of each quarter, of its future Collocation requirements. The quarterly forecast shall be reviewed by CLEC and the Qwest account team. CLEC forecast shall be considered accurate for purposes of Collocation intervals if the subsequent Collocation Application correctly identifies a) and e) below, and b) and c) below are within twenty percent (20%) of the forecast. If at the time the Application is made the forecasted type of Collocation is not available, CLEC may specify a different type of Collocation without affecting the Collocation intervals. The forecast shall include, for each Qwest Premises, the following:

- a) Identification of the Qwest Premises;
- b) Floor space requirements, including the number of bays for a Cageless Collocation arrangement;
- c) Power requirements;
- d) Heat dissipation (optional);
- e) Type of Collocation (e.g., Caged Physical, Cageless Physical, Shared, ICDF, Virtual, etc.);
- f) Intentionally Left Blank.
- g) Entrance Facility Type (e.g., Express Fiber, Private Line);
- h) Type and Quantity of Terminations (optional); and

- i) Month or Quarter during or after which CLEC expects to submit its Collocation Application.

8.4.1.4.1 The following terms shall apply to the forecasting process:

- a) CLEC forecasts shall be provided as detailed in Section 8.4.1.4;
- b) CLEC forecasts shall be Confidential Information and Qwest may not distribute, disclose or reveal, in any form, CLEC forecasts other than as allowed and described in subsections 5.16.9.1 and 5.16.9.2.

8.4.1.5 CLEC shall submit a Collocation Application to order Collocation at a particular Qwest Premises. A Collocation Application shall be considered complete, if it contains:

- a) Identification of the Qwest Premises;
- b) Floor space requirements, including the number of bays for a Cageless Collocation arrangement;
- c) Power requirements;
- d) Heat Dissipation;
- e) Type of Collocation (e.g., Caged Physical, Cageless Physical, Shared, Virtual, etc.);
- f) Collocated equipment and technical equipment specifications (Manufacturer Make, Model No., Functionality i.e., Cross Connect, DLC, DSLAM, Transmission, Switch, etc., Physical Dimensions, Quantity). (NOTE: Packet or circuit switching equipment requires, in writing and attached to the Application, how this equipment is necessary for access to UNEs or Interconnection. High level equipment interface or connectivity schematic for equipment that is not on the approved equipment list or has not been used by CLEC for a similar purpose before, must also accompany this Application. CLEC using approved equipment found at [www.qwest.com/wholesale/pcat/collocation.html](http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/pcat/collocation.html) need not comply with this provision);
- g) Entrance Facility Type;
- h) Type and Quantity of Terminations;
- i) If desired, an alternate form of Collocation if first choice is not available; and
- j) Billing Contact.

8.4.1.5.1 Parties will work cooperatively to ensure the accuracy of the Collocation Application. If Qwest determines that the Application is not complete, Qwest shall notify CLEC of any deficiencies within ten (10) calendar Days after receipt of the Application. Qwest shall provide sufficient detail so that CLEC has

a reasonable opportunity to cure each deficiency. To retain its place in the Collocation queue for the requested Premises, CLEC must cure any deficiencies in its Application and resubmit the Application within ten calendar Days after being advised of the deficiencies.

8.4.1.6 Acceptance – After receipt of a Collocation Quote Form from Qwest, CLEC shall formally accept the quote in order for Qwest to continue the processing of the Collocation Application. A Collocation Acceptance shall be considered complete, if it contains:

- a) Signed Notification of Acceptance; and
- b) Payment of fifty percent (50%) of quoted charges.

8.4.1.7 Collocation Space Reservation – allows CLEC to reserve space and identify, to the extent available, infrastructure incidental to that space such as power, HVAC, in a Qwest Premises for up to one (1) year for transmission equipment (ATM, Packet Switching, DSLAM), three (3) years for circuit switching equipment, and five (5) years for power equipment. CLEC may reserve space in a particular Qwest Premises through the Collocation Space Reservation Application Form. Requests for contiguous space will be honored, if available.

8.4.1.7.1 Collocation Space Reservation Application – Upon receipt of the Collocation Space Reservation Application Form, Qwest will provide the space feasibility within ten (10) calendar Days.

8.4.1.7.2 Collocation Space Reservation Quotation – If space is available, Qwest will provide a specific price quote based on the requested Collocation requirements described on the Collocation Space Reservation Application Form. The quote and a Billing invoice for twenty-five percent (25%) payment of nonrecurring charges will be sent to CLEC within twenty-five (25) calendar Days from the Collocation Space Reservation Application receipt.

8.4.1.7.2.1 Collocation Space Reservation Acceptance. CLEC must electronically submit Acceptance or non-Acceptance of the quote within seven (7) calendar Days of receipt of the quotation. If CLEC submits the Acceptance between eight (8) and thirty (30) calendar Days of receipt of the quotation, Qwest will honor the reservation upon receipt of the payment only if Qwest does not receive a competing request for the same space from another CLEC. Qwest will not honor reservations if CLEC submits the Acceptance more than thirty (30) calendar Days after receipt of the quotation.

8.4.1.7.3 Upon receipt of the twenty-five percent (25%) payment, Qwest will reserve the space on behalf of CLEC in accordance with the Application and take the necessary steps to ensure the availability of power, HVAC and other components reflected on the application for reservation. Qwest will hold the reservation for the applicable reservation period after the twenty-five percent (25%) payment. This payment will be applied to the subsequent Collocation Application.



8.4.1.7.4 CLEC may cancel the reservation at any time during the applicable reservation period. Upon notification of the cancellation, Qwest will refund a prorated portion of the twenty-five percent (25%) payment as follows:

- a) Cancellation notification within ninety (90) calendar Days from receipt of wire transfer, seventy five percent (75%) of the initial down payment will be returned to CLEC.
- b) Cancellation notification within ninety-one (91) and one hundred and eighty (180) calendar Days from receipt of wire transfer, fifty percent (50%) of the initial down payment will be returned to CLEC.
- c) Cancellation notification within one hundred and eighty-one (181) and two hundred and seventy (270) calendar Days from receipt of wire transfer, twenty five percent (25%) of the initial down payment will be returned to CLEC.
- d) Cancellation notification after two hundred and seventy (270) calendar Days from receipt of wire transfer, zero percent (0%) of the initial down payment will be returned to CLEC.

#### 8.4.1.8 Collocation Space Option

8.4.1.8.1 CLEC, Qwest, and Qwest Affiliates may Option space in Qwest Wire Center Premises in accordance with the terms of this Section 8.4.1.8 for the following equipment and time periods:

- a) Transmission equipment – one (1) year
- b) Circuit switching equipment – three (3) years
- c) Power plants – five (5) years

8.4.1.8.2 Optioned space is offered to CLECs for Caged, Cageless, and Virtual Collocation. To promote fairness and prevent warehousing, the following limits apply:

- a) The Party requesting the Option may specify the amount of space to be Optioned but not a specific location within the Wire Center. CLEC may also request space be contiguous to its existing Collocation space.
- b) A requesting CLEC may Option one (1) Collocation space per Wire Center.
- c) The maximum amount of space per Wire Center to be Optioned is:
  - 200 square feet for Caged Collocation
  - 4 bays for Cageless and Virtual Collocation

8.4.1.8.3 The Collocation Space Option Application form will be

processed upon receipt of a properly completed request. Such form shall be considered properly completed if it contains identifying information of CLEC, the applicable Qwest Premises, the amount of Collocation space sought, the type of Collocation (Caged, Cageless, Virtual) and the type of equipment (from the categories identified in Section 8.4.1.8.1) for which the option is being sought. CLEC must have met all past and present undisputed financial obligations to Qwest. Upon receipt of the Collocation Space Option Application form, Qwest will confirm in writing, within ten (10) calendar Days, the availability of, and price quote (the "Option Fee") for the Optioned space. If space is not available, Qwest will deny the request.

8.4.1.8.4 CLEC must electronically submit Acceptance with full payment of the nonrecurring portion of the Option Fee, or acknowledge non-Acceptance of the quoted Option Fee, within seven (7) calendar Days of receipt of the quotation. When Qwest takes an Option on space for itself, Qwest shall impute an amount equal to the Option Fee to the appropriate operations for which the Optioned Space applies. The Option quote expires seven (7) calendar Days after delivery to CLEC.

8.4.1.8.5 Upon receipt of Acceptance and full payment of the nonrecurring portion of the Option Fee, Qwest will Option the space on behalf of CLEC including the contiguous space requests if available (or itself if appropriate) and the Option time frame will begin. The prioritization of Optioning will be based upon the date and time of the Acceptance. The earlier in time an Acceptance is received by Qwest, the higher in priority is such Option. The Option is limited to space only and does not include other elements required to provision the Collocation.

8.4.1.8.6 In order for an Option request to avoid expiration, CLEC must:

- a) Submit a Collocation Application during the Option time frame; or
- b) The Option may be renewed if a Collocation Space Option Application is received at least ten (10) calendar Days prior to the expiration of the term of the existing Option. The priority of a renewed Option is determined by the date CLEC accepts the quote from Qwest on CLEC's renewal application.

8.4.1.8.7 First Right of Refusal – If Qwest receives a valid Collocation Application (CLEC A is the requesting Party) for a Qwest Wire Center in which all available space has been occupied or Optioned, the following provisions for First Right of Refusal will apply:

8.4.1.8.7.1 All Qwest out of space reporting requirements apply to the Collocation Application (Sections 8.2.1.11 and 8.2.1.12). In addition, Qwest will provide CLEC A with Option space information (e.g., Caged and Cageless Optioned space) that may fulfill the requirements of CLEC A's Collocation Application. At CLEC A's request, Qwest will initiate the Option Enforcement Notice process by notifying the Option Party or Parties with the most recent space Option(s) that meets the requirements of CLEC A's Collocation Application.

8.4.1.8.7.2 The Option Enforcement Notice serves as notification to the Option Party that Qwest is in possession of a valid Collocation Application, and calls for the Option Party to exercise their Right of First Refusal, or relinquish their space Option. The Option Party may exercise its Right of First Refusal by submitting either a Collocation Application as set forth in Section 8.4.1.5, or by submitting the Collocation Space Reservation Application set forth in Section 8.4.1.7, within ten (10) calendar Days of receipt of the Option Enforcement Notice. This process continues for all Optioned space until all Optioned space is exercised or Optioned space is relinquished (affirmatively by CLEC or upon expiration of the notice period, whichever is earlier) to fulfill the Collocation Application. Once Optioned space has been relinquished for use to fulfill the Collocation Application, the standard ordering terms and conditions for Collocation shall apply.

8.4.1.8.7.3 Where contiguous space has been Optioned, Qwest will make its best effort to notify CLEC if Qwest, its Affiliates or CLECs require the use of CLEC's contiguous space. Upon notification, CLEC will have seventy-two (72) hours to indicate its intent to submit a Collocation Application or Collocation Reservation. CLEC may choose to terminate the contiguous space Option or continue without the contiguous provision.

8.4.1.8.7.4 The rate elements for the Collocation Space Option are comprised of the following:

- a) Space Option Administration Fee is a nonrecurring fee for all Collocation Space Option requests and covers the processing of application, feasibility, common space engineering, records management, and administration of the First Right of Refusal process.
- b) Space Option Fee is a monthly recurring fee that will be charged based upon the amount of space being optioned, at two dollars (\$2.00) per square foot per month.

8.4.1.8.8 In the event that the Option Party proceeds with a Collocation Application for optioned space, all payments made pursuant to Section 8.4.1.8.7.4(b) above shall be applied to such Application.

8.4.1.9 Should Qwest receive an extraordinary number of complex Collocation Applications within a limited time frame, Qwest shall use its best efforts to meet the intervals called for in this Agreement. If Qwest nevertheless fails to meet such intervals, Qwest must demonstrate to the Commission that such failures were due solely to the fact that Qwest received an extraordinary number of complex Collocation Applications within a limited time frame.

## **8.4.2 Ordering - Virtual Collocation**

8.4.2.1 Application - Upon receipt of a complete Collocation Application as described in Section 8.4.1.5, Qwest will perform a feasibility study to determine if adequate space, power and HVAC can be found for the placement of CLEC's equipment within the Premises. The feasibility study will be provided within ten (10) calendar Days

of receipt of a complete Application.

8.4.2.1.1 If Qwest determines that the Application is not complete, Qwest shall notify CLEC of any deficiencies within ten (10) calendar Days of the Application. Qwest shall provide sufficient detail so that CLEC has a reasonable opportunity to cure each deficiency. To retain its place in the Collocation queue for the requested Premises, CLEC must cure any deficiencies in its Application and resubmit the Application within ten (10) calendar Days after being advised of the deficiencies.

8.4.2.2 Quotation – If Collocation entrance facilities and space are available, Qwest will develop a price quotation within twenty-five (25) calendar Days of completion of the feasibility study. Subsequent requests to augment an existing Collocation also require receipt of an Application. Adding plug-ins, e.g., DS1 or DS3 cards to existing virtually collocated equipment, will be processed and provisioned within ten (10) business days. Virtual Collocation price quotes will be honored for thirty (30) calendar Days from the date the quote is provided. During this period the Collocation entrance facility and space are reserved pending CLEC's Acceptance of the quoted charges.

8.4.2.3 Acceptance -- Upon receipt of complete Collocation Acceptance, as described in 8.4.1.6, space will be reserved and construction by Qwest will begin.

8.4.2.4 Interval -- The interval for Virtual Collocation shall vary depending upon four factors – 1) whether the request was forecasted in accordance with Section 8.4.1.4 or the space was reserved, in accordance with Section 8.4.1.7; 2) whether CLEC provides its Acceptance within seven (7) calendar Days receipt of the quotation; 3) whether CLEC delivers its collocated equipment to Qwest in a timely manner, which shall mean within fifty-three (53) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Application; and 4) whether the Application requires major infrastructure additions or modifications. The installation of line cards and other minor modifications shall be performed by Qwest on shorter intervals and in no instance shall any such interval exceed thirty (30) calendar Days. When Qwest is permitted to complete a Collocation installation in an interval that is longer than the standard intervals set forth below, Qwest shall use its best efforts to minimize the extension of the intervals beyond such standard intervals.

8.4.2.4.1 Forecasted Applications with Timely Acceptance – If an Application is included in CLEC's forecast at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to submission of the Application, and if CLEC provides a complete Acceptance within seven (7) calendar Days of receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, and if all of CLEC's equipment is available at the Qwest Premises no later than fifty-three (53) calendar Days after receipt of the complete Collocation Application, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within ninety (90) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Application. If CLEC's equipment is not delivered to Qwest within fifty-three (53) calendar Days after receipt of the complete Collocation Application, Qwest shall complete the Collocation installation within forty-five (45) calendar Days of the receipt of all of CLEC's equipment.

8.4.2.4.2 Forecasted Applications with Late Acceptance – If a Premises is included in CLEC's forecast at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to submission

of the Application, and if CLEC provides a complete Acceptance more than seven (7) calendar Days but less than thirty (30) calendar Days after receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, and if all of CLEC's equipment is available at the Qwest Premises no later than fifty-three (53) calendar Days after receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within ninety (90) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance. If CLEC's equipment is not delivered to Qwest within fifty-three (53) calendar Days after receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance, Qwest shall complete the Collocation installation within forty-five (45) calendar Days of the receipt of all of CLEC's equipment. If CLEC submits its Acceptance more than thirty (30) calendar Days after receipt of the Qwest quotation, the Application shall be resubmitted by CLEC.

8.4.2.4.3 Unforecasted Applications with Timely Acceptance – If a Premises is not included in CLEC's forecast at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to submission of the Application, and if space is available, and special conditioning is required, but not major infrastructure, and if CLEC provides a complete Acceptance within seven (7) calendar Days of receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, and if all of CLEC's equipment is available at the Qwest Premises no later than fifty-three (53) calendar Days after receipt of the complete Collocation Application, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within one hundred and twenty (120) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Application. If space is available and no special conditioning is required and if all of CLEC's equipment is available at the Qwest Premises no later than fifty-three (53) calendar Days after receipt of the complete Collocation Application, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within ninety (90) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Application. If CLEC's equipment is not delivered to Qwest within fifty-three (53) calendar Days after receipt of the complete Collocation Application, Qwest shall complete the Collocation installation within seventy-five (75) calendar Days of the receipt of all of CLEC's equipment.

8.4.2.4.4 Unforecasted Applications with Late Acceptance – If a Premises is not included in CLEC's forecast at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to submission of the Application, and if space is available and special conditioning is required, but not major infrastructure, and if CLEC provides a complete Acceptance more than seven (7) calendar Days but less than thirty (30) calendar Days after receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, and if all of CLEC's equipment is available at the Qwest Premises no later than fifty-three (53) calendar Days after receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within one hundred and twenty (120) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance. If space is available and no special conditioning is required and if all of CLEC's equipment is available at the Qwest Premises no later than fifty-three (53) calendar Days after receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within ninety (90) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance. If CLEC's equipment is not delivered to Qwest within fifty-three (53) calendar Days after receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance, Qwest shall complete the Collocation installation within seventy-five (75) calendar Days of the receipt of all of CLEC's equipment.

8.4.2.4.5 Intervals for Major Infrastructure Modifications Where No Forecast is Provided – An unforecasted Collocation Application may require Qwest to complete major infrastructure modifications to accommodate CLEC's specific requirements. Major infrastructure modifications that may be required include conditioning space, permits, DC Power Plant, Standby Generators, Heating, Venting or Air Conditioning Equipment. The installation intervals in Sections 8.4.2.4.3 through 8.4.2.4.4 may be extended, if required, to accommodate major infrastructure modifications. When major infrastructure modifications as described above are required, and if all of CLEC's equipment is available at the Qwest Premises no later than fifty-three (53) calendar Days after receipt of the complete Collocation Application, Qwest shall propose to complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within an interval of no more than one hundred and fifty (150) calendar Days after receipt of the complete Collocation Application. The need for, and the duration of, an extended interval shall be provided to CLEC as a part of the quotation. CLEC may dispute the need for, and the duration of, an extended interval, in which case Qwest must request a waiver from the Commission to obtain an extended interval.

8.4.2.4.6 Major Infrastructure Modifications where CLEC Forecasts its Collocation or Reserves Space– If CLEC's forecast or reservation triggers the need for an infrastructure modification, Qwest shall take the steps necessary to ensure that it will meet the intervals set forth in Sections 8.4.2.4.1 and 8.4.2.4.2 when CLEC submits a Collocation Application. If not withstanding these efforts, Qwest is unable to meet the interval and cannot reach agreement with CLEC for an extended interval. Qwest may seek a waiver from the Commission to obtain an extended interval.

### **8.4.3 Ordering - Caged and Cageless Physical Collocation**

8.4.3.1 Application -- Upon receipt of a complete Collocation Application as described in Section 8.4.1.5 Qwest will perform a feasibility study to determine if adequate space, power, and HVAC can be found for the placement and operation of CLEC's equipment within the Premises. The feasibility study will be provided within ten (10) calendar Days from date of receipt of a complete Application.

8.4.3.1.1 If Qwest determines that the Application is not complete, Qwest shall notify CLEC of any deficiencies within ten (10) calendar Days of the Application. Qwest shall provide sufficient detail so that CLEC has a reasonable opportunity to cure each deficiency. To retain its place in the Collocation queue for the requested Premises, CLEC must cure any deficiencies in its Application and resubmit the Application within ten (10) calendar Days after being advised of the deficiencies.

8.4.3.2 Quotation -- If Collocation entrance facilities and space are available, Qwest will develop a quote for the supporting structure. Qwest will complete the quotation no later than twenty-five (25) calendar Days of providing the feasibility study. Physical Collocation price quotes will be honored for thirty (30) calendar Days from the date the quote is provided. During this period, the Collocation entrance facility and space is reserved pending CLEC's Acceptance of the quoted charges.

8.4.3.3 Acceptance -- Upon receipt of a complete Collocation Acceptance, as

described in Section 8.4.1.6 space will be reserved and construction by Qwest will begin.

8.4.3.4 Interval – The interval for Physical Collocation shall vary depending upon three factors – 1) whether the request was forecasted in accordance with Section 8.4.1.4 or the space was reserved, in accordance with Section 8.4.1.7; 2) whether CLEC provides its Acceptance within seven (7) calendar Days of receipt of the quotation; and, 3) whether the Application requires major infrastructure additions or modifications. When Qwest is permitted to complete a Collocation installation in an interval that is longer than the standard intervals set forth below, Qwest shall use its best efforts to minimize the extension of the intervals beyond such standard intervals.

8.4.3.4.1 Forecasted Applications with Timely Acceptance – If a Premises is included in CLEC's forecast at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to submission of the Application, and if CLEC provides a complete Acceptance within seven (7) calendar Days of receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within ninety (90) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Application.

8.4.3.4.2 Forecasted Applications with Late Acceptance – If a Premises is included in CLEC's forecast at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to submission of the Application, and if CLEC provides a complete Acceptance more than seven (7) calendar Days but less than thirty (30) calendar Days after receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within ninety (90) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance. If CLEC submits its Acceptance more than thirty (30) calendar Days after receipt of the Qwest quotation, a new Application shall be resubmitted by CLEC.

8.4.3.4.3 Unforecasted Applications with Timely Acceptance – If a Premises is not included in CLEC's forecast at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to submission of the Application, and if space is available and no special conditioning is required, and if CLEC provides a complete Acceptance within seven (7) calendar Days after receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within ninety (90) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Application. If a Premises is not included in CLEC's forecast at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to submission of the Application, and if special conditioning is required, but not major infrastructure, and if CLEC provides a complete Acceptance within seven (7) calendar Days after receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within one hundred and twenty (120) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Application.

8.4.3.4.4 Unforecasted Applications with Late Acceptance – If a Premises is not included in CLEC's forecast at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to submission of the Application, and if space is available and no special conditioning is required, and if CLEC provides a complete Acceptance more than seven (7) calendar Days but less than thirty (30) calendar Days after receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within ninety (90) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance. If a Premises is not included in CLEC's

forecast at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to submission of the Application and if space is available and special conditioning is required, but not major infrastructure, and if CLEC provides a complete Acceptance more than seven (7) calendar Days but less than thirty (30) calendar Days after receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within one hundred and twenty (120) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance.

8.4.3.4.5 Intervals for Major Infrastructure Modifications Where No Forecast is Provided – An unforecasted Collocation Application may require Qwest to complete major infrastructure modifications to accommodate CLEC's specific requirements. Major infrastructure modifications that may be required include conditioning space, permits, DC Power Plant, Standby Generators, Heating, Venting or Air Conditioning Equipment. The installation intervals in Sections 8.4.3.4.3 through 8.4.3.4.4 may be extended, if required, to accommodate major infrastructure modifications. When major infrastructure modifications as described above are required, Qwest shall propose to complete its installation of the Collocation Arrangement within an interval of no more than one hundred and fifty (150) calendar Days after receipt of the complete Collocation Application. The need for, and the duration of, an extended interval shall be provided to CLEC as a part of the quotation. CLEC may dispute the need for, and the duration of, an extended interval, in which case Qwest must request a waiver from the Commission to obtain an extended interval.

8.4.3.4.6 Major Infrastructure Modifications where CLEC Forecasts its Collocation or Reserves Space. If CLEC's forecast or reservation triggers the need for an infrastructure modification, Qwest shall take the steps necessary to ensure that it will meet the intervals set forth in Sections 8.4.3.4.1 and 8.4.3.4.2 when CLEC submits a Collocation Application. If not withstanding these efforts, Qwest is unable to meet the interval and cannot reach agreement with CLEC for an extended interval, Qwest may seek a waiver from the Commission to obtain an extended interval.

#### **8.4.4 Ordering - Interconnection Distribution Frame (ICDF) Collocation**

8.4.4.1 Application -- Upon receipt of a complete Collocation Application as described in Section 8.4.1.5, Qwest will perform a feasibility study to determine if adequate space can be found for the placement and operation of CLEC's terminations within the Wire Center. The feasibility study will be provided within ten (10) calendar Days from date of receipt of a complete Application. The ICDF Collocation Application shall include a CLEC-provided eighteen (18) month forecast of demand, by DS0, DS1 and DS3 capacities, that will be terminated on the Interconnection Distribution Frame by Qwest on behalf of CLEC. Such forecasts shall be used by Qwest to determine the sizing of required tie cables and the terminations on each Interconnection Distribution Frame as well as the various other frames within the Qwest Wire Center.

8.4.4.1.1 If Qwest determines that the Application is not complete, Qwest shall notify CLEC of any deficiencies within ten (10) calendar Days of the Application. Qwest shall provide sufficient detail so that CLEC has a reasonable opportunity to cure each deficiency. To retain its place in the Collocation queue for the requested Premises, CLEC must cure any deficiencies in its Application



and resubmit the Application within ten (10) calendar Days after being advised of the deficiencies.

8.4.4.2 Quotation -- If space is available, Qwest will develop a quote for the supporting structure. Qwest will complete the quotation no later than twenty-five (25) calendar Days of providing the feasibility study. ICDF Collocation price quotes will be honored for thirty (30) calendar Days from the date the quote is provided. During this period, the space is reserved pending CLEC's Acceptance of the quoted charges.

8.4.4.3 Acceptance -- Upon receipt of a complete Collocation Acceptance, as described in Section 8.4.1.6, space will be reserved and construction by Qwest will begin.

8.4.4.4 Interval – The interval for ICDF Collocation shall vary depending upon two (2) factors – 1) whether the request was forecasted in accordance with 8.4.1.4 or the space was reserved, in accordance with Section 8.4.1.7 and 2) whether CLEC provides its Acceptance within seven (7) calendar Days of the quotation. When Qwest is permitted to complete a Collocation installation in an interval that is longer than the standard intervals set forth below, Qwest shall use its best efforts to minimize the extension of the intervals beyond such standard intervals.

8.4.4.4.1 Forecasted Applications with Timely Acceptance – If a Premises is included in CLEC's forecast at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to submission of the Application, and if CLEC provides a complete Acceptance within seven (7) calendar Days of receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within forty-five (45) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Application.

8.4.4.4.2 Forecasted Applications with Late Acceptance – If a Premises is included in CLEC's forecast at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to submission of the Application, and if CLEC provides a complete Acceptance more than seven (7) calendar Days but less than thirty (30) calendar Days after receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within forty-five (45) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance. If CLEC submits its Acceptance more than thirty (30) days after receipt of the Qwest quotation, the Application shall be resubmitted by CLEC.

8.4.4.4.3 Unforecasted Applications with Timely Acceptance – If a Premises is not included in CLEC's forecast at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to submission of the Application, and if CLEC provides a complete Acceptance within seven (7) calendar Days after receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within forty-five (45) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Application, unless Qwest can demonstrate that the Premises does not have an existing ICDF, or space for a new ICDF. If Qwest can demonstrate that such ICDF space is not available, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within ninety (90) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Application. This interval may be lengthened if space must be reclaimed or reconditioned. The need for an extended interval shall be provided to CLEC as a part of the quotation. CLEC may dispute the need for an

extended interval, in which case Qwest must request a waiver from the Commission.

8.4.4.4.4 Unforecasted Applications with Late Acceptance – If a Premises is not included in CLEC's forecast at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to submission of the Application and if CLEC provides a complete Acceptance more than seven (7) calendar Days but less than thirty (30) calendar Days after receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within forty-five (45) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance, unless Qwest can demonstrate that the Premises does not have an existing ICDF or space for a new ICDF. If Qwest can demonstrate that such ICDF space is not available, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Collocation arrangement within ninety (90) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance. This interval may be lengthened if space must be reclaimed or reconditioned. The need for an extended interval shall be provided to CLEC as a part of the quotation. CLEC may dispute the need for an extended interval, in which case Qwest must request a waiver from the Commission.

#### **8.4.5 Ordering – Adjacent Collocation**

8.4.5.1 If space for Physical Collocation in a particular Qwest Premises is not available at the time of CLEC's request, CLEC may request Qwest to conduct a feasibility study for Adjacent Collocation for that Premises site. Qwest recommends that Qwest and CLEC conduct a joint site visit of such Premises to determine if suitable arrangements can be provided on Qwest's property. Qwest will make available, within ten (10) business days, drawings of the Qwest physical structures above and below ground for the requested Adjacent Collocation site.

8.4.5.2 If a new structure is to be constructed, the interval shall be developed on an Individual Case Basis, to account for the granting of permits or ROW, if required, the provision of Collocation services by Qwest, in accordance with CLEC's Application, and the construction by CLEC of the adjacent structure. If CLEC disputes the interval proposed by Qwest, Qwest must promptly petition the Commission for approval of such disputed interval.

8.4.5.3 If Adjacent Collocation is provided within an existing Qwest Premises, the ordering procedures and intervals for Physical Collocation shall apply.

#### **8.4.6 Ordering – Remote Collocation and Adjacent Remote Collocation**

8.4.6.1 The ordering procedures and intervals for Physical Collocation or Virtual Collocation shall apply to Remote Collocation, and to Adjacent Remote Collocation provided within an existing Qwest Premises, except Sections 8.4.3.4.3 and 8.4.3.4.4. Remote Collocation and Adjacent Remote Collocation are ordered using the Remote Collocation Application Form.

8.4.6.2 If space for Physical Collocation or Virtual Collocation in a particular Qwest Remote Premises is not available at the time of CLEC's request, CLEC may order Adjacent Remote Collocation using the ordering procedures described above for Adjacent Collocation in Sections 8.4.5.1 and 8.4.5.2.

#### **8.4.7 Ordering – CLEC to CLEC Connections**

8.4.7.1 Application -- Upon receipt of the applicable portions of a complete Collocation Application as described in Section 8.4.1.5 (Subsections a, e, h and j). Qwest will perform a feasibility study to determine if adequate cable racking can be found for the placement of CLEC's copper, coax, or fiber optic cable, or any other Technically Feasible method used to interconnect CLEC's collocated equipment that is in separate locations in the same Qwest Premises, or to another CLEC's equipment in the same Premises. The feasibility study will be provided within ten (10) calendar Days from date of receipt of a complete Application.

8.4.7.1.1 If Qwest determines that the Application is not complete, Qwest shall notify CLEC of any deficiencies within ten (10) calendar Days of the Application. Qwest shall provide sufficient detail so that CLEC has a reasonable opportunity to cure each deficiency. To retain its place in the Collocation queue for the requested Premises, CLEC must cure any deficiencies in its Application and resubmit the Application within ten (10) calendar Days after being advised of the deficiencies.

8.4.7.2 Quotation -- If existing cable racking is available, Qwest will provide CLEC with a quote and the specific cable rack route to CLEC with the feasibility study. If additional cable racking is required to accommodate CLEC's request, Qwest shall provide a feasibility and quote to CLEC no later than ten (10) calendar Days of receipt of Collocation Application. CLEC-to-CLEC Connection quotes will be honored for thirty (30) calendar Days from the date the quote is provided. During this period, the space is reserved pending CLEC's Acceptance of the quoted charges.

8.4.7.3 Acceptance -- There are two (2) forms of Acceptance for CLEC-to-CLEC Connections:

8.4.7.3.1 CLEC-to-CLEC connections with existing cable rack. – CLEC must submit payment of one hundred percent (100%) of the quoted nonrecurring charges with its Acceptance. Upon receipt of a complete Collocation Acceptance, CLEC may begin placement of its copper, coax, or fiber cables along the Qwest designated cable rack route. Recurring charges will begin with CLEC Acceptance.

8.4.7.3.2 CLEC-to-CLEC Connections using new cable rack. – Upon receipt of a complete Acceptance from CLEC, as described in Section 8.4.1.6, Qwest will begin construction of the new cable rack.

8.4.7.4 Interval – Pursuant to Section 8.4.7.3.2, the construction interval for CLEC-to-CLEC Connections requiring the construction of new cable rack by Qwest shall be within sixty (60) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance. If CLEC submits its Acceptance more than thirty (30) calendar Days after receipt of the Qwest quotation, the Application shall be resubmitted by CLEC.

#### **8.4.8 Ordering – Direct Connections**

8.4.8.1 Application – Where Direct Connection is requested in a Wire Center where CLEC already has established Collocation, upon receipt of the applicable portions

of a complete Collocation Application as described in Section 8.4.1.5 (Subsections a, e, h and j), Qwest will perform a feasibility study to determine if adequate cable racking can be found for the placement of copper, coax, or fiber optic cable, or any other Technically Feasible method, used for Direct Connection (as described in Section 8.3.1.11.2). The feasibility study will be provided within ten (10) calendar Days from date of receipt of a complete Application.

8.4.8.1.1 If Qwest determines that the Application is not complete, Qwest shall notify CLEC of any deficiencies within ten (10) calendar Days of the Application. Qwest shall provide sufficient detail so that CLEC has a reasonable opportunity to cure each deficiency. To retain its place in the Collocation queue for the requested Premises, CLEC must cure any deficiencies in its Application and resubmit the Application within ten (10) calendar Days after being advised of the deficiencies.

8.4.8.2 Quotation – If existing cable racking is available, Qwest will provide CLEC with a quote and the specific cable rack route with the feasibility study. If additional cable racking is required to accommodate CLEC's request, Qwest shall provide a quote to CLEC no later than ten (10) calendar Days after receipt of a complete Collocation Application. Direct Connection quotes will be honored for thirty (30) calendar Days from the date the quote is provided. During this period, the space is reserved pending CLEC's Acceptance of the quoted charges.

8.4.8.3 Acceptance – There are two (2) forms of Acceptance for Direct Connection:

8.4.8.3.1 Direct Connection with existing cable rack. – CLEC must submit payment of one hundred percent (100%) of the quoted nonrecurring charges with its acceptance notification.

8.4.8.3.2 Direct Connection using new cable rack. – Upon receipt of a complete Acceptance from CLEC, as described in Section 8.4.1.6, Qwest will begin construction of the new cable rack.

8.4.8.4 Interval – The construction interval for Direct Connections shall be dependent upon whether the Direct Connection is to the COSMIC™ frame requiring a MELD™ and or if new cable racking is required.

8.4.8.4.1 If CLEC provides a complete Acceptance within thirty (30) calendar Days of receipt of the Qwest Collocation quotation, Qwest shall complete its installation of the Direct Connection above the DS0 level where no new cable racking is required within thirty (30) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance. If Direct Connection is required at the DS0 level, to the COSMIC™, or if new cable racking needs to be installed, Qwest will provision the direct trunking within sixty (60) calendar Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance.

## **8.5 Billing**

### **8.5.1 Billing - All Collocation**

8.5.1.1 Upon completion of the Collocation construction activities and payment of the remaining nonrecurring balance, Qwest will provide CLEC a completion package that will initiate the recurring Collocation charges. Once this completion package has been signed by CLEC and Qwest, and Qwest has received the final fifty percent (50%) balance, Qwest will activate CLEC transport services and/or UNEs or ancillary services coincident with completion of the Collocation.

8.5.1.2 In the event Qwest has completed all associated construction activities and CLEC has not completed its associated activities (e.g., delivering fiber to the C-POI, or providing the equipment cables for connecting to the Interconnection Distribution Frame), Qwest will bill an adjusted amount of the remaining nonrecurring balance, close the job, and begin Billing the monthly recurring rent charge. In those instances where the job is delayed due to CLEC not having its fiber to the POI, Qwest will request the balance due minus the dollar amount specific to this work activity, and begin Billing the monthly recurring rent charge. Once CLEC has completed fiber placement, CLEC can request Qwest to return and complete the splicing activity at the rate reflected in this Agreement. In the case of missing equipment cables, CLEC will be responsible for installing the cables if not delivered at job completion. The installation activity must be conducted by a Qwest approved vendor and follow the designated racking route. Final test and turn-up will be performed under the maintenance and repair process contained herein.

### **8.5.2 Billing - Virtual Collocation**

8.5.2.1 Virtual Collocation will be considered complete when the Premises is Ready for Service (RFS). Cooperative testing between CLEC and Qwest may be negotiated and performed to ensure continuity and acceptable transmission parameters in the facility and equipment.

### **8.5.3 Billing - Caged and Cageless Physical Collocation**

8.5.3.1 Payment for the remaining nonrecurring charges shall be upon the RFS date. Upon completion of the construction activities and payment of the remaining nonrecurring charges, Qwest will schedule with CLEC, a walk through of the space. During this joint walk through, Qwest will turn over access to the space and provide security access for the Premises. Upon completion of the Acceptance walk through, CLEC will be provided the Caged or Cageless Physical Collocation completion package. The monthly Billing for leased space, DC Power, Entrance Facility, and other associated monthly charges will commence with CLEC sign off on the completion of the physical space. CLEC may then proceed with the installation of its equipment in the Collocation space, unless early access has been arranged pursuant to Section 8.2.3.7. If Qwest, despite its best efforts, including notification through the contact number on the Collocation Application, is unable to schedule the walk through with CLEC within twenty-one (21) calendar Days of the RFS, Qwest shall activate the monthly recurring charges.

## **8.6 Maintenance and Repair**

### **8.6.1 Virtual Collocation**

8.6.1.1 Maintenance Labor, Inspector Labor, Engineering Labor and Equipment Labor business hours are considered to be Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (local time) and after business hours are after 5:00 pm and before 8:00 am (local time), Monday through Friday, all day Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

8.6.1.2 Installation and maintenance of CLEC's virtually collocated equipment will be performed by Qwest or a Qwest authorized vendor.

8.6.1.3 Upon failure of CLEC's virtually collocated equipment, Qwest will promptly notify CLEC of such failure and the corrective action that is needed. Qwest will repair such equipment within the same time periods and with failure rates that are no greater than those that apply to the performance of similar functions for comparable equipment of Qwest. CLEC is responsible for transportation and delivery of maintenance spares to Qwest at the Premises housing the failed equipment. CLEC is responsible for purchasing and maintaining a supply of spares.

### **8.6.2 Physical Collocation**

8.6.2.1 CLEC is responsible for the maintenance and repair of its equipment located within CLEC's leased space.

### **8.6.3 Interconnection Distribution Frame**

8.6.3.1 CLEC is responsible for block and jumper inventory and maintenance at the Interconnection Distribution Frame and using industry accepted practices for its terminations. Additionally, CLEC is responsible for having jumper wire and tools for such operations. Qwest is responsible for the overall repair and maintenance of the frame; including horizontal and vertical mounting positions, cable raceways, rings, and troughs, and general housekeeping of the frame.

### **8.6.4 Adjacent Collocation and Adjacent Remote Collocation**

8.6.4.1 CLEC is responsible for the maintenance and repair of its equipment located within CLEC's Adjacent Collocation and Adjacent Remote Collocation space.

### **8.6.5 Reserved for Future Use.**

## SECTION 9.0 - UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS

### 9.1 General Terms

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

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

9.1.2.1 If facilities are not available, Qwest will build facilities dedicated to an End User Customer if Qwest would be legally obligated to build such facilities to meet its Provider of Last Resort (POLR) obligation to provide basic Local Exchange Service or its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) obligation to provide primary basic Local Exchange Service. CLEC will be responsible for any construction charges for which an End User Customer would be responsible. In other situations, Qwest does not agree that it is obligated to build UNEs, but it will consider requests to build UNEs pursuant to Section 9.19 of this Agreement.

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

9.1.2.1.2 If cable capacity is available, Qwest will complete incremental facility work (i.e., conditioning, place a drop, add a network interface device, card existing subscriber Loop carrier systems at the Central Office and Remote

Terminal, add Central Office tie pairs, add field cross jumpers) in order to complete facilities to the Customer premises.

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

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

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

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

9.1.3 Notwithstanding any reference, definition or provision to the contrary, CLEC may provide any Technically Feasible data or voice Telecommunications Services allowed by law over any Loop or Loop portion of a UNE Combination, including without limitation, "voice" services over high frequency portions of any Loop or "data" services over any low frequency portion of any Loop, provided such services do not interfere with "voice band" or "data band" transmission parameters in accordance with FCC rules as more particularly described in this Agreement. Any related equipment provided by CLEC to deliver Telecommunications Services contemplated by this section must comply with appropriate ANSI standards such as T1.417 and T1.413. Other references to the voice or voice band portion of the Loop in this Agreement will mean the low frequency portion of the Loop.

9.1.4 Qwest will provide a connection between Unbundled Network Elements and a Loop Demarcation Point. Such connection is an Interconnection Tie Pair (ITP). An ITP is required for each Unbundled Network Element or ancillary service delivered to CLEC. The ITP provides the connection between the Unbundled Network Element and the ICDF or other



Central Office Demarcation Point. The ITP is ordered in conjunction with a UNE. The charges for the ITP are contained in Exhibit A. CLEC may order regeneration along with an ITP, and the charges listed in Exhibit A will apply. The ITP may be ordered per termination. The Demarcation Point shall be:

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

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

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

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

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

testing necessary or reasonably requested by CLEC to assist in determining end-to-end transmission and circuit functionality of such UNE.

9.1.6.2 When elements are provisioned by Qwest in combination:

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.1.10 Channel Regeneration Charge. This charge is required when the distance from the Qwest network to the leased physical space (for Physical Collocation), the collocated equipment (for Virtual Collocation), or the ICDF (for ICDF Collocation) is of sufficient length to require regeneration. Cable distance limitations are based on the most current version of ANSI Standard T1.102-1993 "Digital Hierarchy – Electrical Interface; Annex B".

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

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

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9.1.14 Qwest will re-designate interoffice facilities (IOF) for CLEC where available, with the exception of interoffice facilities Qwest maintains to ensure sufficient reserve capacity.

Separate and apart from the foregoing, in the event Qwest removes from interoffice service, an entire copper IOF cable that is capable of supporting Telecommunications Services, Qwest will make that facility available as Loop facilities for Qwest and CLEC alike.

## **9.2 Unbundled Loops**

### **9.2.1 Description**

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

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

### **9.2.2 Terms and Conditions**

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

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

9.2.2.1.2 Use of the word “compatible” to describe Loops in Section 9.2 means the Unbundled Loop complies with technical parameters of the specified Network Channel/Network Channel Interface codes as specified in the relevant technical publications and industry standards. Qwest makes no assumptions as to the capabilities of CLEC’s Central Office equipment or the Customer premises equipment.

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

9.2.2.2.1 If Qwest uses Integrated Digital Loop Carrier (IDLC) systems to provide the Local Loop, Qwest will first attempt, to the extent possible, to make

alternate arrangements such as Line and Station Transfers (LST), to permit CLEC to obtain a contiguous copper Unbundled Loop. If a LST is not available, Qwest may also seek alternatives such as Integrated Network Access (INA), hair pinning, or placement of a Central Office terminal, to permit CLEC to obtain an Unbundled Loop. If no such facilities are available, Qwest will make every feasible effort to unbundle the IDLC in order to provide the Unbundled Loop for CLEC.

9.2.2.2.1.1 In areas where Qwest has deployed amounts of IDLC that are sufficient to cause reasonable concern about a CLEC's ability to provide service through available copper facilities on a broad scale, CLEC shall have the ability to gain access to Qwest information sufficient to provide CLEC with a reasonably complete identification of such copper facilities. Qwest shall be entitled to mediate access in a manner reasonably related to the need to protect confidential or proprietary information. CLEC shall be responsible for Qwest's incremental cost to provide such information or access mediation.

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

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

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

forth in Exhibit A.

9.2.2.3.2 If CLEC orders a 2/4 wire non loaded or ADSL compatible Unbundled Loop for a Customer served by a digital Loop carrier system Qwest will conduct an assignment process which considers the potential for a LST or alternative copper facility. If a LST is not available, Qwest may also seek alternatives such as Integrated Network Access (INA), hair pinning, or placement of a Central Office terminal, to permit CLEC to obtain an Unbundled Loop. If no such facilities are available, Qwest will make every feasible effort to unbundle the IDLC in order to provide the Unbundled Loop for CLEC. If no copper facility capable of supporting the requested service is available, then Qwest will reject the order.

9.2.2.4 Non-Loaded Loops. CLEC may request that Qwest provide a non-loaded Unbundled Loop. In the event that no such facilities are available, CLEC may request that Qwest condition existing spare facilities. CLEC may indicate on the LSR that it pre-approves conditioning if conditioning is necessary. If CLEC has not pre-approved conditioning, Qwest will obtain CLEC's consent prior to undertaking any conditioning efforts. Upon CLEC pre-approval or approval of conditioning, and only if conditioning is necessary, Qwest will dispatch a technician to condition the Loop by removing load coils and excess Bridged Taps to provide CLEC with a non-loaded Loop. CLEC will be charged the nonrecurring conditioning charge (i.e., cable unloading and Bridged Taps removal), if applicable, in addition to the Unbundled Loop installation nonrecurring charge.

9.2.2.4.1 Where Qwest fails to meet a Due Date for performing Loop conditioning, CLEC shall be entitled to a credit equal to the amount of any conditioning charges applied, where it does not secure the Unbundled Loop involved within three (3) months of such Due Date. Where Qwest does not perform conditioning in accord with the standards applicable under this Agreement, CLEC shall be entitled to a credit of one-half of the conditioning charges made, unless CLEC can demonstrate that the Loop as conditioned is incapable of substantially performing the functions normally within the parameters applicable to such Loop as this Agreement requires Qwest to deliver it to CLEC. In the case of such fundamental failure, CLEC shall be entitled to a credit of all conditioning charges, except where CLEC asks Qwest to cure any defect and Qwest does so. In the case of such cure, CLEC shall be entitled to the one-half (1/2) credit identified above.

9.2.2.5 When CLEC requests a Basic Rate ISDN capable or an xDSL-I capable Loop, Qwest will dispatch a technician, if necessary, to provide Extension Technology that takes into account for example: the additional regenerator placement, Central Office powering, Mid-Span repeaters, if required, BRITE cards in order to provision the Basic Rate ISDN capable and xDSL-I capable Loop. Extension Technology may be required in order to bring the circuit to the specifications necessary to accommodate the requested service. If the Circuit Design requires Extension Technology, to bring it up to the design standards, it will be added by Qwest, at no charge. Extension Technology can also be requested by CLEC to meet their specific needs. If Extension Technology is requested by CLEC, but is not required to meet the technical standards, then Qwest will provide the requested Extension Technology and will charge CLEC. Qwest will provision ISDN (BRI) Capable and xDSL-I capable Loops using the specifications in the

Technical Publication 77384. Refer to that document for more information. CLEC will be charged an Extension Technology recurring charge in addition to the Unbundled Loop recurring charge, if applicable, as specified in Exhibit A of this Agreement. The ISDN Capable Loop may also require conditioning (e.g., removal of loads or Bridged Taps).

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

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

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

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

9.2.2.8 Loop Qualification Tools. Qwest offers five (5) Loop qualification tools: the ADSL Loop Qualification Tool, Raw Loop Data Tool, POTS Conversion to Unbundled Loop Tool, MegaBit Qualification Tool, and ISDN Qualification Tool. These and any future Loop qualification tools Qwest develops will provide CLEC access to Loop qualification information in a nondiscriminatory manner and will provide CLEC the same Loop qualification information available to Qwest. If the Loop make-up information for a particular facility is not contained in the Loop qualification tools, if the Loop qualification tools return unclear or incomplete information, or if the CLEC questions the accuracy of the information in the Loop qualification tools, then CLEC may request that Qwest perform a manual look-up of the company's records, back office systems and databases where loop information resides.. Qwest will provide the CLEC the loop information identified during the manual look up within forty-eight (48) hours of Qwest's receipt of the CLEC's request for manual look up. After completion of the investigation, Qwest will load the information into the LFACS database. In the event the manual look up will take longer than forty-eight (48) hours, Qwest will notify CLEC within forty-eight (48) hours of the expected date upon which Qwest can provide the manual loop make up information.

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

requirements specified in Technical Publication 77384.

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

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

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

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

9.2.2.8.6 If the Loop make-up information for a particular facility is not contained in the Loop qualification tools, if the Loop qualification tools return unclear or incomplete information, or if CLEC identifies any inaccuracy in the information returned from the Loop qualification tools, and provides Qwest with the basis for CLEC's belief that the information is inaccurate, then CLEC may request, and Qwest will perform a manual search of the company's records, back office systems and databases where Loop information resides. Qwest will provide CLEC via email, the Loop information identified during the manual search within forty-eight (48) hours of Qwest's receipt of CLEC's request for manual search. The email will contain the following Loop makeup information: composition of the Loop material; location and type of pair gain devices, the existence of any terminals, such as remote terminals or digital Loop terminals, Bridged Tap, and load coils; Loop length, and wire gauge. In the case of Loops served by digital Loop carrier, the email will provide the availability of spare feeder and distribution facilities that could be used to provision service to the Customer, including any spare facilities not connected to the Switch and Loop makeup for such spare facilities. After completion of the investigation, Qwest will

load the information into the LFACS database, which will populate this Loop information into the fields in the Loop qualification tools.

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

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

9.2.2.9.1.1 For an existing End User, the Basic Installation option is a "lift and lay" procedure. The Central Office Technician (COT) "lifts" the Loop from its current termination and "lays" it on a new termination connecting to CLEC. There is no associated circuit testing performed.

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

9.2.2.9.1.3 For basic installation of existing 2/4 wire analog Loops, Qwest provides a Quick Loop with or without Local Number Portability (LNP) option that enables CLEC to receive the Quick Loop installation interval as set forth in Exhibit C. Quick Loop without LNP installation includes only a simple lift and lay procedure. Quick Loop with LNP installation provides a lift and lay, and the LNP functions. Quick Loop is not available with cooperative testing, coordinated installation, or when unbundling from an IDLC to a copper alternative.

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

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

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

9.2.2.9.2.3 For new End User service, the Basic Installation with Performance Testing option requires a dispatch to the End User premises. The COT and Field Technician complete circuit wiring and



perform the required performance tests to ensure the new circuit meets the required parameter limits. These test results are read to CLEC by the Qwest Implementor/Tester on close-out. Within two (2) business days, Qwest will email the performance test results to a single, designated CLEC office email address.

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

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

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

9.2.2.9.4 Coordinated Installation without Cooperative Testing. Coordinated Installation without Cooperative Testing may be ordered for new or existing service. For both new and existing service, CLEC must designate a specific "Appointment Time" when it submits the LSR. On the Due Date (DD), at the CLEC designated "Appointment Time", the Qwest Implementor/Tester

contacts CLEC to ensure CLEC is ready for installation. If CLEC is not ready within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled appointment time, then CLEC must reschedule the installation by submitting a supplemental LSR. If Qwest is not ready within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled appointment time, Qwest will waive the nonrecurring charge for the installation option and the Parties will attempt to set a new appointment time on the same day and, if unable to do so, Qwest will issue a jeopardy notice and a FOC with a new Due Date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2-Wire and 4-Wire Analog Loops

No Opens, Grounds, Shorts, or Foreign Volts

Insertion Loss = 0 to -8.5 dB at 1004 Hz

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

2-Wire and 4-Wire Non-Loaded Loops

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

Insertion Loss = 0 to -8.5 dB at 1004 Hz

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

Basic Rate ISDN and xDSL-I Capable Loops

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

Insertion Loss =  $\leq$  40 dB at 40 kHz

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

DS1 Capable Loops

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

DS3 Capable Loops

Continuity Testing

ADSL Compatible Loops

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

Insertion Loss =  $\leq$  41 dB at 196 kHz

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

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

9.2.2.9.7.1 The date and time for the project coordinated installation requires up-front planning and may need to be negotiated between Qwest and CLEC. All requests will be processed on a first come, first served basis and are subject to Qwest's ability to meet a reasonable demand. Considerations such as system down time, Switch upgrades, Switch maintenance, and the possibility of other CLECs requesting the same FDT in the same Switch (Switch contention) must be

reviewed. In the event that any of these situations would occur, Qwest will negotiate with CLEC for an agreed upon FDT, prior to issuing the Firm Order Confirmation (FOC). In special cases where CLEC is ordering Unbundled Loop with LNP, the FDT must be agreed upon, the interval to reach agreement will not exceed two (2) days from receipt of an accurate LSR. In addition, standard intervals will apply.

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

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

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

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

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

9.2.2.10 Multiplexing. Multiplexing is offered in DS3 to DS1 and DS1 to DS0 configurations. Except as specifically set forth in Section 9.2, CLEC may order multiplexing, including conversion from special access or private line circuits, for Unbundled Loops under the rates, terms and conditions for multiplexing of Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) in Section 9.23.3.9 of this Agreement. The requirements with respect to providing a significant amount of local exchange traffic under Section 9.23.3.7 shall not apply to conversions to Unbundled Loop.

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

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

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- b) Reserved for Future Use.

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

9.2.2.14 Reserved for Future Use.

9.2.2.15 Reuse of Loop Facilities

9.2.2.15.1 When an End User contacts Qwest with a request to convert their local service from CLEC to Qwest, Qwest will notify CLEC of the loss of the End User, and will disconnect the Loop Qwest provided to CLEC. Qwest will disconnect the Loop only where Qwest has obtained proper Proof of Authorization.

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

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

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

9.2.2.16 Lack of Facilities; Priority Right to Facilities. In the event Qwest notifies CLEC that facilities ordered are not available from Qwest at the time of the order, Qwest shall maintain the order as pending for a period of thirty (30) business days. If facilities become available to fill the order within that thirty (30) business day period, Qwest shall notify the CLEC of such availability. CLEC and Qwest acknowledge that the availability of facilities hereunder is on a first come, first served basis. Any facility orders placed by any other provider, including Qwest, which predate CLEC's order shall have priority in any facilities made available under the terms of this section.

### **9.2.3 Rate Elements**

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

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

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

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

9.2.3.3.1 DS0, DS1, and DS3 Capable Loop, OCn Conversion Nonrecurring rates associated with the conversion of special access or private lines to Unbundled Loops.

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

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

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

9.2.3.7 Out of Hours Coordinated Installations.

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

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

## **9.2.4 Ordering Process**

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

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

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

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

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

9.2.4.3.1.2 For a 2/4 wire non-loaded Loop, ADSL compatible Loop, ISDN capable Loop, xDSL-I capable Loop, or DS1 capable Loop, Qwest will return a Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) to CLEC within seventy-two (72) hours from receipt of a valid and accurate LSR. Return

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

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

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

9.2.4.3.1.2.3 Reserved for Future Use.

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

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

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

9.2.4.6 Upon CLEC request, Qwest will convert special access or private line circuits to Unbundled Loops, with or without multiplexing, provided the service originates at the CLEC Collocation in the Serving Wire Center. If multiplexing is not involved, then the Loop conversion ordering process applies. However, if the conversion includes multiplexing, then the ordering process associated with the conversion to EELs applies. The requirements with respect to providing a significant amount of local exchange traffic under Section 9.23.3.7 shall not apply to conversions to Unbundled Loop.

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9.2.4.8 When ordering Unbundled Loops, CLEC is responsible for obtaining or providing facilities and equipment that are compatible with the service CLEC seeks to



provide.

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

9.2.4.9.1 When load coils and Bridged Taps do not exist, CLEC may request the standard Due Date interval, which will apply upon submission of a complete and accurate LSR.

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

9.2.4.10 Out of Hours Coordinated Installations.

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

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

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

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

## **9.2.5 Maintenance and Repair**

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

9.2.5.2 When CLEC requests that Qwest perform trouble isolation with CLEC, a

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

9.2.5.3 When CLEC elects not to perform trouble isolation and Qwest performs tests on the Unbundled Loop at CLEC's request, a Maintenance of Service charge shall apply if the trouble is not in Qwest's facilities. Maintenance and repair processes are set forth in Section 12.3 of this Agreement. Maintenance of Service charges are set forth in Exhibit A.

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

## **9.2.6. Spectrum Management**

9.2.6.1 Qwest will provide 2/4 Wire non-loaded Loops, ADSL compatible Loops, ISDN capable Loops, xDSL-I capable Loops, DS1 capable Loops and DS3 capable Loops (collectively referred to in this Section 9.2.6 as "xDSL Loops") in a non-discriminatory manner to permit CLEC to provide Advanced Services to its End User Customers. Such Loops are defined herein and are in compliance with FCC requirements and guidelines recommended by the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council (NRIC) to the FCC, such as guidelines set forth in T1-417.

9.2.6.2 When ordering xDSL Loops, CLEC will provide Qwest with appropriate information using NC/NCI codes to describe the Power Spectral Density Mask (PSD) for the type of technology CLEC will deploy. If CLEC claims a service is significantly degrading the performance of other Advanced Services or traditional voice band services on one of its facilities, within forty-eight (48) hours Qwest will provide CLEC with binder group information including cable, pair, carrier, NC/NCI Code information and PSD class to allow CLEC to notify the causing Carrier of the problem. In no case shall the CLEC personnel who have access to such Qwest Confidential Information be involved in CLEC's retail marketing, sales or strategic planning. CLEC also agrees to notify Qwest of any change in Advanced Services technology that results in a change in spectrum management class on the xDSL Loop. Qwest agrees CLEC need not provide the speed or power at which the newly deployed or changed technology will operate if the technology fits within a generic PSD mask. In no case shall the aforementioned Qwest personnel who have access to such CLEC Confidential Information be involved in Qwest's retail marketing, sales or strategic planning.

9.2.6.3 If CLEC wishes to deploy new technology not yet designated with a PSD mask, Qwest and CLEC agree to work cooperatively to determine spectrum compatibility. Qwest and CLEC agree, as defined by the FCC, that technology is presumed acceptable for deployment when it complies with existing industry standards, is approved by a standards body or by the FCC or Commission, or if technology has

been deployed elsewhere without a “significant degradation of service”.

9.2.6.4 Qwest recognizes that the analog T1 service traditionally used within its network is a “known Disturber” as designated by the FCC. Qwest will place such T1s, by whoever employed, within Binder Groups in a manner that minimizes interference. Where such placement is insufficient to eliminate interference that disrupts other services being provided, Qwest shall, whenever it is Technically Feasible, replace its T1 technology with a technology that will eliminate undue interference problems. Qwest also agrees that any future “known Disturber” defined by the FCC or the Commission will be managed as required by FCC or Commission rules and orders and industry standards.

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

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

9.2.6.7 Reserved for Future Use.

9.2.6.8 Qwest will not have the authority to unilaterally resolve any dispute over spectral interference among Carriers. Qwest shall not disconnect Carrier services to resolve a spectral interference dispute, except when voluntarily undertaken by the interfering Carrier or Qwest is ordered to do so by a state commission or other authorized dispute resolution body. CLEC may submit any claims for resolution under Section 5.18 of this Agreement.

9.2.6.9 Where CLEC demonstrates to Qwest that it has deployed Central Office based DSL services serving a reasonably defined area, it shall be entitled to require Qwest to take appropriate measures to mitigate the demonstrable adverse effects on such service that arise from Qwest's use of repeaters or remotely deployed DSL service in that area. It shall be presumed that the costs of such mitigation will not be chargeable to any CLEC or to any other Customer; however, Qwest shall have the right to rebut this presumption, which it may do by demonstrating to the Commission by a preponderance of the evidence that the incremental costs of mitigation would be sufficient to cause a substantial effect upon other Customers (including but not limited to CLECs securing UNEs) if charged to them. Upon such a showing, the Commission may determine how to apportion responsibility for those costs, including, but not limited to CLECs taking services under this Agreement.

## 9.3 Subloop Unbundling

### 9.3.1 Description

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

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

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

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

9.3.1.1.4 Prior to the development of such standard terms and conditions, Qwest shall impose in the six (6) areas identified in Section 9.3.1.1.2 above, only those requirements or intervals that are reasonably necessary.

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

9.3.1.1.4.2 Detached Terminals: All accessible terminals other

than MTE Terminals.

9.3.1.2 Standard Subloops available.

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

9.3.1.3 Standard Subloop Access

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

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

9.3.1.3.2.1 Reserved for Future Use.

9.3.1.3.2.2 Reserved for Future Use.

9.3.1.4 Field Connection Point

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

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

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

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

9.3.1.4.3 A FCP arrangement can be established either within a Qwest accessible terminal, or, if space within the accessible terminal is legitimately

exhausted and when Technically Feasible, CLEC may place the FCP in an adjacent terminal. CLEC will have access to the equipment placed within the Collocation for maintenance purposes. However, CLEC will not have access to the FCP Interconnection point.

#### 9.3.1.5 MTE Point of Interconnection (MTE-POI)

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

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

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

### 9.3.2 Standard Subloops Available

#### 9.3.2.1 Distribution Loops

9.3.2.1.1 Two-Wire/Four-Wire Unbundled Distribution Loop: a Qwest provided facility from the Qwest accessible terminal to the Demarcation Point or Network Interface Device (NID) at the End User location. The Two-Wire/Four-Wire Unbundled Distribution Loop is suitable for local exchange-type services. CLEC can obtain access to this unbundled element at any Technically Feasible accessible terminal.

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

9.3.2.1.3 Intrabuilding Cable Loop: a Qwest provided facility from the building terminal inside a MTE to the Demarcation Point at the End User

Customer premises inside the same building. This Subloop element only applies when Qwest owns the intrabuilding cable.

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

### 9.3.2.2 Feeder Loops

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

## 9.3.3 MTE Terminal Subloop Access: Terms and Conditions

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

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

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

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

9.3.3.5 If there is space in the building for CLEC to enter the building and terminate its facilities without Qwest having to rearrange its facilities, CLEC must seek to use such space. In such circumstances, an inventory of CLEC's terminations within the MTE shall be input into Qwest's systems to support Subloop orders before Subloop orders are provisioned or in conjunction with the first Subloop order in the MTE. In such circumstances, an inventory of CLEC's terminations within the MTE shall be input into Qwest's systems to support Subloop orders before Subloop orders are provisioned or in conjunction with the first Subloop order in the MTE. Qwest shall have five (5) calendar Days from receipt of a written request from CLEC, in addition to the interval set forth in Section 9.3.5.4.1, to input the inventory of CLEC's terminations into its systems. If CLEC requires immediate access to the Subloop, then CLEC may access the Subloop element prior to the completion of the inventory per Section 9.3.5.4.7. Qwest may seek an extended interval if the work cannot reasonably be completed within the stated

interval. In such cases, Qwest shall provide written notification to CLEC of the extended interval Qwest believes is necessary to complete the work. CLEC may dispute the need for, and the duration of, an extended interval, in which case Qwest must request a waiver from the Commission to obtain the extended interval. If CLEC submits a Subloop order before Qwest inputs the inventory into its systems, Qwest shall process the order in accord with Section 9.3.5.4.1.

9.3.3.6 If CLEC connects Qwest's Subloop element to CLEC's facilities using any temporary wiring or cut-over devices, CLEC shall remove any remaining temporary wiring or cut-over devices and install permanent wiring within ninety (90) calendar Days. All wiring arrangements, temporary and permanent, must adhere to the National Electric Code.

9.3.3.7 If there is no space for CLEC to place its building terminal or no accessible terminal from which CLEC can access such Subloop elements, and Qwest and CLEC are unable to negotiate a reconfigured Single Point of Interconnection (SPOI) to serve the MDU, Qwest will either rearrange facilities to make room for CLEC or construct a single point of access that is fully accessible to and suitable for CLEC. In such instances, CLEC shall pay Qwest a non-recurring charge, which shall be ICB, based on the scope of the work required. If CLEC requests that a new SPOI be established, then CLEC shall pay Qwest a nonrecurring charge that shall be ICB, based on the scope of the work required. If the MTE terminal is hard wired in such a manner that a network Demarcation Point cannot be created, Qwest will rearrange the terminal to create a cross-connect field and Demarcation Point. Charges for such rearrangement shall be recovered through recurring termination charges.

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

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

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

9.3.3.8 At no time shall either Party rearrange the other Party's facilities within the MTE or otherwise tamper with or damage the other Party's facilities within the MTE. This does not preclude normal rearrangement of wiring or jumpers necessary to connect inside wire or intrabuilding cable to CLEC facilities in the manner described in the MTE Access Protocol. If such damage accidentally occurs, the Party responsible for the



damage shall immediately notify the other and shall be financially responsible for restoring the facilities and/or service to its original condition. Any intentional damage may be reported to the proper authorities and may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

### **9.3.4 Detached Terminal Subloop Access: Terms and Conditions**

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

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

9.3.4.2.1 Reserved for Future Use.

#### **9.3.4.3 Field Connection Point**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **9.3.5 Ordering/Provisioning**

#### **9.3.5.1 All Subloop Types**

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

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

#### **9.3.5.2 Additional Terms for Detached Terminal Subloop Access**

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

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

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

#### **9.3.5.3 Reserved for Future Use.**

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

9.3.5.4.1 CLEC may elect to ask the MTE owner whether it owns or controls on-premises wiring at an MTE. If the owner fails to claim or disclaims ownership of such on-premises wiring or if CLEC elects not to ask such MTE owner, CLEC shall request that Qwest make a determination of whether Qwest owns or controls the on-premises wiring ("an MTE Ownership Request"). CLEC shall make an MTE Ownership Request no later than ten (10) calendar days before CLEC begins construction of facilities to provide local services at an MTE. Qwest shall reply to an MTE Ownership Request within (a) ten (10) calendar days, if CLEC's request is the first request for access at such MTE or (b) two (2) business days, if Qwest has previously confirmed ownership or control of wiring at such MTE. In the event CLEC provides Qwest with a written claim by an MTE owner, or authorized person thereof, that such owner owns the facilities on the customer side of the terminal, the ten (10) calendar day period shall be reduced to five (5) calendar days from Qwest's receipt of such claim. Qwest's investigation into its ownership and control of on-premises wiring and Qwest's reply to the MTE Ownership Request shall be at no cost to CLEC.

9.3.5.4.1.1 If Qwest fails to respond to an MTE Ownership Request, or fails to make a determination of ownership or control of on-premises wiring as provided in Section 9.3.5.4.1 above within twenty (20) days after CLEC submits an MTE ownership request, or if ownership or control of on-premises wiring is otherwise unclear or disputed, Qwest will not prevent or in any way delay the CLEC's use of the on-premises wiring to meet an End User Customer request for service. After CLEC has commenced use of the on-premises wiring and if Qwest demonstrates that the facility used by CLEC is on-premises wiring, or such determination is made pursuant to Dispute Resolution, CLEC will compensate Qwest for the use of such on-premises wiring, according to rates set forth in this Agreement, on a retroactive basis from the date of when Qwest demonstrates compliance with Sections 9.3.8.2 and 9.3.8.3.

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

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

9.3.5.4.4 CLEC may only submit orders for Subloop elements after the facilities are rearranged and/or a new facility constructed, if either are necessary. CLEC will populate the LSR with the termination information provided by CLEC at the completion of the inventory process except when submitting LSRs during the creation of the inventory.

9.3.5.4.5 If CLEC ordered Intrabuilding Cable Loop, CLEC shall dispatch a technician to run a jumper between its Subloop elements and Qwest's Subloop elements to make a connection at the MTE-POI in accordance with the MTE Access Protocol. If CLEC ordered a Subloop type other than Intrabuilding Cable

Loop, Qwest will dispatch a technician to run a jumper between CLECs Subloop elements and Qwest's Subloop elements to make a connection at the MTE-POI. CLEC, at its option, may request that Qwest run the jumper for Intrabuilding cable in MTEs when the inventory is done and a complete LSR has been submitted.

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

9.3.5.4.5.2 Reserved for Future Use.

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9.3.5.4.5.2.3 Reserved for Future Use.

9.3.5.4.5.2.4 Reserved for Future Use.

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

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

9.3.5.4.8 Subloop Reservation - Allows CLEC to reserve Unbundled Feeder Loop (UFL), and Unbundled Distribution Loop (UDL) during the FCP build. The reserved Subloop elements will remain reserved for fifteen (15) calendar Days after the Ready For Service (RFS) date.

9.3.5.4.8.1 CLEC must fill out the Field Connection Point (FCP) application form, including the Subloop Reservation section.

9.3.5.4.8.2 CLEC's FCP application must be Technically Feasible in order for the Subloop reservation to be valid.

9.3.5.4.8.3 CLEC will have the option of pre-approving Qwest to

reserve Subloops that do not meet their initial requirements and will require conditioning.

9.3.5.4.8.4 CLEC must provide Qwest with the location information pertaining to the reservation. For instance, if reserving UFL the CLEC must provide the Central Office Location and the FCP location. In addition, the CLEC must have an existing Central Office Collocation. If requesting UDL the CLEC must provide the address of the end-user. In both cases the CLEC must identify the number and type of facilities that they want to reserve.

9.3.5.4.8.5 This cost consists of the work required to establish the reservation in Qwest systems. In addition, Qwest will access the Subloop recurring rate for three (3) months as part of the Subloop Reservation. This charge will be on the BART bill as part of the FCP feasibility charge.

### 9.3.5.5 FCP Ordering Process

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

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

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

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

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

9.3.5.5.2.1.3 If Qwest denies a request for Cross-Connect Collocation in a Qwest Premises due to space limitations, Qwest shall allow CLEC representatives to inspect the entire Premises escorted by Qwest personnel within ten (10) calendar Days of CLECs receipt of the denial of space, or a mutually agreed upon date. Qwest will review the detailed space plans (to the extent space plans exist) for the Premises with CLEC during the inspection, including Qwest reserved or optioned space. Such tour shall be without charge to CLEC. If, after the inspection of the Premises, Qwest and CLEC disagree about whether space limitations at the Premises make Collocation impractical, Qwest

and CLEC may present their arguments to the Commission. In addition, if after the fact it is determined that Qwest has incorrectly identified the space limitations, Qwest will honor the original Cross-Connect Collocation Application date for determining RFS unless both Parties agree to a revised date.

9.3.5.5.2.1.4 Payment for the remaining nonrecurring charges shall be upon the RFS date. Upon completion of the construction activities and payment of the remaining nonrecurring charge, Qwest will schedule with CLEC an inspection of the FCP with CLEC if requested. Upon completion of the Acceptance inspection, CLEC will be provided the assignments and necessary ordering information. With prior arrangements, CLEC can request testing of the FCP at the time of the Acceptance inspection. If Qwest, despite its best efforts, including notification through the contact number on the Cross-Connect Collocation Application, is unable to schedule the Acceptance inspection with CLEC within twenty-one (21) calendar Days of the RFS, Qwest shall activate the applicable charges.

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

### **9.3.6 Rate Elements**

#### **9.3.6.1 All Subloop Types**

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

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

#### **9.3.6.2 Reserved for Future Use.**

#### **9.3.6.3 Additional rates for Detached Terminal Subloop Access:**

9.3.6.3.1 Cross-Connect Collocation Charge: CLEC shall pay the full nonrecurring charge for creation of the Cross-Connect Collocation set forth in Exhibit A upon submission of the Collocation Application. The FCP Request Form shall not be considered completed in its entirety until complete payment is submitted to Qwest.

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

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

#### 9.3.6.4 Additional Rates for MTE Terminal Subloop Access

9.3.6.4.1 Subloop Nonrecurring Charge - CLEC will be charged a nonrecurring charge in accordance with Exhibit A required for Qwest to complete the inventory of CLEC's facilities within the MTE such that Subloop orders can be submitted and processed.

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

### 9.3.7 Repair and Maintenance

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

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

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## 9.5 Network Interface Device (NID)

### 9.5.1 Description

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

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

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

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

## 9.5.2 Terms and Conditions

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

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

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

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

9.5.2.1.4 CLEC may enter the subscriber access chamber or “End User Customer side” of “dual chamber” NID enclosures for the purpose of NID to NID



connections.

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

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

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

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

9.5.2.4.1 Reserved for Future Use.

9.5.2.4.2 Reserved for Future Use.

9.5.2.4.3 Reserved for Future Use.

9.5.2.4.4 Reserved for Future Use.

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

9.5.2.6 Reserved for Future Use

### **9.5.3 Rate Elements**

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

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

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

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

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

### **9.5.4 Ordering Process**

9.5.4.1 Reserved for Future Use.

9.5.4.2 CLEC may access a MTE NID after determining that the terminal in question is a NID, per the process identified in Section 9.3. If the terminal is a NID and CLEC wishes to access the Customer field of the NID, no additional verification is needed by Qwest. CLEC shall tag their jumper wire.

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

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

### **9.5.5 Maintenance and Repair**

9.5.5.1 If Qwest is dispatched to an End User's location on a maintenance issue and finds the NID to be defective, Qwest will replace the defective element or, if beyond

repair, the entire device at no cost to CLEC. If the facilities and lines have been removed from the protector field or damaged by CLEC, CLEC will be responsible for all costs associated with returning the facilities and lines back to their original state. Charges for this work will be on a time and materials basis and billed directly to CLEC. Billing disputes will be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution process contained in this Agreement. Maintenance and Repair processes are contained in the Support Functions Section of this Agreement.

## **9.6 Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)**

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

### **9.6.1 Description**

9.6.1.1 Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT) provides CLEC with a Network Element of a single transmission path between Qwest end offices, Serving Wire Centers or tandem switches in the same LATA and state. A UDIT can also provide a path between one CLEC in one Qwest Wire Center and a different CLEC in another Qwest Wire Center. Extended Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (EUDIT) provides CLEC with a bandwidth specific transmission path between the Qwest Serving Wire Center to CLEC's Wire Center or an IXC's Point of Presence located within the same Qwest Serving Wire Center area. UDIT is a distance-sensitive, flat-rated bandwidth-specific interoffice transmission path designed to a DSX in each Qwest Wire Center. Qwest shall allow CLEC to access UDIT that is a part of a Meet Point arrangement between Qwest and another Local Exchange Carrier if CLEC has an Interconnection agreement containing access to UDIT with connecting Local Exchange Carrier at the determined Meet Point. Qwest rates, terms and conditions shall apply to the percentage of the route owned by Qwest. EUDIT is a flat-rated, bandwidth-specific interoffice transmission path. EUDIT and UDIT are available in DS0 through OC-192 bandwidths and such higher capacities as evolve over time where facilities are available. EUDIT and UDIT in bandwidths up to OC-48 are defined products. Higher bandwidths can be ordered using the Special Request Process. CLEC can assign channels and transport its choice of voice or data. Specifications, interfaces and parameters are described in Qwest Technical Publication 77389.

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

9.6.1.3 In conjunction with a UDIT, CLEC may order Remote Node/Remote Port at the CLEC Wire Center or IXC POP, if the Remote Node is already installed and spare card capacity exists. Remote Node provides the equipment necessary to deliver bandwidth capacities of OC3, OC12, OC48 and OC192 (SRP). At least one (1) Remote Port (card) must be ordered with Remote Node to deliver the specified payload. A

Remote Node at OC3 can deliver 3 DS3s or 84 DS1s; at OC12 a payload of 4 OC3 or 12 DS3 or 336 DS1; at OC48 a payload of 4 OC12s or 16 OC3s or 48 DS3s.

## 9.6.2 Terms and Conditions

9.6.2.1 To the extent that CLEC is ordering access to a UNE Combination, and Cross Connections are necessary to combine UNEs, Qwest will perform requested and necessary Cross Connections between UNEs in the same manner that it would perform such Cross Connections for its End User Customers or for itself. If not ordered as a combination, CLEC is responsible for performing Cross Connections at its Collocation or other mutually determined Demarcation Point between UNEs and ancillary or Finished Services, and for transmission design work including regeneration requirements for such connections. Such Cross Connections will not be required of CLEC when CLEC orders a continuous Dedicated Transport element from one point to another. UDIT may be directly connected to Finished Services, except for services that this Commission or the FCC expressly prohibit to be connected to UDIT by Existing Rules.

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

9.6.2.3 With the exception of combinations provided through the UNE Combinations Section, Section 9.23, CLEC may utilize any form of Collocation for UDIT that terminates in Qwest Wire Centers. If regeneration is required only between the UDIT termination point (the DSX panel or equivalent) and CLEC's Collocation, CLEC must order such regeneration pursuant to Section 9.1.4 and the charges listed in Exhibit A will apply. Cable distance limitations are based on the current version of the ANSI standard T1.102-1993 "Digital Hierarchy – Electrical Interface; Annex B."

9.6.2.4 Reserved for Future Use.

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

9.6.2.6 At the terminating location for each UDIT delivered to a POI outside the Qwest Wire Center, space shall be provided to Qwest for the necessary termination equipment. Where spare electronics not reserved for LIS trunking exist, Qwest will, upon request, allow termination of an UDIT on the electronics to permit UDIT to have the full features and functionalities of the electronics.

9.6.2.7 Reserved for Future Use.

9.6.2.8 In Meet Point arrangements, Qwest will allow CLEC access on either side of the Meet Point to which Qwest has a right to access, under agreements with any other party, whether affiliated with Qwest or not. If the third party agreement has rates,

terms and conditions regarding access to the non-Qwest side of the Meet Point, those same rates, terms and conditions shall apply to CLEC. If Qwest does not have rates terms and conditions for access to dedicated bandwidth specific interoffice transmission paths, then CLEC must negotiate such access with the third party owning the other side of the Meet Point, those rates, terms and conditions shall apply to the percentage of the route owned by the third party. Qwest's rates, terms and conditions, as described in Exhibit A, shall apply to the percentage of the route owned by Qwest.

### 9.6.3 Rate Elements

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

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

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

- a) DS3 Transport Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a 44.736 Mbps termination. In addition to the fixed rate element, a per-mile rate element, as described below, also applies.
- b) DS3 Transport Facilities (Per Mile) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides an interoffice transmission path of 44.736 Mbps. This is a mileage sensitive element based on the V&H coordinates of the DS3 UDIT. The mileage is calculated between the originating and terminating Wire Centers of the UDIT transmission path.
- c) Reserved for Future Use.
- d) DS3 Nonrecurring Charge. One-time charges apply for a specific work activity associated with installation of the DS3 service.
- e) Reserved for Future Use.

9.6.3.3 DS0 UDIT rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement and include

the following elements:

- a) DS0 Transport Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a 64 Kbps termination. In addition to the fixed rate element, a per-mile rate element, as described below, also applies.
- b) DS0 Transport Facilities (Per Mile) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 64 Kbps. This is a mileage sensitive element based on the V&H coordinates of the DS0 UDIT. The mileage is calculated between the originating and terminating Wire Centers of the UDIT transmission path.
- c) DS0 Nonrecurring Charge. One-time charges apply for a specific work activity associated with installation of the DS0 service.

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

- a) OC-3 Transport Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a 155.52 Mbps termination. In addition to the fixed rate element, a per-mile rate element, as described below, also applies.
- b) OC-3 Transport Facilities (Per Mile) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 155.52 Mbps. This is a distance sensitive element based on the V&H coordinates of the OC-3 UDIT. The mileage is calculated between the originating and terminating Wire Centers of the UDIT transmission path.
- c) Reserved for Future Use.
- d) OC-3 Nonrecurring Charge. One-time charges apply for a specific work activity associated with installation of the OC-3 service.
- e) Reserved for Future Use.

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

- a) OC-12 Transport Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a 622.08 Mbps termination. In addition to the fixed rate element, a per-mile rate element, as described below, also applies.
- b) OC-12 Transport Facilities (Per Mile) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 622.08 Mbps. This is a distance sensitive element based on the V&H coordinates of the OC-12 UDIT. The mileage is calculated between the originating and terminating Wire Center of the UDIT transmission path.
- c) Reserved for Future Use.
- d) OC-12 Nonrecurring Charge. One-time charges apply for a

specific work activity associated with installation of the OC-12 service.

e) Reserved for Future Use.

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

a) OC-48 Transport Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a 2.488 Gbps termination. In addition to the fixed rate element, a per-mile rate element, as described below, also applies.

b) OC-48 Transport Facilities (Per Mile) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 2.488 Gbps. This is a distance sensitive element based on the V&H coordinates of the OC-48 UDIT. The mileage is calculated between the originating and terminating Wire Centers of the UDIT transmission path.

c) Reserved for Future Use.

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

e) Reserved for Future Use.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.6.3.10 Remote Node/Remote Port rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement and include the following charges:

- a) Recurring Remote Node Charge. The Remote Node at OC3, OC12 or OC48.
- b) Recurring Remote Port Charge. A recurring charge for Remote Port card at DS1, DS3, OC3, OC12.
- c) Nonrecurring Remote Port. One-time charges for installation of Remote Port card at DS1, DS3, OC3, OC12.

#### **9.6.4 Ordering Process**

9.6.4.1 Ordering processes and installation intervals are as follows:

9.6.4.1.1 UDIT is ordered via the ASR process. Ordering processes are contained in the Support Functions Section of this Agreement.

9.6.4.1.2 Reserved for Future Use.

9.6.4.1.3 The interval will start when Qwest receives a complete and accurate Access Service Request (ASR). This date is considered the start of the installation interval if the order is received prior to 3:00 p.m. The installation interval will begin on the next business day for service requests received after 3:00 p.m. The installation intervals have been established and are set forth in Exhibit C, Section 2.0 of this Agreement.

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

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

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

- a) The original Due Date or CLEC-initiated subsequent Due Date was, or CLEC has been notified by Qwest that such Due Date will be, delayed ten (10) business days or longer; or
- b) The original Due Date has been scheduled later than the



expiration of the standard interval set forth in Exhibit C and CLEC cancels its order no later than ten (10) Days before such original Due Date.

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

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

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

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

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

9.6.4.6 Reserved for Future Use.

## **9.6.5 Maintenance and Repair**

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

## **9.6.6 Rearrangement**

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

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

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

## 9.7 Unbundled Dark Fiber

### 9.7.1 Description

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

### 9.7.2 Terms and Conditions

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

9.7.2.2 Qwest provides access to UDF-Loop at:

9.7.2.2.1 Accessible terminations such as fiber distribution panels.

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

9.7.2.2.2.1 Unspliced fiber is available, subject to Section 9.7.2.5;

9.7.2.2.2.2 Available unspliced fiber is not ribbon fiber;

9.7.2.2.2.3 Splice capacity is available in the Qwest splice case;

9.7.2.2.2.4 Space exists for CLEC splice case;

- 9.7.2.2.2.5 Qwest will perform splice in Qwest splice case;
- 9.7.2.2.2.6 CLEC shall not have access to Qwest's splice case;
- 9.7.2.2.2.7 Qwest will provide a fiber stub for CLEC to splice the Qwest fiber stub to CLEC fiber strand in CLEC splice case;
- 9.7.2.2.2.8 Qwest will perform all splices in Qwest splice case when CLEC is not providing fiber facilities;
- 9.7.2.2.2.9 Qwest will not open or break any existing splices on continuous fiber optic cable routes. Where the end of a fiber optic strand exists in a splice case, Qwest will open that splice case and stub out the end of the Dark Fiber strand for CLEC;
- 9.7.2.2.2.10 CLEC will perform splices in CLEC splice case per Technical Publication 77383;
- 9.7.2.2.2.11 Qwest will perform all modifications associated with access to UDF via splicing under the terms of Exhibit A; and
- 9.7.2.2.2.12 All access is subject to the Field Verification and Quote Preparation (FVQP).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.7.2.9 CLEC shall not use UDF that is part of a Loop-transport combination, as a substitute for special or switched Access Services, except to the extent CLEC provides "a significant amount of local exchange traffic" to its End Users over the UDF as set forth by the FCC (See 9.23.3.7.2).

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

9.7.2.11 Reserved for Future Use.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.7.2.17.3 For UDF-IOF that terminates at a CLEC Wire Center, Qwest will provide the light detector at the Qwest Wire Center, and CLEC will provide the light generating equipment at the CLEC Wire Center.

9.7.2.18 If, within ten (10) Days of the date Qwest provisioned an order for UDF, CLEC demonstrates that the UDF pair(s) provisioned over requested route do not meet the minimum parameters set forth in Technical Publication 77383, and if the trouble is in the Qwest UDF facility, not due to fault on the part of CLEC, then Qwest will at no additional cost, attempt to repair the UDF as it relates to Qwest cross-connects and

jumpers. If Qwest cannot repair the UDF to the minimum parameters set forth in Technical Publication 77383, Qwest will replace the UDF if suitable UDF pair(s) are available, at no additional nonrecurring charge. If Qwest cannot replace the UDF upon receipt of a CLEC disconnect order, Qwest will refund the nonrecurring charges associated with the Provisioning excluding IRI, FVQP and Field Verification and will discontinue all recurring charges.

9.7.2.19 Qwest shall allow CLEC's to access UDF Loops, or sections of UDF Loops, at accessible terminals including FDPS or equivalent in the Wire Center, Customer premises or at Qwest owned outside plant locations (e.g CEV, RT or hut). Dark Fiber allocated to interoffice facilities is not subject to Subloop unbundling requirements but is available to be unbundled as UDF-IOF. Qwest shall not improperly classify Dark Fiber as "interoffice" to avoid Qwest's obligation to avoid its Subloop unbundling obligations.

9.7.2.20 Qwest shall allow CLEC to access Dark Fiber owned directly by Qwest, or to which Qwest has a right to access resulting from agreement with a third party, whether or not affiliated with Qwest. CLEC shall have access to such Dark Fiber to the same extent to which Qwest has access to such fiber. In Meet Point arrangements, Qwest will allow CLEC access on either side of the Meet Point to which Qwest has a right to access, under agreements with any other party, whether affiliated with Qwest or not. If Qwest's agreement with the third party has rates, terms and conditions regarding access to the non-Qwest side of the Meet Point, those same rates, terms and conditions shall apply to CLEC. If Qwest does not have rates, terms and conditions for access to dedicated Dark Fiber strands, then CLEC must negotiate such access with the third party owning the other side of the Meet Point, and those rates, terms and conditions shall apply to the percentage of the route owned by the third party. Qwest's rates, terms and conditions, as described in Exhibit A, shall apply to the percentage of the route owned by Qwest.

### **9.7.3 Ordering Processes**

Ordering processes and installation intervals are as follows:

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

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

9.7.3.1.2 Qwest will notify CLEC, within the interval set forth in Exhibit C of this Agreement, that: (i) UDF is available to satisfy CLEC's request, (ii) UDF is not available to satisfy CLEC's request; or (iii) Qwest, in writing, denies CLEC's request pursuant to Section 9.7.2.5 (b), Qwest shall provide written notice of denials pursuant to (iii) above.

9.7.3.1.3 If there is UDF available, the UDF Inquiry Response will contain up to five (5) available UDF routes between the CLEC-specified end locations. If

additional routes are available, Qwest will notify CLEC that such additional routes exist and negotiate how that additional information will be made available.

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

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

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

9.7.3.3.2 Reserved for Future Use.

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

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

9.7.3.5 CLEC may reserve Dark Fiber for CLEC during Collocation builds. Prior to reserving space, CLEC must place an inquiry pursuant to section 9.7.3.1 of this Agreement and receive a UDF Inquiry Response that reflects that the route to be reserved is available. CLEC is also strongly encouraged to request a Field Verification that the route to be reserved is available. If CLEC does not obtain Field Verification, CLEC assumes the risk that records upon which the UDF Inquiry Response is based may be in error. CLEC may reserve UDF for thirty (30), sixty (60), or ninety (90) Days. CLEC may extend or renew reservations if there is delay in completion of the Collocation build. All applicable UDF recurring charges specified in sections 9.7.5.2 will be assessed at the commencement of the reservation. Nonrecurring charges for

Provisioning and cross connects will be assessed at the time of installation.

#### **9.7.4 Maintenance and Repair**

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

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

#### **9.7.5 Rate Elements**

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

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

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

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

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



9.7.5.2.1 Unbundled Dark Fiber - IOF Rate Elements

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

9.7.5.2.2 Unbundled Dark Fiber - Loop Rate Elements

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

9.7.5.2.3 Reserved for Future Use.

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- 9.18 Additional Unbundled Elements**

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

**9.19 Construction Charges**

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

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**9.21 Line Splitting**

**9.21.1 Description**

Line Splitting provides CLEC/DLEC with the opportunity to offer advanced data service simultaneously with voice service when CLEC obtains switching as a Network Element pursuant to a separate written agreement. The advanced data service may be provided by the Customer of Record (the voice service provider) or another data service provider chosen by the Customer of Record. A Splitter must be inserted into the Loop to accommodate establishment of the

advanced data service. The POTS Splitter separates the voice and data traffic and allows the copper Loop to be used for simultaneous DLEC data transmission and CLEC provided voice service to the End User Customer. "CLEC" will herein be referred to as the voice service provider while "DLEC" will be referred to as the advanced data service provider. CLEC and DLEC may be the same entity. Only one (1) Customer of record determined by the CLEC/DLEC partnership will be identified to Qwest.

## **9.21.2 Terms and Conditions**

### **9.21.2.1 General**

9.21.2.1.1 The Customer of Record (the voice service provider) will order the insertion of a Splitter. Qwest is not responsible for providing the Splitter, filter(s) and/or other equipment necessary for the End User Customer to receive separate voice and data service across a single copper Loop.

9.21.2.1.2 To order Line Splitting, CLEC/DLEC must have a Splitter installed in the Qwest Wire Center that serves the End User Customer. The Splitter must meet the requirements for Central Office equipment Collocation set by the FCC or be compliant with ANSI T1.413.

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

9.21.2.1.4 There may be only one DLEC at any given time that provides advanced data service on any given Line Splitting arrangement.

9.21.2.1.5 The Customer of Record will be able to request conditioning of the Unbundled Loop portion of the Line Splitting arrangement. Qwest will perform requested conditioning of shared Loops to remove load coils and excess Bridged Taps. If CLEC requests conditioning and such conditioning significantly degrades the voice services on the Loop to the point that it is unacceptable to CLEC, CLEC shall pay the conditioning rate set forth in Exhibit A to recondition the Loop.

9.21.2.1.6 Splitters may be installed in Qwest Wire Centers in at the discretion of CLEC/DLEC: via the standard or Common Area Splitter Collocation arrangements set forth in the Collocation Section of the Agreement; Under either option, Splitters will be appropriately hard-wired or pre-wired so that Qwest is not required to inventory more than two (2) points of termination. For Line Splitting, Qwest shall use the same number of Cross Connections and the same length of the tie pairs as it uses for other split services.

9.21.2.1.7 Splitter Collocation requirements must be included in the CLEC Agreement.

## **9.21.3 Rate Elements**

The following Line Splitting rate elements are contained in Exhibit A.

9.21.3.1 Recurring Rates for Line Splitting.

9.21.3.1.1 Interconnection TIE Pairs (ITP). A monthly recurring charge to recover the costs associated with the use of two (2) ITPs, one (1) for voice and one (1) for voice/data. Rate elements are contained in Exhibit A.

9.21.3.1.2 OSS Charge – A monthly recurring charge to recover the cost of the OSS modifications necessary to provide access to the high frequency portion of the Loop. Rate elements are contained in Exhibit A.

9.21.3.2 Non-Recurring Rates for Line Splitting

9.21.3.2.1 Basic Installation Charge for Line Splitting – A nonrecurring charge for each Line Splitting installed will apply. Rate elements are contained in Exhibit A.

9.21.3.2.2 Charge for conditioning the Loop - A nonrecurring charge for either conditioning the Loop by removing load coils and/or excess Bridged Taps; or reconditioning the line if necessary to assure the quality of the voice service. Rate elements are contained in Exhibit A.

9.21.3.3 Non-Recurring Rates for Maintenance and Repair

9.21.3.3.1 Trouble Isolation Charge – A nonrecurring charge for Trouble isolation will be applied in accordance with the Support Functions – Maintenance and Repair Section of the Agreement.

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

9.21.3.3.3 Miscellaneous Charges, as defined in the Miscellaneous Charge of the CLEC Agreement, may also apply.

9.21.3.4 Rates for Splitter Collocation must be included in Exhibit A.

**9.21.4 Ordering Process**

9.21.4.1 Line Splitting

9.21.4.1.1 As a part of the pre-order process, CLEC/DLEC may access Loop characteristic information through the Loop Information Tool described in the Access to OSS Section. The Customer of Record will determine, in its sole discretion and at its risk, whether to add data services to any specific Loop.

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

9.21.4.1.3 Basic Installation "lift and lay" procedure will be used for all Line

Splitting orders. Under this approach, a Qwest technician "lifts" the Loop from its current termination in a Qwest Wire Center and "lays" it on a new termination connecting to CLEC's/DLEC's collocated equipment in the same Wire Center.

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

9.21.4.1.5 If the voice service is disconnected on a Line Splitting arrangement, the Line Splitting arrangement shall terminate. CLEC may arrange to provide DSL service to the End User Customer through purchase of another product.

9.21.4.1.6 The Customer of Record (the voice service provider) shall submit the appropriate LSR's associated with establishing a Line Splitting arrangement.

## **9.21.5 Billing**

9.21.5.1 Qwest shall provide a bill to the Customer of Record (the voice service provider), on a monthly basis, within seven to ten (7-10) calendar Days of the last day of the most recent Billing period, in an agreed upon standard electronic Billing format, Billing information including (1) a summary bill, and (2) individual End User Customer sub-account information consistent with the samples available for CLEC/DLEC review.

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

## **9.21.6 Repair and Maintenance**

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

9.21.6.2 The Customer of Record will be responsible for reporting to Qwest voice service troubles provided over Line Splitting. Qwest will be responsible to repair troubles on the physical line between Network Interface Devices at the Customer premises and the point of demarcation in Qwest Wire Centers. CLEC/DLEC will be responsible for repairing data services provided on Line Splitting. Qwest, CLEC and DLEC each will be responsible for maintaining its equipment. The entity that controls the Splitters will be responsible for their maintenance.

9.21.6.3 When Splitters are installed in Qwest Wire Centers via Common Area Splitter Collocation, CLEC/DLEC will order and install additional Splitter cards as necessary to increase the capacity of the Splitters. CLEC/DLEC will leave one (1) unused, spare Splitter card in every shelf to be used for repair and maintenance until such time as the card must be used to fill the shelf to capacity.

9.21.6.3.1 CLEC and DLEC are responsible for their respective End User Customer base. CLEC/DLEC will have the responsibility for initiation and resolution of any service trouble report(s) initiated by their respective End User

Customers.

9.21.6.4 When Splitters are installed in Qwest Wire Centers via standard Collocation arrangements, CLEC/DLEC may install test access equipment in its Collocation areas in those Wire Centers for the purpose of testing Line Splitting. This equipment must meet the requirements for Central Office equipment set by the FCC.

9.21.6.5 Qwest, CLEC and DLEC will work together to address End User Customer initiated repair requests and to prevent adverse impacts to the End User Customer.

### **9.21.7 Customer of Record and Authorized Agents**

9.21.7.1 "Customer of Record" is defined for purposes of this Section as the CLEC that is the billed Customer for Line Splitting. The Customer of record may designate an authorized agent pursuant to the terms below to perform ordering and/or Maintenance and Repair functions.

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

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

## **9.22 Reserved for Future Use.**

## **9.23 Unbundled Network Elements Combinations (UNE Combinations)**

### **9.23.1 General Terms**

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

9.23.1.2 Qwest will offer to CLEC UNE Combinations, on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable and non-discriminatory in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the requirements of Section 251 and Section 252 of the Act, the applicable FCC rules, and other Applicable Laws. The methods of access to UNE Combinations described in this section are not exclusive. Qwest will make available any other form of access requested by CLEC that is consistent with the Act

and the regulations thereunder. CLEC shall be entitled to access to all combinations functionality as provided in FCC rules and other Applicable Laws. Qwest shall not require CLEC to access any UNE Combinations in conjunction with any other service or element unless specified in this Agreement or as required for technical feasibility reasons. Qwest shall not place any use restrictions or other limiting conditions on UNE Combination(s) accessed by CLEC except as specified in this Agreement or required by Existing Rules.

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

9.23.1.2.2 In addition to the UNE Combinations provided by Qwest to CLEC hereunder, Qwest shall permit CLEC to combine any UNE provided by Qwest with another UNE provided by Qwest or with compatible network components provided by CLEC or provided by third parties to CLEC in order to provide Telecommunications Services. UNE Combinations may be directly connected to Finished Services, except for: voice messaging, DSL, Access Services, Private Lines, retail services, resold services and other services that this Commission or the FCC expressly prohibit to be connected to UNE Combinations by Existing Rules. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CLEC can connect its UNE Combination to Qwest's Directory Assistance and Operator Services platforms.

9.23.1.3 When ordered as combinations of UNEs, network elements that are currently combined and ordered together will not be physically disconnected or separated in any fashion except for technical reasons or if requested by CLEC. Network elements to be provisioned together shall be identified and ordered by CLEC as such. When CLEC orders in combination UNEs that are currently interconnected and functional, such UNEs shall remain interconnected or combined as a working service without any disconnection or disruption of functionality.

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

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

9.23.1.5.1 Is Technically Feasible;

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

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

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

9.23.1.6.1 Is Technically Feasible;

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

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

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

9.23.1.7 Lack of Facilities; Priority Right to Facilities. In the event Qwest notifies CLEC that facilities ordered are not available from Qwest at the time of the order, Qwest shall maintain the order as pending for a period of thirty (30) business days. If facilities become available to fill the order within that thirty (30) business day period, Qwest shall notify the CLEC of such availability. CLEC and Qwest acknowledge that the availability of facilities hereunder is on a first come, first served basis. Any facility orders placed by any other provider, including Qwest, which predate CLEC's order shall have priority in any facilities made available under the terms of this section.

## **9.23.2 Description**

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

## **9.23.3 Terms and Conditions**

9.23.3.1 Qwest shall provide non-discriminatory access to UNE Combinations on rates, terms and conditions that are non-discriminatory, just and reasonable. The quality of a UNE Combination Qwest provides, as well as the access provided to that UNE Combination, will be equal between all Carriers requesting access to that UNE Combination; and, where Technically Feasible, the access and UNE Combination provided by Qwest will be provided in "substantially the same time and manner" to that which Qwest provides to itself. In those situations where Qwest does not provide access to UNE Combinations itself, Qwest will provide access in a manner that provides CLEC with a meaningful opportunity to compete.

9.23.3.2 "UNE-P-POTS": 1FR/1FB lines are available to CLEC as a UNE



Combination. UNE-P POTS is comprised of the following Unbundled Network Elements: Analog - 2 wire voice grade Loop, Analog Line Side Port and Shared Transport. All the vertical Switch features that are Technically Feasible for POTS are available with UNE-P-POTS. For complete descriptions please refer to the appropriate Unbundled Network Elements in this Agreement.

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

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

9.23.3.5 "UNE-P-ISDN": ISDN lines are available to CLEC as a UNE Combination. All the vertical Switch features that are Technically Feasible for ISDN are available with UNE-P-ISDN. There are two (2) types of UNE-P-ISDN:

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

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

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

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

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

9.23.3.7 Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) -- EEL is a Qwest-provided combination of Loop and dedicated interoffice transport and may also include multiplexing or

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

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

9.23.3.7.2 To establish that an EEL is carrying a "Significant Amount of Local Exchange Traffic," one of the following three (3) local service options must exist:

9.23.3.7.2.1 Option 1: CLEC must certify to Qwest that it is the exclusive provider of an End User Customer's local Exchange Service and that the Loop transport combination originates at a Customer's premises and that it terminates at CLEC's Collocation arrangement in at least one Qwest Central Office. This condition, or option, does not allow Loop-transport combinations to be connected to Qwest's Tariffed services.

9.23.3.7.2.2 Option 2: CLEC must certify that it provides local exchange and exchange access service to the End User Customer's premises and handles at least one-third (1/3) of the End User Customer's local traffic measured as a percent of total End User Customer local dial tone lines; and for DS1 level circuits and above, at least fifty percent (50%) of the activated channels on the Loop portion of the Loop and transport combination have at least five percent (5%) local voice traffic individually; and the entire Loop facility has at least ten percent (10%) local voice traffic; and the Loop/transport combination originates at a Customer's premises and terminates at CLEC's Collocation arrangement in at least one Qwest Central Office; and if a Loop/transport combination includes multiplexing, each of the multiplexed facilities must meet the above criteria outlined in this paragraph. (For example, if DS1 Loops are multiplexed onto DS3 transport, each of the individual DS1 facilities must meet the criteria outlined in this paragraph in order for the DS1/DS3 Loop/transport combination to qualify for UNE treatment). This condition, or option, does not allow Loop-transport combinations to be connected to Qwest's Tariffed services.

9.23.3.7.2.3 Option 3: CLEC must certify that at least fifty percent (50%) of the activated channels on a circuit are used to provide originating and terminating local dial tone service and at least fifty percent

(50%) of the traffic on each of these local dial tone channels is local voice traffic; and the entire Loop facility has at least thirty-three percent (33%) local voice traffic; and if a Loop/transport combination includes multiplexing, each of the multiplexed facilities must meet the above criteria. For example, if DS1 Loops are multiplexed onto DS3 transport, each of the individual DS1 facilities must meet the criteria as outlined in this paragraph in order for the DS1/DS3 Loop/transport combination to qualify for UNE treatment. This condition, or option, does not allow Loop-transport combinations to be connected to Qwest's Tariffed services. Under this option, Collocation is not required. Under this option, CLEC does not need to provide a defined portion of the End User Customer's local service, but the active channels on any Loop-transport combinations, and the entire facility, must carry the amount of local exchange traffic specified in this option.

9.23.3.7.2.4 When CLEC certifies to Qwest through a certification letter, or other mutually agreed upon solution, that the combination of elements is carrying a "Significant Amount of Local Exchange" Traffic, then Qwest will provision the EEL or convert the Special Access circuit to an EEL-C. For each EEL or Special Access circuit, CLEC shall indicate in the certification letter under which local usage option, set forth in paragraph 9.23.3.7.2.1, 9.23.3.7.2.2 or 9.23.3.3.7.2.3, it seeks to qualify the circuit.

9.23.3.7.2.5 CLEC's local service certification shall remain valid only so long as CLEC continues to satisfy one (1) of the three (3) options set forth in Section 9.23.3.7.2 of this Agreement. CLEC must provide a service order converting the EEL to Private Line/Special Access Circuit to Qwest within thirty (30) days if CLEC's certification on a given circuit is no longer valid.

9.23.3.7.2.6 In order to confirm reasonable compliance with these requirements, Qwest may perform audits of CLEC's records according to the following guidelines:

- a) Qwest may, upon thirty (30) days written notice to a CLEC that has purchased Loop/transport combinations as UNEs, conduct an audit to ascertain whether those Loop/transport combinations were eligible for UNE treatment at the time of conversion and on an ongoing basis thereafter.
- b) CLEC shall make reasonable efforts to cooperate with any audit by Qwest and shall provide Qwest with relevant records (e.g., network and circuit configuration data, local telephone numbers) which demonstrate that CLEC's Unbundled Loop transport combination is configured to provide local Exchange Service in accordance with its certification.
- c) An independent auditor hired and paid for by Qwest shall perform any audits, provided, however, that if an audit reveals that CLEC's EEL circuit(s) do not meet or have not met the certification requirements, then CLEC shall reimburse Qwest

for the cost of the audit.

d) An audit shall be performed using industry audit standards during normal business hours, unless there is a mutual agreement otherwise.

e) Qwest shall not exercise its audit rights with respect to a particular CLEC (excluding Affiliates), more than once in any calendar year, unless an audit finds non-compliance. If an audit does find non-compliance, Qwest shall not exercise its audit rights for 60 days following that audit, and if any subsequent audit does not find non-compliance, then Qwest shall not exercise its audit rights for the remainder of the calendar year.

f) At the same time that Qwest provides notice of an audit to CLEC under this paragraph, Qwest shall send a copy of the notice to the Federal Communications Commission.

g) Audits conducted by Qwest for the purpose of determining compliance with certification criteria shall not effect or in any way limit any audit rights that Qwest may have pursuant to an Interconnection agreement between CLEC and Qwest.

h) Qwest shall not use any other audit rights it may have pursuant to an Interconnection agreement between CLEC and Qwest to audit for compliance with the local exchange traffic requirements of Section 9.23.3.7.2. Qwest shall not require an audit as a prior prerequisite to Provisioning EELs.

i) CLEC shall maintain appropriate records to support its certification. However, CLEC has no obligation to keep any records that it does not keep in the ordinary course of its business.

9.23.3.7.2.7 Qwest will not provision EEL or convert Private Line/Special Access to an EEL if Qwest records indicate that the Private Line/Special Access or the EEL will be connected directly to a Tariffed Special Access service or if, in options 1 and 2 above, the EEL would not terminate at CLEC's Collocation arrangement in at least one (1) Qwest Central Office.

9.23.3.7.2.8 If an audit demonstrates that an EEL does not meet the local use requirements of Section 9.23.3.7.2 on average for two (2) consecutive months for which data is available, then the EEL shall be converted to special access or private line rates within thirty (30) days.

9.23.3.7.2.9 If CLEC learns for any reason that an EEL does not meet the local use requirements of Section 9.23.3.7.2, then the EEL shall be converted to special access or private line rates within thirty (30) days. CLEC has no ongoing duty to monitor EELs to verify that they continue to satisfy the local use requirements of Section 9.23.3.7.2, except that if any service order activity occurs relating to an EEL, then CLEC must verify that the EEL continues to satisfy the local use requirements of Section 9.23.3.7.2. Any disputes regarding whether an EEL meets the local use requirements shall be handled pursuant to the dispute resolution provisions of this Agreement. While a dispute is pending resolution, the

status quo will be maintained and the EEL will not be converted to special access or private line rates.

9.23.3.7.2.10 No private line or other Unbundled Loop shall be available for conversion into an EEL or be combined with other elements to create an EEL if it utilizes shared use Billing, commonly referred to as ratcheting. Any change to a private line or other Unbundled Loop including changes to eliminate shared use Billing for any or all circuits, prior to conversion of those circuits to EEL shall be conducted pursuant to the processes, procedures, and terms pursuant to which such private line or Loop was provisioned. Any appropriate charges from such processes, procedures, and terms shall apply (sometimes referred to as "grooming charges).

9.23.3.7.2.11 EEL-C is the conversion of an existing Private Line/Special Access service to a combination of Loop and transport UNEs. Retail and/or resale private line circuits (including multiplexing and concentration) may be converted to EEL-C if the conversion is Technically Feasible and they meet the terms of this Section 9.23.3.-7. Qwest will make EEL-Conversion Combinations available to CLEC upon request. Qwest will provide CLEC with access to EEL-Conversion Combinations according to the standard intervals set forth in Exhibit C.

9.23.3.7.2.11.1 CLEC must utilize EEL-C to provide a significant amount of Local Exchange Service in accordance with the three options listed under Section 9.23.3.7.2.

9.23.3.7.2.12 EEL-P – EEL-P is a combination of Loop and dedicated interoffice transport used for the purpose of connecting an End User Customer to a CLEC Switch. EEL-P is a new installation of circuits for the purpose of CLEC providing services to End User Customers.

9.23.3.7.2.12.1 Terms and Conditions

9.23.3.7.2.12.2 CLEC must utilize EEL-P to provide a significant amount of local Exchange Service to each End User Customer served in accordance with the three options listed under Section 9.23.3.7.2.

9.23.3.7.2.12.3 One end of the interoffice facility must originate at a CLEC Collocation in a Wire Center other than the Serving Wire Center of the Loop.

9.23.3.7.2.12.4 EEL combinations may consist of Loops and interoffice transport of the same bandwidth (Point-to-Point EEL). When multiplexing is requested, EEL may consist of Loops and interoffice transport of different bandwidths (Multiplexed EEL). CLEC may also order combinations of interoffice transport, concentration capability and DS0 Loops.

9.23.3.7.2.12.5 When concentration capability is requested, CLEC will purchase the appropriate concentration

equipment and provide it to Qwest for installation in the Wire Center.

9.23.3.7.2.12.6 Installation intervals are set forth in Exhibit C and are equivalent to the respective Private Line Transport Service on the following web-site address: <http://www.qwest.com/carrier/guides/sig/index.html>.

9.23.3.7.2.12.7 Concentration capability installation intervals will be offered at an ICB.

9.23.3.7.2.12.8 EEL-P is available only where existing facilities are available.

#### 9.23.3.8 Ordering

9.23.3.8.1 Reserved for Future Use.

9.23.3.8.2 CLEC will submit EEL orders using the LSR process.

9.23.3.8.3 Qwest will install the appropriate Channel Card based on the DS0 EEL Link LSR order and apply the charges.

9.23.3.8.4 Requests for Concentration will be submitted using the Virtual Collocation process. Virtual Collocation intervals will be adhered to.

9.23.3.8.5 One LSR is required when CLEC orders Point-to-Point EEL. Multiplexed EEL, EEL Transport and EEL Links must be ordered on separate LSRs.

#### 9.23.3.9 Rate Elements

9.23.3.9.1 EEL Link. The EEL Link is the Loop connection between the End User Customer premises and the Serving Wire Center. EEL Link is available in DS0, DS1 and DS3 and higher bandwidths as they become available. Recurring and nonrecurring charges apply.

9.23.3.9.2 EEL Transport. EEL Transport consists of the dedicated interoffice facilities between Qwest Wire Centers. EEL Transport is available in DS0, DS1, DS3, OC3, OC12 and higher bandwidths as they become available. Recurring and nonrecurring charges apply.

9.23.3.9.3 EEL Multiplexing. EEL multiplexing is offered in DS3 to DS1 and DS1 to DS0 configurations. All other multiplexing arrangements will be ICB. EEL multiplexing is ordered with EEL Transport or Unbundled Loop. Recurring and nonrecurring charges set forth in Exhibit A apply.

9.23.3.9.4 DS0 Low Side Channelization and DS0 MUX Low Side Channelization. EEL DS0 Channel Cards are required for each DS0 EEL Link or DS0 Unbundled Loop connected to a 1/0 EEL Multiplexer. Channel Cards are available for analog Loop Start, Ground Start, Reverse Battery and No Signaling.

9.23.3.9.5 Concentration Capability. Concentration Capability rates will be provided as an ICB. Cost recovery includes, but is not limited to, space preparation and space lease, equipment installation, cabling and associated terminations and structure installation, personnel training (if required) and delivery of required power. Recurring and nonrecurring charges apply.

9.23.3.10 CLEC may request access to and, where appropriate, development of, additional UNE Combinations. For UNEs Qwest currently combines in its network CLEC can use the Special Request Process (SRP) set forth in Exhibit F. For UNEs that Qwest does not currently combine, CLEC must use the Bona Fide Request Process (BFR). In its BFR or SRP request, CLEC must identify the specific combination of UNEs, identifying each individual UNE by name as described in this Agreement.

9.23.3.11 The following terms and conditions are available for all types of UNE-P:

9.23.3.11.1 UNE-P will include the capability to access long distance service (InterLATA and IntraLATA) of CLEC's Customer's choice on a 2-PIC basis, access to 911 Emergency Services, capability to access CLEC's Operator Services platform, capability to access CLEC's Directory Assistance platform and Qwest customized routing service; and, if desired by CLEC, access to Qwest Operator Services and Directory Assistance Service.

9.23.3.11.2 If Qwest provides and CLEC accepts operator services, Directory Assistance, and IntraLATA long distance as a part of the basic exchange line, it will be offered with standard Qwest branding. CLEC is not permitted to alter the branding of these services in any manner when the services are a part of the UNE-P line without the prior written approval of Qwest. However, at the request of CLEC and where Technically Feasible, Qwest will rebrand operator services and Directory Assistance in CLEC's name, in CLEC's choice of name, or in no name in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

9.23.3.11.3 CLEC may order Customized Routing in conjunction with UNE-P for alternative operator service and/or Directory Assistance platforms. CLEC shall be responsible to combine UNE-P with all components and requirements associated with Customized Routing needed to utilize related functionality. For a complete description of Customized Routing, refer to that Section of this Agreement.

9.23.3.11.4 Qwest shall provide to CLEC, for CLEC's End User Customers, E911/911 call routing to the appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Qwest shall not be responsible for any failure of CLEC to provide accurate End User Customer information for listings in any databases in which Qwest is required to retain and/or maintain End User Customer information. Qwest shall provide CLEC's End User Customer information to the ALI/DMS (Automatic Location Identification/Database Management System). Qwest shall use its standard process to update and maintain, on the same schedule that it uses for its End User Customers, CLEC's End User Customer service information in the ALI/DMS used to support E911/911 services. Qwest assumes no liability for the accuracy of information provided by CLEC.

9.23.3.11.5 CLEC shall designate the Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) assignments on behalf of its End User Customers for InterLATA and IntraLATA services. CLEC shall follow all Applicable Laws, rules and regulations with respect to PIC changes and Qwest shall disclaim any liability for CLEC's improper PIC change requests.

9.23.3.11.6 Feature and InterLATA or IntraLATA PIC changes or additions for UNE-P, will be processed concurrently with the UNE-P order as specified by CLEC.

9.23.3.11.7 CLEC may order new or retain existing Qwest DSL service on behalf of End User Customers when utilizing UNE-P-POTS, UNE-P-Centrex, and UNE-P-PBX (analog, non-DID trunks only) combinations, where Technically Feasible. The price for Qwest DSL provided with UNE-P combinations is included in Exhibit A to this Agreement. Qwest DSL service provided to Internet service providers and not provided directly to Qwest or CLEC's End Users is not available with UNE-P combinations.

9.23.3.12 If CLEC is obtaining services from Qwest under an arrangement or agreement that includes the application of termination liability assessment (TLA) or minimum period charges, and if CLEC wishes to convert such services to UNEs or a UNE Combination, the conversion of such services will not be delayed due to the applicability of TLA or minimum period charges. The applicability of such charges is governed by the terms of the original agreement, Tariff or arrangement.

9.23.3.13 For installation of new UNE Combinations, CLEC will not be assessed UNE rates for UNEs ordered in combination until access to all UNEs that make up such combination have been provisioned to CLEC as a combination, unless a UNE is not available until a later time and CLEC elects to have Qwest provision the other elements before all elements are available. For conversions of existing resale services to UNE-P Combinations, CLEC will be billed at the UNE-P rate, and Billing at the resold rate will cease, on the Due Date scheduled for the conversion, so long as the Due Date of the conversion was a standard or longer interval, unless CLEC has caused or requested a delay of the conversion.

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9.23.3.15 When End User Customers Switch from Qwest to CLEC, or to CLEC from any other competitor and is obtaining service through a UNE Combination, such End User Customers shall be permitted to retain their current telephone numbers if they so desire.

9.23.3.16 In the event Qwest terminates the Provisioning of any UNE Combination service to CLEC for any reason, CLEC shall be responsible for providing any and all necessary notice to its End User Customers of the termination. In no case shall Qwest be responsible for providing such notice to CLEC's End User Customers. Qwest shall only be required to notify CLEC of Qwest's termination of the UNE Combination service on a timely basis consistent with Commission rules and notice requirements.

9.23.3.17 CLEC, or CLEC's agent, shall act as the single point of contact for its End User Customers' service needs, including without limitation, sales, service design,



order taking, Provisioning, change orders, training, maintenance, trouble reports, repair, post-sale servicing, Billing, collection and inquiry. CLEC shall inform its End User Customers that they are End User Customers of CLEC. CLEC's End User Customers contacting Qwest will be instructed to contact CLEC, and Qwest's End User Customers contacting CLEC will be instructed to contact Qwest. In responding to calls, neither Party shall make disparaging remarks about each other. To the extent the correct provider can be determined, misdirected calls received by either Party will be referred to the proper provider of local Exchange Service; however, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prohibit Qwest or CLEC from discussing its products and services with CLEC's or Qwest's End User Customers who call the other Party.

9.23.3.18 Reserved for Future Use.

#### **9.23.4 Rates and Charges**

9.23.4.1 The rates and charges for the individual Unbundled Network Elements that comprise UNE Combinations are contained in Exhibit A for both recurring and nonrecurring application.

9.23.4.1.1 Recurring monthly charges for each Unbundled Network Element that comprise the UNE Combination shall apply when a UNE Combination is ordered. The recurring monthly charges for each UNE, including but not limited to, Unbundled 2-wire Analog Loop, Analog Line Side Port and Shared Transport, are contained in Exhibit A.

9.23.4.1.2 Nonrecurring charges, if any, will apply based upon the cost to Qwest of Provisioning the UNE Combination and providing access to the UNE Combination and will be compliant with existing rules. These nonrecurring charges, if any, are described in Exhibit A.

9.23.4.2 If the Commission takes any action to adjust the rates previously ordered, Qwest will make a compliance filing to incorporate the adjusted rates into Exhibit A. Upon the compliance filing by Qwest, the Parties will abide by the adjusted rates on a going-forward basis, or as ordered by the Commission.

9.23.4.3 CLEC shall be responsible for Billing its End User Customers served over UNE Combinations for all Miscellaneous Charges and surcharges required of CLEC by statute, regulation or otherwise required.

9.23.4.4 CLEC shall pay Qwest the PIC change charge associated with CLEC End User Customer changes of InterLATA or IntraLATA Carriers. Any change in CLEC's End User Customers' InterLATA or IntraLATA Carrier must be requested by CLEC on behalf of its End User Customer.

9.23.4.5 If an End User Customer is served by CLEC through a UNE Combination, Qwest will not charge, assess, or collect Switched Access charges for InterLATA or IntraLATA calls originating or terminating from that End User Customer's phone after conversion to a UNE Combination is complete.

9.23.4.6 Qwest shall have a reasonable amount of time to implement system or other changes necessary to bill CLEC for Commission-ordered rates or charges

associated with UNE Combinations.

### **9.23.5 Ordering Process**

9.23.5.1 Most UNE Combinations and associated products and services are ordered via an LSR. Ordering processes are contained in this Agreement and in the PCAT. The following is a high-level description of the ordering process:

9.23.5.1.1 Reserved for Future Use.

9.23.5.1.2 Reserved for Future Use.

9.23.5.1.3 Step 1: Complete product questionnaire with account team representative.

9.23.5.1.4 Step 2: Obtain Billing Account Number (BAN) through account team representative.

9.23.5.1.5 Step 3: Allow 2-3 weeks from Qwest's receipt of a completed questionnaire for accurate loading of UNE Combination rates to the Qwest Billing system.

9.23.5.1.6 Step 4: After account team notification, place UNE Combination orders via an LSR or ASR as appropriate.

9.23.5.1.7 Additional information regarding the ordering processes are located at: [http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/solutions/clecFacility/une\\_p\\_c.html](http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/solutions/clecFacility/une_p_c.html)

9.23.5.2 Prior to placing an order on behalf of each End User Customer, CLEC shall be responsible for obtaining and have in its possession a Proof of Authorization as set forth in this Agreement.

9.23.5.3 Standard service intervals for each UNE Combination are set forth in Exhibit C. For UNE Combinations with appropriate retail analogues, CLEC and Qwest will use the standard Provisioning interval for the equivalent retail service. CLEC and Qwest can separately agree to Due Dates other than the standard interval.

9.23.5.4 Due Date intervals are established when Qwest receives a complete and accurate Local Service Request (LSR) or ASR made through the IMA, EDI or Exact interfaces or through facsimile. For UNE-P-POTS, UNE-P-Centrex, and UNE-P-ISDN-BRI, the date the LSR or ASR is received is considered the start of the service interval if the order is received on a business day prior to 7:00 p.m. For UNE-P-POTS, UNE-P-Centrex, and UNE-P-ISDN-BRI, the service interval will begin on the next business day for service requests received on a non-business day or after 7:00 p.m. on a business day. For UNE-P-DSS, UNE-P-ISDN-PRI, UNE-P-PBX, EEL, and all other UNE Combinations, the date the LSR or ASR is received is considered the start of the service interval if the order is received on a business day prior to 3:00 p.m. For UNE-P-DSS, UNE-P-ISDN-PRI, UNE-P-PBX, EEL, and all other UNE Combinations, the service interval will begin on the next business day for service requests received on a non-business day or after 3:00 p.m. on a business day. Business days exclude Saturdays, Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (4th of July), Labor Day,

Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

9.23.5.5 The Parties' obligations and responsibilities for providing and maintaining End User Customer listings information are contained in the Listings and E911/911 Emergency Services sections of this Agreement. Nevertheless, to the extent that the option is available to CLEC to specify that the End User Customer's existing listing(s) be retained upon conversion to Unbundled Local Switching elements or UNE-P Combinations, Qwest shall be responsible for ensuring that the End User Customer's listing(s) is retained "as is" in Qwest's listings data bases.

9.23.5.6 When Qwest's End User Customer or the End User Customer's new service provider orders the discontinuance of the End User Customer's existing service in anticipation of moving to another service provider, Qwest will render its closing bill to the End User Customer effective with the disconnection. If Qwest is not the local service provider, Qwest will issue a bill to CLEC for that portion of the service provided to CLEC should CLEC's End User Customer, a new service provider, or CLEC request service be discontinued to the End User Customer. Qwest will notify CLEC by FAX, OSS interface, or other agreed upon processes when an End User Customer moves to another service provider. Qwest shall not provide CLEC or Qwest retail operations or personnel with the name of the other service provider selected by the End User Customer.

9.23.5.7 For UNE Combinations, CLEC shall provide Qwest and Qwest shall provide CLEC with points of contact for order entry, problem resolution, repair, and in the event special attention is required on service request.

## **9.23.6 Billing**

9.23.6.1 Qwest shall provide CLEC, on a monthly basis, within seven to ten (7-10) calendar Days of the last day of the most recent Billing period, in an agreed upon standard electronic Billing format, Billing information including (1) a summary bill, and (2) individual End User Customer sub-account information consistent with the samples available for CLEC review.

## **9.23.7 Maintenance and Repair**

9.23.7.1 Qwest will maintain facilities and equipment that comprise the service provided to CLEC as a UNE Combination. CLEC or its End User Customers may not rearrange, move, disconnect or attempt to repair Qwest facilities or equipment, other than by connection or disconnection to any interface between Qwest and the End User Customer, without the written consent of Qwest.

## **9.24 Loop Splitting**

### **9.24.1 Description**

Loop Splitting provides CLEC/DLEC with the opportunity to offer advanced data service simultaneously with voice over an existing Unbundled Loop by using the frequency range above the voice band on the copper Loop. The advanced data service may be provided by the Customer of record or another data service provider chosen by the Customer of record. The POTS Splitter separates the voice and data traffic and allows the copper Loop to be used for simultaneous DLEC data transmission and CLEC provided voice service to the End User.

“CLEC” will herein be referred to as the voice service provider while “DLEC” will be referred to as the advanced data service provider. CLEC and DLEC may be the same entity. Only one (1) Customer of record determined by the CLEC/DLEC partnership will be identified to Qwest.

9.24.1.1 With regard to Qwest current requirement that Loop Splitting be offered over an existing Unbundled Loop, Qwest acknowledges that there are ongoing industry discussions regarding the Provisioning of Loop Splitting over a new Unbundled Loop. If as a result of those discussions, a process is developed for Loop Splitting over a new Loop, Qwest will amend this Agreement to eliminate the limitation of Loop Splitting to existing Unbundled Loops.

## **9.24.2 Terms and Conditions**

### **9.24.2.1 General**

9.24.2.1.1 Qwest is not responsible for providing the Splitter, filter(s) and/or other equipment necessary for the End User to receive separate voice and data service across a single copper Loop.

9.24.2.1.2 To order Loop Splitting, CLEC/DLEC must have a POTS Splitter installed in the Qwest Wire Center that serves the End User. The POTS Splitter must meet the requirements for Central Office equipment Collocation set by the FCC or be compliant with ANSI T1.413.

9.24.2.1.3 There may only be one DLEC at any given time that provides advanced data service on any given Unbundled Loop.

9.24.2.1.4 If Loop Splitting is requested for an analog Loop, the Loop must be converted to a 2/4 wire non-loaded Loop or ADSL compatible Loop.

9.24.2.1.4.1 The Customer of record will be able to request conditioning of the Unbundled Loop. Qwest will perform requested conditioning of Unbundled Loops to remove load coils and excess Bridged Taps under the terms and conditions associated with Loop conditioning contained in Section 9.2 of this Agreement.

9.24.2.1.4.2 If requested conditioning significantly degrades the existing service over the Unbundled Loop to the point that it is unacceptable to CLEC, Customer of record shall pay to convert back to an analog Loop.

9.24.2.1.5 POTS Splitters may be installed in Qwest Wire Centers in either of the following ways at the discretion of CLEC/DLEC: (a) via the standard Collocation arrangements set forth in the Collocation Section; or (b) via Common Area Splitter Collocation as set forth in the Line Sharing Section of this Agreement. Under either option, POTS Splitters will be appropriately hard-wired or pre-wired so that points of termination are kept to a minimum. For Loop Splitting, Qwest shall use the same length of tie pairs as it uses for Line Sharing, except for the additional CLEC to CLEC connection, which is not required for Line Sharing.

9.24.2.1.6 POTS Splitter Collocation requirements are covered in the Line Sharing Section of this Agreement.

### **9.24.3 Rate Elements**

The following Loop Splitting rate elements are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

#### **9.24.3.1 Recurring Rates for Loop Splitting.**

9.24.3.1.1 Interconnection TIE Pairs (ITP)- A monthly recurring charge to recover the costs associated with the use of ITPs.

9.24.3.1.2 OSS Charge – A monthly recurring charge to recover the cost of the OSS modifications necessary to provide access to the high frequency portion of the Unbundled Loop.

#### **9.24.3.2 Nonrecurring Rates for the Loop Splitting**

9.24.3.2.1 Basic Installation Charge for Loop Splitting – A nonrecurring charge for Loop Splitting installed will apply.

#### **9.24.3.3 Nonrecurring Rates for Maintenance and Repair**

9.24.3.3.1 Trouble Isolation Charge – A nonrecurring charge for Trouble isolation will be applied in accordance with the Support Functions – Maintenance and Repair Section.

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

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

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

### **9.24.4 Ordering Process**

#### **9.24.4.1 Loop Splitting**

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

Loop.

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

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

9.24.4.1.4 The Customer of record shall not place orders for Loop Splitting until all work necessary to provision Loop Splitting in a given Qwest Wire Center, including, but not limited to, POTS Splitter installation and TIE Cable reclassification or augmentation has been completed.

9.24.4.1.5 The Customer of record shall submit the appropriate LSR’s associated with establishing Unbundled Loop and Loop Splitting.

9.24.4.1.6 If a Loop Splitting LSR is placed to change from Line Sharing to Loop Splitting or to change the voice provider in an existing Loop Splitting arrangement and the data provider does not change or move Splitter location, the data service will not be interrupted.

#### **9.24.5 Billing**

9.24.5.1 Qwest shall provide a bill to the Customer of record, on a monthly basis, within seven to ten (7-10) calendar Days of the last day of the most recent Billing period, in an agreed upon standard electronic Billing format.

9.24.5.2 Qwest shall bill the Customer of record for all recurring and nonrecurring Loop Splitting rate elements.

#### **9.24.6 Repair and Maintenance**

9.24.6.1 Qwest will allow CLEC/DLEC to access Loop Splitting at the point where the combined voice and data Loop is cross connected to the POTS Splitter.

9.24.6.2 The Customer of record will be responsible for reporting to Qwest service troubles provided over Loop Splitting. Qwest will be responsible to repair troubles on the physical line between network interface devices at the user premises and the point of demarcation in Qwest Wire Centers. Qwest, CLEC and DLEC each will be responsible for maintaining its equipment. The entity that controls the POTS Splitters will be responsible for their maintenance.

9.24.6.3 Qwest, CLEC and DLEC will continue to develop repair and maintenance procedures for Loop Splitting and agree to document final agreed to procedures in a methods and procedures document that will be made available on Qwest’s website.

## **9.24.7 Customer of Record and Authorized Agents**

9.24.7.1 “Customer of Record” is defined for the purposes of this section as the CLEC that is the billed Customer for Loop Splitting. The Customer of record may designate an authorized agent pursuant to the terms of sections 9.24.7.2 and 9.24.7.3 to perform ordering and/or maintenance and repair functions.

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

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

## **Section 10.0 - ANCILLARY SERVICES**

### **10.1 Reserved for Future Use**

### **10.2 Local Number Portability**

#### **10.2.1 Description**

10.2.1.1 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.

10.2.1.2 Qwest uses the Location Routing Number (LRN) architecture. Under the LRN architecture, each Switch is assigned a unique ten-digit LRN, the first six digits of which identify the location of that Switch. The LRN technology is a triggering and addressing method which allows the re-homing of individual telephone numbers to other Switches and ensures the proper routing of calls to ported telephone numbers through the use of a database and the signaling network. The LRN solution interrupts call processing through the use of an Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) trigger, commonly referred to as the LRN trigger. During this interruption, a query is launched to the LNP database in the signaling network and the call is re-addressed using the LRN information for the ported telephone number. The LRN will route the call to the proper Switch destination. The actual routing of the call with either the dialed number, for calls to non-ported numbers, or the LRN, for calls to ported numbers, observes the rules, protocols and requirements of the existing Public Office Dialing Plan (PODP).

#### **10.2.2 Terms and Conditions**

10.2.2.1 Qwest will provide Local Number Portability (LNP), also known as long-term number portability, in a non-discriminatory manner in compliance with the FCC's rules and regulations and the guidelines of the FCC's North American Numbering Council's (NANC) Local Number Portability Administration (LNPA) Working Group and the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS). Unless specifically excluded in Section 10.2.2.6, all telephone numbers assigned to an End User Customer are available to be ported through LNP. Mass calling events shall be handled in accordance with the industry's non-LRN recommendation (NANC's High Volume Call-In Networks dated February 18, 1998.)

10.2.2.2 Each Party shall use reasonable efforts to facilitate the expeditious deployment of LNP. The Parties shall comply with the processes and implementation schedules for LNP deployment prescribed by the FCC. In accordance with industry guidelines, the publications of LNP capable Switches and the schedule and status for future deployment will be identified in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG).

10.2.2.3 In connection with the provision of LNP, the Parties agree to support and comply with all relevant requirements or guidelines that are adopted by the FCC, or that are agreed to by the Telecommunications industry as a national industry standard.

10.2.2.4 Qwest will coordinate LNP with Unbundled Loop cutovers in a reasonable amount of time and with minimum service disruption, pursuant to Unbundled



Loop provisions identified in Section 9 of this Agreement. CLEC will coordinate with Qwest for the return of the Qwest Unbundled Loop coincident with the transfer of the Customer's service to Qwest in a reasonable amount of time and with minimum service disruption. For coordination with Loops not associated with Qwest's Unbundled Loop offering, CLEC may order the LNP Managed Cut, as described in Section 10.2.5.4.

10.2.2.4.1 Parties understand that LNP order activity must be coordinated with facilities cut overs 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 or provision of its Loop, and needs to delay or cancel the Port and any Loop disconnection, that Party shall notify the other Party immediately. Parties will work cooperatively and take prompt action to delay or cancel the Port and any Loop disconnection in accordance with industry (LNPA's National Number Porting Operations Team), accepted procedures to minimize End User Customer service disruptions.

10.2.2.4.2 Parties shall transmit a Port create subscription or Port concurrence message to the NPAC, in accordance with the FCC's LNPA Working Group's guidelines. Qwest will routinely send a concurrence message within the time frames established by the industry.

10.2.2.5 The Parties agree to implement LNP within the guidelines set forth by the generic technical requirements for LNP as specified in Section 21 of this Agreement.

10.2.2.6 Neither Party shall be required to provide number portability for numbers that are excluded by FCC rulings (e.g. 500 and 900 NPAs, 950 and 976 NXX number services).

10.2.2.7 After an end-office becomes equipped with LNP, all NXXs assigned to that end office will be defined as portable, to the extent Technically Feasible, and translations will be changed in each Party's Switches so that the portable NXXs are available for LNP database queries. When an NXX is defined as portable, it will also be defined as portable in all LNP-capable Switches that have direct trunks to the end office associated with the portable NXX.

10.2.2.8 Each Party shall offer number portability to Customers for any portion of an existing DID block without being required to Port the entire block of DID numbers. Each Party shall permit Customers who port a portion of DID numbers to retain DID service on the remaining portion of the DID numbers.

10.2.2.9 At the time of porting a number via LNP from Qwest, Qwest shall ensure that the LIDB entry for that number is de-provisioned if the Qwest LIDB is not being used by CLEC.

10.2.2.10 Both Parties agree to follow the LNP Switch request process established by the Parties and in compliance with industry guidelines.

10.2.2.11 NXX Migration, or Local Exchange Routing Guide Reassignment, reassigns the entire Central Office Code (NXX) to the CLEC Switch if the code is used solely for one End User. Where one Party has activated an entire NXX for a single End User, or activated a substantial portion of an NXX for a single End User with the

remaining numbers in the NXX either reserved for future use or otherwise unused, if such End User chooses to receive service from the other Party, the first Party shall cooperate with the second Party to have the entire NXX reassigned to an End Office operated by the second Party through the NANP administrator. In addition, both Parties agree to cooperate in arranging necessary updates and industry notification in the LERG (and associated industry databases, routing tables, etc.). Such transfer will be accomplished with appropriate coordination between the Parties and subject to appropriate industry lead-times (as identified in the LERG and the Central Office Code Administration guidelines) for movement of NXXs from one Switch to another. Other applications of NXX migration will be discussed by the Parties as circumstances arise.

10.2.2.12 In connection with all LNP requests, the Parties agree to comply with the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) recommended standards for service provider Local Number Portability (NENA-02-011), as may be updated from time to time, regarding unlocking and updating End Users' telephone number records in the 911/Automatic Location Information (ALI) database. The current provider shall send the 911 unlock record on the completion date of the order to the 911 database administrator.

10.2.2.13 Porting of Reserved Numbers. The Customers of each Party may port reserved numbers from one Party to the other Party via LNP. Qwest will port numbers previously reserved by the Customer via the appropriate retail Tariffs until these reservations expire. Qwest will no longer reserve numbers for End User Customers.

10.2.2.14 Limits on Subscriber Relocation. Qwest and CLEC agree that a Customer may geographically relocate at the same time as it ports its telephone number, using LNP, to the new service provider; provided, however, that the current service provider may require that the Customer's relocation at the time of the Port to the new service provider be limited to the geographic area represented by the NXX of the ported telephone number. The current service provider may not impose a relocation limitation on the new service provider or the new service provider's subscribers that is more restrictive than that which the current service provider would impose upon its own subscribers with telephone numbers having the same NXX as the telephone number(s) being ported. In addition, the current service provider may not impose any restrictions on relocation within the same Rate Center by a ported End User while that End User is served by the new service provider.

### **10.2.3 Service Management System**

10.2.3.1 Each Party shall sign the appropriate NPAC user agreement(s) and obtain certification from the appropriate NPAC administrator(s) that the Party or the Party's Service Order Administration (SOA) and Local Service Management System (LSMS) vendor(s) has systems and equipment that are compatible with the NPAC's established protocols and that the application of such systems and equipment is compatible with the NPAC.

10.2.3.2 Each Party shall cooperate to facilitate the administration of the SMS through the process prescribed in the documents referenced in Section 21.

### **10.2.4 Database and Query Services**

10.2.4.1 Qwest shall perform default LNP queries where CLEC is unable to

perform its own query. CLEC shall perform default LNP queries where Qwest is unable to perform its own query. Qwest query services and charges are defined in FCC Tariff #5, including End Office and Tandem Default Query Charges which are contained in Tariff Section 13 (Miscellaneous Service) and Database Query Charges which are contained in Tariff Section 20 (CCSAC Service Applications).

10.2.4.2 For local calls to a NXX in which at least one number has been ported via LNP at the request of CLEC, the Party that owns the originating Switch shall query an LNP database as soon as the call reaches the first LNP capable Switch in the call path. The Party that owns the originating Switch shall query on a local call to a NXX in which at least one number has been ported via LNP prior to any attempts to route the call to any other Switch. Prior to the first number in a NXX being ported via LNP at the request of CLEC, Qwest may query all calls directed to the NXX, subject to the Billing provisions as discussed in Section 10.2.4.1 and provided that Qwest queries shall not adversely affect the quality of service to CLEC's Customers or End Users as compared to the service Qwest provides its own Customers and End Users.

10.2.4.3 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 in a NXX.

10.2.4.4 On calls originating from a Party's network, the Party will populate, if Technically Feasible, the Jurisdiction Information Parameter (JIP) with the first six digits of the originating LRN in the SS7 Initial Address Message.

10.2.4.5 Each Party shall cooperate in the process of porting numbers from one Carrier to another so as to limit service outage for the ported subscriber. Qwest shall update its LNP database from the NPAC SMS data within fifteen (15) minutes of receipt of a download from the NPAC SMS.

## **10.2.5 Ordering**

10.2.5.1 Both Parties shall comply with ordering standards as developed by the industry and as described in Section 12 of this Agreement. LNP service is ordered via a Local Service Request and associated Number Portability forms. -CLEC may order long term number portability either manually or through an electronic interface. The electronic gateway solution for ordering service is described in Section 12 of this Agreement.

10.2.5.2 Standard Due Date Intervals. Service intervals for LNP are described below. These intervals include the time for Firm Order Confirmation (FOC). Orders received after 7:00 p.m. (mountain time) are considered the next business day. The following service intervals have been established for local number portability:

	Telephone Numbers To Port	Interval*
Simple (1FR/1FB)	1-5	3 business days (includes FOC 24 hr interval)
	6-50	4 business days (includes FOC 24 hr interval)
	51 or more	Project Basis
Complex (PBX Trunks, ISDN, Centrex)	1-25	5 business days (includes FOC 24 hr interval)
	26 or more	Project Basis

\*Intervals for LNP with Unbundled Loops shall be governed by Section 9.2.4.6 of this Agreement.

10.2.5.3 Most LNP order activity is flow-through, meaning that the ten (10) digit unconditional trigger, or Line Side attribute (LSA) trigger, can be set automatically. CLEC may request any Due Date/Frame Due Time (DD/FDT) where the trigger can be set automatically, although there may be some instances when Qwest or the Number Portability Administration Center/Service Management System (NPAC/SMS) will provide prior electronic notice of specific blocks of time which cannot be used as a DD/FDT due to scheduled maintenance or other circumstances. If the DD/FDT on a flow-through cut is outside Qwest's normal business hours for LNP, Qwest will have personnel available in the repair center to assist in the event that CLEC experiences problems during the cut. In addition, Qwest allows CLEC to request a Managed Cut on a 24 X 7 basis in those situations where a cut would otherwise have been flow-through, but where CLEC has a business need to have Qwest personnel dedicated to the cut. The terms and conditions for Managed Cuts are described in 10.2.5.4.

10.2.5.3.1 Qwest will set the ten (10) digit unconditional trigger for numbers to be ported, unless technically infeasible, by 11:59 p.m. (local time) on the business day preceding the scheduled port date. (A 10-digit unconditional trigger cannot be set for DID services in 1AESS, AXE10, and DMS10 switches thus managed cuts are required, at no charge.) The ten (10) digit unconditional trigger and switch translations associated with the End User Customer's telephone number will not be removed, nor will Qwest disconnect the Customer's billing and account information, until 11:59 p.m. (local time) of the next business day after the Due Date. CLEC is required to make timely notifications of Due Date changes or cancellations by 8:00 p.m. mountain time on the Due Date

through a supplemental LSR order. In the event CLEC does not make a timely notification, CLEC may submit a late notification to Qwest as soon as possible but in no event later than 12:00 p.m. mountain time the next business day after the Due Date to Qwest's Interconnect Service Center in the manner set forth below. For a late notification properly submitted, Qwest agrees to ensure that the End User's service is not disconnected prior to 11:59 p.m. of the next business day following the new Due Date or, in the case of a cancellation, no disruption of the End User's existing service. Late notifications must be made by calling Qwest's Interconnect Service Center followed by CLEC submitting a confirming supplemental LSR order.

10.2.5.4 LNP Managed Cut With CLEC-Provided Loop: A Managed Cut permits CLEC to select a project managed cut for LNP. Managed Cuts are offered on a 24 X 7 basis.

10.2.5.4.1 The date and time for the managed cut requires up-front planning and may need to be coordinated between Qwest and CLEC. All requests will be processed on a first come, first served basis and are subject to Qwest's ability to meet a reasonable demand. Considerations such as system down time, Switch upgrades, Switch maintenance, and the possibility of other CLECs requesting the same FDT in the same Switch (Switch contention) must be reviewed. In the event that any of these situations would occur, Qwest will coordinate with CLEC 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.

10.2.5.4.2 CLEC 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.

10.2.5.4.3 CLEC 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.

10.2.5.4.4 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. CLEC understands and agrees that in the event CLEC 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.

10.2.5.4.5 Qwest will schedule the appropriate number of employees prior to the cut, normally not to exceed three (3) employees, based upon information provided by CLEC. CLEC will also have appropriate personnel scheduled for the negotiated FDT. If CLEC's information is modified during the cut, and, as a result, non-scheduled employees are required, CLEC shall be charged a three

(3) hour minimum callout charge per each additional non-scheduled employee. If the cut is either cancelled, or supplemented (supp) to change the Due Date, within twenty four (24) hours of the negotiated FDT, CLEC will be charged a one person three (3) hour minimum charge. 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 CLEC one person three (3) hour minimum charge as set forth in Appendix A.

10.2.5.4.6 In the event that the LNP Managed Cut LNP conversion is not successful, CLEC and Qwest agree to isolate and fix the problem in a timeframe acceptable to CLEC or the Customer. If the problem cannot be corrected within an acceptable timeframe to CLEC or the Customer, CLEC may request the restoral of Qwest service for the ported Customer. Such restoration shall begin immediately upon request. If CLEC is in error then a supplemental order shall be provided to Qwest. If Qwest is in error, no supplemental order or additional order will be required of CLEC.

10.2.5.4.7 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 the CLEC Loop has been successfully installed.

## **10.2.6 Maintenance and Repair**

10.2.6.1 Each Party is responsible for its own End Users and will have the responsibility for resolution of any service trouble report(s) from its End Users. End user Customers will be instructed to report all cases of trouble to their Service Provider.

10.2.6.2 Each Party will provide their respective End User Customers the correct telephone numbers to call for access to their respective repair bureaus. Each Party will provide their repair contact numbers to one another on a reciprocal basis.

10.2.6.3 Qwest will work cooperatively with CLEC to isolate and resolve trouble reports. When the trouble condition has been isolated and found to be within a portion of the Qwest network, Qwest will perform standard tests and isolate and repair the trouble within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the report.

10.2.6.4 Qwest will proactively test new Switch features and service offerings to ensure there are no problems with either the porting of numbers or calls from Qwest Customers to CLEC Customers with ported numbers or vice versa.

## **10.2.7 Rate Elements**

10.2.7.1 Qwest will comply with FCC and Commission rules on cost recovery for long term number portability.

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## **10.3 911/E911 Service**

### **10.3.1 Description**

10.3.1.1 911 and E911 provides an End User access to the applicable emergency service bureau, where available, by dialing a 3-digit universal telephone number (911).

10.3.1.2 Automatic Location Identification/Data Management System (ALI/DMS). The ALI/DMS database contains End User information (including name, address, telephone number, and sometimes special information from the local service provider or End User) used to determine to which Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to route the call. The ALI/DMS database is used to provide more routing flexibility for E911 calls than Basic 911.

10.3.1.3 Basic 911 directly connects to the PSAP all 911 calls from one or more local exchange Switches that serve a geographic area. E911 provides additional selective routing flexibility for 911 calls. E911 uses End User data, contained in the ALI/DMS, to determine to which Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to route the call.

### **10.3.2 Terms and Conditions**

10.3.2.1 E911 functions provided to CLEC shall be at the same level of accuracy and reliability as for such support and services that Qwest provides to its End Users for such similar functionality.

10.3.2.2 In counties where Qwest has obligations under existing agreements as the primary provider of the 911 system to the county, CLEC will participate in the provision of the 911 System as described in Section 10.3.

10.3.2.3 Qwest shall conform to all state regulations concerning Emergency Services.

10.3.2.4 Qwest shall route E911 calls to the appropriate PSAP.

10.3.2.5 Each Party will be responsible for those portions of the 911 system for which it has total control, including any necessary maintenance to each Party's portion of the 911 system.

10.3.2.6 Qwest will provide CLEC with the identification of the Qwest 911 controlling office that serves each geographic area served by CLEC.

10.3.2.7 Qwest will provide CLEC with the ten-digit telephone numbers of each PSAP agency, for which Qwest provides the 911 function, to be used by CLEC to acquire emergency telephone numbers for operators to handle emergency calls in those instances where CLEC's End User dials "0" instead of "911". It shall be the responsibility of CLEC to verify or confirm the appropriate use of the contact information provided by Qwest with each PSAP prior to offering 911 calls or publication of such data.

10.3.2.8 If a third party is the primary service provider to a county, CLEC will negotiate separately with such third party with regard to the provision of 911 service to the county. All relations between such third party and CLEC are separate from this

Agreement and Qwest makes no representations on behalf of the third party.

10.3.2.9 If CLEC is the primary service provider to the county, CLEC and Qwest will negotiate the specific provisions necessary for providing 911 service to the county and will include such provisions in an amendment to this Agreement.

10.3.2.10 CLEC will separately negotiate with each county regarding the collection and reimbursement to the county of applicable end user taxes for 911 service.

10.3.2.11 CLEC is responsible for network management of its network components in compliance with the Network Reliability Council Recommendations and meeting the network standard of Qwest for the 911 call delivery.

10.3.2.12 The Parties shall provide a single point of contact to coordinate all activities under this Agreement.

10.3.2.13 Neither Party will reimburse the other for any expenses incurred in the provision of E911 services. All costs incurred by the Parties for 911/E911 services shall be billed to the appropriate PSAP.

10.3.2.14 Qwest's designated E911 database provider, an independent third party, will be responsible for maintaining the E911 database. CLEC shall have non-discriminatory unbundled access to the E911 database, including the listings of other LECs for purposes of providing 911 services related to the public health, safety and welfare.

### **10.3.3 E911 Database Updates**

10.3.3.1 CLEC exchanges to be included in Qwest's E911 Database will be indicated via written notice to the appropriate 911 authority (state agency or PSAP administrator or county) and will not require an amendment to this Agreement.

10.3.3.2 Qwest's designated E911 database provider, an independent third party, will be responsible for maintaining the E911 database. Qwest, or its designated database provider, will provide to CLEC an initial copy of the most recent Master Street Address Guide (MSAG), and subsequent versions on a quarterly basis, at no charge. MSAGs provided outside the quarterly schedule will be provided and charged on an Individual Case Basis. The data will be provided in computer readable format. Qwest shall provide CLEC access to the Master Street and Address Guide at a level of accuracy and reliability that is equivalent to the access Qwest provides to itself.

### **10.3.4 E911 Database Updates for Facilities-Based CLECs**

10.3.4.1 Qwest will ensure that the 911 database entries for CLEC will be maintained with the same accuracy and reliability that Qwest maintains for Qwest's own End Users.

10.3.4.2 For selective routing table updates, facilities-based CLECs will negotiate directly with Qwest's database provider for the input and validation of End User data into the Qwest Automatic Location Identification (ALI) database. CLEC will negotiate directly with the PSAP (or PSAP agency's) DMS/ALI provider for input of End User data into the



ALI database. In most cases the selective routing table updates and the ALI database will be managed by the same provider. CLEC assumes all responsibility for the accuracy of the data that CLEC provides for MSAG preparation and E911 Database operation.

10.3.4.3 If it is facilities-based, CLEC will provide End User data to Qwest's agent for the Qwest ALI database utilizing NENA-02-010 Recommended Formats and Protocols For ALI Data Exchange standards. Qwest will furnish CLEC any variations to NENA recommendations required for ALI database input.

10.3.4.4 If it is facilities-based, CLEC will provide End User data to Qwest's database provider for Qwest's ALI database that is MSAG valid and meets all components of the NENA-02-011 Recommended Data Standards for Local Exchange Carriers, ALI Service Providers and 911 Jurisdictions standard format, as specified by Qwest.

10.3.4.5 If it is facilities-based, CLEC will update its End User records provided to Qwest's database provider for Qwest's ALI database to agree with the 911 MSAG standards for its service areas.

### **10.3.5 E911 Database Updates for Resale Based CLECs**

10.3.5.1 For resold services, Qwest, or its designated database provider, will provide updates to the ALI database in a manner that is at the same level of accuracy and reliability as such updates are provided for Qwest's End Users. For resold accounts, CLEC shall provide Qwest with accurate End User location information to be updated to the ALI/DMS database. Qwest shall use its current process to update and maintain End User information in the ALI/DMS database.

### **10.3.6 E911 Database Accuracy**

10.3.6.1 E911 Database accuracy shall be measured jointly by the PSAPs and Qwest's database provider in a format supplied by Qwest. The reports shall be forwarded to CLEC by Qwest's database provider when relevant and will indicate incidents when incorrect or no ALI data is displayed. The reports provided to CLEC shall contain CLEC-specific information regarding CLEC's accounts.

10.3.6.2 Each discrepancy report will be jointly researched by Qwest and CLEC. Corrective action will be taken immediately by the responsible Party.

10.3.6.3 Each Party providing updates to the E911 database will be responsible for the accuracy of its end user records. Each Party providing updates specifically agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other Party from any claims, damages, or suits related to the accuracy of end user data provided for inclusion in the E911 Database.

10.3.6.4 Qwest and its vendor will provide non-discriminatory error correction for records submitted to the Automatic Location Identification (ALI) database. For resold accounts, if vendor detects errors, it will attempt to correct them. If vendor is unable to correct the error, vendor will contact Qwest for error resolution. For errors referred to Qwest, Qwest will provide the corrections in a non-discriminatory manner. If Qwest is

unable to resolve the error, Qwest will contact the Resale-CLEC for resolution. In the case of facility-based CLECs, the vendor will interface directly with CLEC to resolve record errors.

### **10.3.7 E911 Interconnection**

10.3.7.1 If required by CLEC, Qwest shall interconnect direct trunks from CLEC's network to the Basic 911 PSAP, or the E911 tandem. Such trunks may alternatively be provided by CLEC. If provided by Qwest, such trunks will be provided on a non-discriminatory basis. Qwest shall provide special protection identification for CLEC 911 circuits in the same manner as Qwest provides for its 911 circuits.

10.3.7.1.1 The Parties shall establish a minimum of two (2) dedicated trunks from CLEC's Central Office to each Qwest 911/E911 Selective Router (i.e., 911 Tandem Office) that serves the areas in which CLEC provides Exchange Service, for the provision of 911/E911 services and for access to all subtending PSAPs (911 Interconnection Trunk Groups). CLEC can order diverse routing for 911/E911 circuits, if facilities are available. When Qwest facilities are available, Qwest will comply with diversity of facilities and systems as ordered by CLEC. Where there is alternate routing of 911/E911 calls to a PSAP in the event of failures, Qwest shall make that alternate routing available to CLEC.

10.3.7.1.2 911 Interconnection Trunk Groups must be, at a minimum, DS0 level trunks configured as a 2-wire analog interface or as part of a digital (1.544 Mbps) interface. Either configuration must use Centralized Automatic Message Accounting (CAMA) type signaling with MF tones that will deliver Automatic Number Identification "ANI" with the voice portion of the call, or Signaling System 7 (SS7) if available (i.e., other signaling technology as available). All 911 Interconnection trunk groups must be capable of transmitting and receiving Baudot code necessary to support the use of Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TTY/TDDs).

10.3.7.1.3 Qwest shall begin restoration of 911/E911 trunking facilities immediately upon notification of failure or outage. Qwest must provide priority restoration of trunks or network outages on the same terms and conditions it provides itself. CLEC will be responsible for the isolation, coordination, and restoration of all 911 network maintenance problems to the CLEC demarcation. Qwest will be responsible for the coordination and restoration of all 911 network maintenance problems beyond the demarcation. Qwest repair service includes testing and diagnostic service from a remote location, dispatch of or in-person visit(s) of personnel. Where an on-site technician is determined to be required, a technician will be dispatched without delay. CLEC is responsible for advising Qwest of the circuit identification when notifying Qwest of a failure or outage. The Parties agree to work cooperatively and expeditiously to resolve any 911 outage. Qwest will refer network trouble to CLEC if no defect is found in Qwest's network. The Parties agree that 911 network problem resolution will be managed in an expeditious manner at all times.

10.3.7.2 For CLEC-identified 911 trunk blockages, Qwest agrees to take corrective action using the same trunking service procedures used for Qwest's own E911 trunk groups.

10.3.7.3 The Parties will cooperate in the routing of 911 traffic in those instances where the ALI/ANI information is not available on a particular 911 call.

10.3.7.4 For a facility-based CLEC, Qwest shall provide 911 Interconnection, including the provision of dedicated trunks from CLEC End Office Switch to the 911 control office, at Parity with what Qwest provides itself.

10.3.7.5 For a Reseller CLEC, or a CLEC using unbundled switching, Qwest shall provide CLEC with access to the same 911 trunks used for Qwest's retail End Users which extend from the Qwest End Office Switch to the Basic 911 PSAP or the E911 tandem. CLEC access to such 911 trunks shall be on a shared, non-discriminatory basis.

### **10.3.8 E911 and Number Portability**

10.3.8.1 When a Qwest telephone number is ported out, the receiving CLEC shall be responsible to update the ALI/DMS database. When a CLEC telephone number is ported in, Qwest shall be responsible to update the ALI/DMS database.

10.3.8.2 When Remote Call Forwarding (RCF) is used to provide number portability to the end user and a remark or other appropriate field information is available in the database, the shadow or "forwarded-to" number and an indication that the number is ported shall be added to the end user record by CLEC.

## **10.4 White Pages Directory Listings**

### **10.4.1 Description**

White Pages Listings Service (Listings) consists of Qwest placing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of CLEC's End Users in Qwest's listing database, based on End User information provided to Qwest by CLEC. Qwest is authorized to use CLEC End User listings as noted below.

### **10.4.2 Terms and Conditions**

10.4.2.1 CLEC will provide in standard format, by mechanized or by manual transmission to Qwest, its primary, premium and privacy listings. Qwest will accept one primary listing for each main telephone number belonging to CLEC's End Users at no charge.

10.4.2.2 CLEC will be charged for premium and privacy listings (e.g., additional, foreign, cross reference) at Qwest's General Exchange listing Tariff rates, less the wholesale discount, as described in Exhibit A. Primary listings and other types of listings are defined in the Qwest General Exchange Tariffs.

10.4.2.3 Information on submitting and updating listings is available in "Qwest Facility Based and Co-Provider Listings User Documents." Qwest will furnish CLEC the listings format specifications. Directory publishing schedules and deadlines will be provided to CLEC.

10.4.2.4 If CLEC provides its End User's listings to Qwest, CLEC grants Qwest

access to CLEC's End User listings information for use in its Directory Assistance Service, in its Directory Assistance List Information, and for other lawful purposes, except that CLEC's listings supplied to Qwest by CLEC and marked as nonpublished or nonlisted listings shall not be used for marketing purposes, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Qwest will incorporate CLEC End User listings in the Directory Assistance Database. Qwest will incorporate CLEC's End User listings information in all existing and future Directory Assistance applications developed by Qwest. Should Qwest cease to be a Telecommunications Carrier, by virtue of a divestiture, merger or other transaction, this access grant automatically terminates.

10.4.2.5 CLEC end user listings will be treated the same as Qwest's end user listings. Prior written authorization from CLEC, which authorization may be withheld, shall be required for Qwest to sell, make available, or release CLEC's end user listings to directory publishers, or other third parties other than directory assistance providers. No prior authorization from CLEC shall be required for Qwest to sell, make available, or release CLEC's end user directory assistance listings to directory assistance providers. Listings shall not be provided or sold in such a manner as to segregate end users by Carrier. Qwest will not charge CLEC for updating and maintaining Qwest's listings databases. CLEC will not receive compensation from Qwest for any sale of listings by Qwest as provided for under this Agreement.

10.4.2.6 To the extent that state Tariffs limit Qwest's liability with regard to listings, the applicable state Tariff(s) is incorporated herein and supersedes the Limitation of Liability section of this Agreement with respect to listings only.

10.4.2.7 Qwest is responsible for maintaining listings, including entering, changing, correcting, rearranging and removing listings in accordance with CLEC orders.

10.4.2.8 Qwest provides non-discriminatory appearance and integration of white pages listings for all CLEC's and Qwest's End Users. All requests for white pages directory listings, whether CLEC or Qwest End Users, follow the same processes for entry into the listings database.

10.4.2.9 Qwest will take reasonable steps in accordance with industry practices to accommodate nonpublished and nonlisted listings provided that CLEC has supplied Qwest the necessary privacy indicators on such listings.

10.4.2.10 CLEC white pages listings will be in the same font and size as listings for Qwest End Users, and will not be separately classified.

10.4.2.11 Qwest processes for publication of white pages directory listings will make no distinction between CLEC and Qwest subscribers. CLEC listings will be provided with the same accuracy and reliability as Qwest's End User listings. Qwest will ensure CLEC listings provided to Qwest are included in the white pages directory published on Qwest's behalf using the same methods and procedures, and under the same terms and conditions, as Qwest uses for its own End User listings.

10.4.2.12 Qwest shall ensure its third party publisher distributes appropriate alphabetical and classified directories (white and yellow pages) and recycling services to CLEC End Users at Parity with Qwest End Users, including providing directories a) upon establishment of new service; b) during annual mass distribution; and c) upon End User

request.

10.4.2.13 CLEC shall use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that listings provided to Qwest are accurate and complete. All third party listings information is provided AS IS, WITH ALL FAULTS. CLEC further represents that it shall review all listings information provided to Qwest, including End User requested restrictions on use, such as nonpublished and nonlisted restrictions.

10.4.2.14 Reserved for Future Use.

10.4.2.15 CLEC shall be solely responsible for knowing and adhering to state laws or rulings regarding listings and for supplying Qwest with the applicable listing information.

10.4.2.16 CLEC agrees to provide to Qwest its End User names, addresses and telephone numbers in a standard mechanized format, as specified by Qwest.

10.4.2.17 CLEC will supply its ACNA/CIC or CLCC/OCN, as appropriate, with each order to provide Qwest the means of identifying listings ownership.

10.4.2.18 Prior to placing listings orders on behalf of End Users, CLEC shall be responsible for obtaining, and have in its possession, Proof of Authorization (POA), as set forth in Section 5.3 of this Agreement.

10.4.2.19 Qwest will provide monthly listing verification proofs that provide the data to be displayed in the published white pages directory and available on Directory Assistance. Verification proofs containing nonpublished and nonlisted listings are also available upon request on the same monthly schedule.

10.4.2.20 Qwest will provide CLEC a reasonable opportunity to verify the accuracy of the listings to be included in the white pages directory and Directory Assistance.

10.4.2.21 CLEC may review and if necessary edit the white page listings prior to the close date for publication in the directory.

10.4.2.22 CLEC is responsible for all dealings with, and on behalf of, CLEC's End Users, including:

10.4.2.22.1 All End User account activity (e.g., End User queries and complaints);

10.4.2.22.2 All account maintenance activity (e.g., additions, changes, issuance of orders for listings to Qwest);

10.4.2.22.3 Determining privacy requirements and accurately coding the privacy indicators for CLEC's End User information (if End User information provided by CLEC to Qwest does not contain a privacy indicator, no privacy restrictions will apply); and

10.4.2.22.4 Any additional services requested by CLEC's End Users.

10.4.2.23 Pursuant to Sec. 222 (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of the Telecommunications Act, Qwest will provide subscriber lists information gathered in Qwest's capacity as a provider of local Exchange Service on a timely and unbundled basis, under non-discriminatory and reasonable rates, terms and conditions to CLEC upon request for the purpose of publishing directories in any format. Rates may be subject to federal or state law or rules, as appropriate. Upon request by CLEC, Qwest shall enter into negotiations with CLEC for CLEC's use of subscriber list information for purposes other than publishing directories, and Qwest and CLEC will enter into a written contract if agreement is reached for such use.

10.4.2.23.1 Qwest shall use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that its retail End User listings provided to CLEC are accurate and complete. Any third party listings are provided AS IS, WITH ALL FAULTS. Qwest further represents that it shall review all its retail End User listings information provided to CLEC including End User requested restrictions on use, such as nonpublished and nonlisted restrictions.

10.4.2.24 Qwest represents and warrants that any arrangement for the publication of white pages directory listings with an Affiliate (including, without limitation, Qwest Dex, Inc.) (an Affiliate) or contractor, requires such Affiliate or contractor to publish the directory listings of CLEC contained in Qwest's listings database so that CLEC's directory listings are non-discriminatory in appearance and integration, and have the same accuracy and reliability that such Affiliate provides to Qwest's End Users.

10.4.2.25 Qwest further agrees that any arrangements for the publication of white pages directory listings with an Affiliate or contractor shall require such Affiliate or contractor to include in the Customer guide pages of the white pages directory, a notice that End Users should contact their local service provider to request any modifications to their existing listing or to request a new listing.

10.4.2.26 Qwest agrees that any arrangement with an Affiliate or contractor for the publication of white pages directory listings shall require such Affiliate or contractor to provide CLEC space in the Customer guide pages of the white pages directory for the purpose of notifying Customers how to reach CLEC to: (1) request service; (2) contact repair service; (3) dial Directory Assistance; (4) reach an account representative; (5) request buried cable local service; and (6) contact the special needs center for Customers with disabilities.

### **10.4.3 Rate Elements**

The following rate elements apply to White Pages Listings and are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

10.4.3.1 Primary Listings; and

10.4.3.2 Premium/Privacy Listings.

### **10.4.4 Ordering Process**

10.4.4.1 Qwest provides training on white page listings requests and submission processes. The ordering process is similar to the service ordering process.

10.4.4.2 CLEC listings can be submitted for inclusion in Qwest white pages directories according to the directions in the Qwest Listings User Documents for Facility-Based and Reseller CLECs, which is available on-line through the PCAT, (<http://www.qwest.com//wholesale/>) or will be provided in hard copy to CLEC upon request. Initial information and directions are available in PCAT.

10.4.4.3 CLEC can submit the OBF forms incorporated in the Local Service Request via the IMA-EDI, IMA-GUI, or fax.

## **10.5 Directory Assistance**

### **10.5.1 Description**

10.5.1.1 Directory Assistance Service is a telephone number, voice Information Service that Qwest provides to its own End Users and to other Telecommunications Carriers. Qwest provides CLEC non-discriminatory access to Qwest's Directory Assistance centers, services and Directory Assistance Databases. There are three (3) forms of Directory Assistance Services available pursuant to this Agreement -- Directory Assistance Service, Directory Assistance List Services, and Directory Assistance Database Service. These services are available with CLEC-specific branding, generic branding and Directory Assistance Call Completion Link options.

10.5.1.1.1 Directory Assistance Service. The published and non-listed telephone numbers provided within the relevant geographic area are those contained in Qwest's then current Directory Assistance Database.

10.5.1.1.1.1 Local Directory Assistance Service -- Allows CLEC's End Users to receive published and non-listed telephone numbers within the caller's NPA/LATA geographic areas, whichever is greater.

10.5.1.1.1.2 National Directory Assistance Service -- Allows CLEC's End Users to receive listings from Qwest's Local Directory Assistance Database and from the database of the National Directory Assistance Services vendor selected by Qwest. National Directory Assistance Service includes Local Directory Assistance Service.

10.5.1.1.1.3 Call Branding Service – Allows CLEC's End Users to receive the service options listed in 10.5.1.1.1.1 and 10.5.1.1.1.2 branded with the brand of CLEC, where Technically Feasible or with a generic brand. Call Branding announces CLEC's name to CLEC's End User at the start and completion of the call. Call Branding is an optional service available to CLEC.

a) Front End Brand -- Announces CLEC's name to CLEC's End User at the start of the call. There is a nonrecurring charge to setup and record the Front End Brand message.

b) Back End Brand -- Announces CLEC's name to CLEC's End User at the completion of the call. There is a nonrecurring charge to setup and record the Back End Brand message.

c) There is a nonrecurring charge to load CLEC's branded message in each Switch.

d) Qwest will record CLEC's branded message.

10.5.1.1.1.4 Call Completion Link allows CLEC's End Users' calls to be returned to CLEC for completion on CLEC's network, where available. There is a recurring charge per call.

10.5.1.1.2 Directory Assistance List Service -- Directory Assistance List Service is the access to Qwest's directory listings for subscribers within Qwest's fourteen (14) states for the purpose of providing Directory Assistance Service to its local exchange End User Customers subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. See Section 10.6 for terms and conditions relating to the Directory Assistance List Services.

10.5.1.1.2.1 If CLEC elects to build its own Directory Assistance Services, it can obtain Qwest directory listings through the purchase of the Directory Assistance List.

10.5.1.1.3 Directory Assistance Database Service -- Qwest shall provide CLEC non-discriminatory access to Qwest's Directory Assistance Database or "Directory1" database, where Technically Feasible, on a "per dip" basis.

## **10.5.2 Terms and Conditions**

10.5.2.1 Qwest will provide CLEC non-discriminatory access to Qwest's Directory Assistance Databases, Directory Assistance centers and personnel to provide Directory Assistance Service.

10.5.2.2 Qwest's Directory Assistance Database contains only those published and non-listed telephone number listings obtained by Qwest from its own End Users and other Telecommunications Carriers.

10.5.2.3 Qwest will provide access to Directory Assistance Service for facility-based CLECs via dedicated multi-frequency (MF) operator service trunks. CLEC may purchase operator service trunks from Qwest or provide them itself. These operator service trunks will be connected directly to a Qwest Directory Assistance host or remote Switch. CLEC will be required to order or provide at least one operator services trunk for each NPA served.

10.5.2.4 Qwest will perform Directory Assistance Services for CLEC in accordance with operating methods, practices, and standards in effect for all Qwest End Users. Qwest will provide the same priority of handling for CLEC's End User calls to Qwest's Directory Assistance Service as it provides for its own End User calls. Calls to Qwest's Directory Assistance are handled on a first come, first served basis, without regard to whether calls are originated by CLEC or Qwest End Users.

10.5.2.5 Call Branding for Directory Assistance will entail recording and setting up a brand message. Dedicated interoffice facilities are required.

10.5.2.6 Call Completion Link requires dedicated interoffice facilities.



10.5.2.7 If CLEC elects to access the Qwest Directory Assistance Databases on a per dip basis, Qwest will provide to CLEC the facility and equipment specifications necessary to enable CLEC to obtain compatible facilities and equipment.

10.5.2.8 A Reseller CLECs' End User Customers may use the same dialing pattern to access Directory Assistance Services as used by Qwest's End User Customers (i.e., 411, 1+411, or 1+NPA+555-1212).

10.5.2.9 A facility-based CLEC may choose to have its End Users dial a unique number or use the same dialing pattern as Qwest End Users to access Qwest Directory Assistance operators.

10.5.2.10 Qwest will timely enter into its Directory Assistance Database updates of CLEC's listings. Qwest will implement quality assurance procedures such as random testing for listing accuracy. Qwest will identify itself to End Users calling its DA service provided for itself either by company name or operating company name or operating company number so that End Users have a means to identify with whom they are dealing.

10.5.2.10.1 In accordance with Section 18, CLEC may request a comprehensive audit of Qwest's use of CLEC's directory assistance listings. In addition to the terms specified in Section 18, the following also apply: as used herein, "Audit" shall mean a comprehensive review of the other Party's delivery and use of the directory assistance listings provided hereunder and such other Party's performance of its obligations under this Agreement. CLEC may perform up to two (2) audits per twelve (12) month period commencing with the Effective Date of this Agreement of Qwest's use of CLEC's directory assistance listings in Qwest's Directory Assistance Services. CLEC shall be entitled to "seed" or specially code some or all of the directory assistance listings that it provides hereunder in order to trace such information during an Audit and ensure compliance with the disclosure and use restrictions set forth in this Agreement.

10.5.2.11 Qwest shall use CLEC's directory assistance listings supplied to Qwest by CLEC under the terms of this Agreement for purposes of providing Directory Assistance Service and for providing Directory Assistance List Information to Directory Assistance providers, and for other lawful purposes, except that CLEC's directory assistance listings supplied to Qwest by CLEC and marked as nonpublished or nonlisted listings shall not be used for marketing purposes.

### **10.5.3 Rate Elements**

The following rate elements apply to Directory Assistance Services and are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

10.5.3.1 A per call rate is applicable for Local Directory Assistance and National Directory Assistance Service selected by CLEC.

10.5.3.2 A nonrecurring setup and recording fee will be charged for establishing each Call Branding option. A nonrecurring charge to load CLEC's brand in each Switch is also applicable. Such nonrecurring fees must be paid before service commences.

10.5.3.3 A per call rate is applicable for Call Completion Link.

#### **10.5.4 Ordering Process**

CLEC will order Directory Assistance Service by completing the questionnaire entitled "Qwest Operator Services/Directory Assistance Questionnaire for Local Service Providers." This questionnaire may be obtained from CLEC's Qwest account manager.

#### **10.5.5 Billing**

10.5.5.1 Qwest will track and bill CLEC for the number of calls placed to Qwest's Directory Assistance Service by CLEC's End Users as well as for the number of requests for Call Completion Link.

10.5.5.2 For purposes of determining when CLEC is obligated to pay the per call rate, the call shall be deemed made and CLEC shall be obligated to pay when the call is received by the Operator Services Switch. An End User may request and receive no more than two (2) telephone numbers per Directory Assistance call. Qwest will not credit, rebate or waive the per call charge due to any failure to provide a telephone number.

10.5.5.3 Call Completion Link will be charged at the per call rate when the End User completes the required action (i.e., "press the number one," "stay on the line," etc.).

### **10.6 Directory Assistance List**

#### **10.6.1 Description**

10.6.1.1 Directory Assistance List (DA List) Information consists of name, address and telephone number information for all End Users of Qwest and other LECs that are contained in Qwest's Directory Assistance Database and, where available, related elements required in the provision of Directory Assistance Service to CLEC's End Users. No prior authorization from CLEC shall be required for Qwest to sell, make available, or release CLEC's End User directory assistance listings to Directory Assistance providers. In the case of End Users who have non-published listings, Qwest shall provide the End User's local numbering plan area (NPA), address, and an indicator to identify the non-published status of the listing to CLEC; however, Qwest will not provide the non-published telephone number.

10.6.1.2 Qwest will provide DA List Information via initial loads and daily updates either by means of a magnetic tape or Network Data Mover (NDM) or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by the Parties. Qwest will provide all changes, additions or deletions to the DA List Information overnight on a daily basis. The Parties will use a mutually agreed upon format for the data loads.

10.6.1.3 DA List Information shall specify whether the Qwest subscriber is a residential, business, or government subscriber, and the listings of other Carriers will specify such information where it has been provided on the Carrier's listing order.

10.6.1.4 In the event CLEC requires a reload of DA List Information from Qwest's database in order to validate, synchronize or reconcile its database, a reload will be

made available according to the rate specified in Exhibit A.

10.6.1.5 Qwest and CLEC will cooperate in the designation of a location to which the data will be provided.

## **10.6.2 Terms and Conditions**

10.6.2.1 Qwest grants to CLEC, as a competing provider of telephone Exchange Service and telephone toll service, access to the Directory Assistance List Information Option 1) solely for the purpose of providing Directory Assistance Services, or Option 2) for purposes of providing Directory Assistance Services and for other lawful purposes, except that listings included in Qwest's Directory Assistance List information and marked as nonpublished or nonlisted listings, or listings marked with an "omit from lists" indicator shall not be used for marketing purposes, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. CLEC will advise Qwest when it orders Qwest's Directory Assistance List Information whether it chooses Option 1 or 2. As it pertains to the use of Directory Assistance List Information in this Agreement, "Directory Assistance Service" shall mean the provision, by CLEC via a live operator or a mechanized system, of telephone number and address information for an identified telephone service End User or the name and/or address of the telephone service End User for an identified telephone number. Should CLEC cease to be a Telecommunications Carrier, a competing provider of telephone Exchange Service or telephone toll service, this access grant automatically terminates

10.6.2.1.1 Qwest shall make commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that listings belonging to Qwest retail End Users provided to CLEC in Qwest's DA List Information are accurate and complete. All third party DA List Information is provided AS IS, WITH ALL FAULTS. Qwest further represents that it shall review all of its End User listings information provided to CLEC, including End User requested restrictions on use, such as nonpublished and nonlisted restrictions.

10.6.2.2 CLEC will obtain and timely enter into its Directory Assistance Database daily updates of the DA List Information, will implement quality assurance procedures such as random testing for Directory Assistance Listing accuracy, and will identify itself to End Users calling its DA service either by company name or operating company number so that End Users have a means to identify with whom they are dealing.

10.6.2.3 Reserved for Future Use.

10.6.2.4 Qwest shall retain all right, title, interest and ownership in and to the DA Listing Information it provides hereunder. CLEC acknowledges and understands that while it may disclose the names, addresses, and telephone numbers (or an indication of non-published status) of Qwest's End Users to a third party calling its Directory Assistance for such information, the fact that such End User subscribes to Qwest's Telecommunications Services is confidential and proprietary information and shall not be disclosed to any third party.

10.6.2.5 CLEC shall not sublicense, copy or allow any third party to access, download, copy or use the DA List Information, or any portions thereof, or any information extracted therefrom. Each Party shall take commercially reasonable and prudent measures to prevent disclosure and unauthorized use of Qwest's DA List

Information at least equal to the measures it takes to protect its own confidential and proprietary information, including but not limited to implementing adequate computer security measures to prevent unauthorized access to Qwest's DA List Information when contained in any database.

10.6.2.5.1 Unauthorized use of Qwest's DA List information, or any disclosure to a third party of the fact that an End User, whose listing is furnished in the DA list, subscribes to Qwest's, another Local Exchange Carrier's, Reseller's or CMRS's Telecommunications Services shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement and shall be resolved under the Dispute Resolution provisions of this Agreement.

10.6.2.6 Within five (5) days after the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, CLEC shall (a) return and cease using any and all DA List Information which it has in its possession or control, (b) extract and expunge any and all copies of such DA List Information, any portions thereof, and any and all information extracted therefrom, from its files and records, whether in print or electronic form or in any other media whatsoever, and (c) provide a written certification to Qwest from an officer that all of the foregoing actions have been completed. A copy of this certification may be provided to third party Carriers if the certification pertains to such Carriers' DA List Information contained in Qwest's database.

10.6.2.7 CLEC is responsible for ensuring that it has proper security measures in place to protect the privacy of the End User information contained within the DA List Information. CLEC must remove from its database any telephone number for an End User whose listing has become non-published when so notified by Qwest.

10.6.2.8 Audits -- In accordance with Section 18, Qwest may request a comprehensive audit of CLEC's use of the DA List Information. In addition to the terms specified in Section 18, the following also apply:

10.6.2.8.1 As used herein, "Audit" shall mean a comprehensive review of the other Party's delivery and use of the DA List Information provided hereunder and such other Party's performance of its obligations under this Agreement. Either Party (the "Requesting Party") may perform up to two (2) Audits per 12-month period commencing with the Effective Date of this Agreement. Qwest shall be entitled to "seed" or specially code some or all of the DA List Information that it provides hereunder in order to trace such information during an Audit and ensure compliance with the disclosure and use restrictions set forth in Section 10.6.2.2 above.

10.6.2.8.2 All paper and electronic records will be subject to audit.

10.6.2.9 CLEC recognizes that certain Carriers who have provided DA List Information that is included in Qwest's database may be third party beneficiaries of this Agreement for purposes of enforcing any terms and conditions of the Agreement other than payment terms with respect to their D A List Information.

10.6.2.10 Qwest will provide a non-discriminatory process and procedure for contacting End Users with non-published telephone numbers in emergency situations for non-published telephone numbers that are included in Qwest's Directory Assistance

Database. Such process and procedure will be available to CLEC for CLEC's use when CLEC provides its own Directory Assistance and purchases Qwest's Directory Assistance List product.

### **10.6.3 Rate Elements**

Recurring and nonrecurring rate elements for DA List Information are described below and are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

10.6.3.1 Initial Database Load -- A "snapshot" of data in the Qwest DA List Information database or portion of the database at the time the order is received.

10.6.3.2 Reload -- A "snapshot" of the data in the Qwest DA List Information database or portion of the database required in order to refresh the data in CLEC's database.

10.6.3.3 Daily Updates -- Daily change activity affecting DA List Information in the listings database.

10.6.3.4 One-Time Set-Up Fees -- Charges for special database loads.

10.6.3.5 Output Charges -- Media charges resulting from either the electronic transmission or tape delivery of the DA List Information, including any shipping costs.

### **10.6.4 Ordering**

10.6.4.1 CLEC may order the initial DA List Information load or update files for Qwest's local Exchange Service areas in its 14 state operating territory or, where Technically Feasible, CLEC may order the initial DA List Information load or update files by Qwest White Page Directory Code or NPA.

10.6.4.2 Special requests for data at specific geographic levels (such as NPA) must be negotiated in order to address data integrity issues.

10.6.4.3 CLEC shall use the Directory Assistance List Order Form found in the PCAT.

## **10.7 Toll and Assistance Operator Services**

### **10.7.1 Description**

10.7.1.1 Toll and assistance operator services are a family of offerings that assist End Users in completing EAS/local and long distance calls. Qwest provides non-discriminatory access to Qwest operator service centers, services and personnel.

10.7.1.1.1 Local Assistance. Assists CLEC End Users requesting help or information on placing or completing EAS/local calls, connects CLEC End Users to home NPA Directory Assistance, and provides other information and guidance, including referral to the business office and repair, as may be consistent with Qwest's customary practice for providing End User assistance.

10.7.1.1.2 IntraLATA Toll Assistance. Qwest will direct CLEC's End User to contact its provider to complete InterLATA toll calls. Nothing in this Section is intended to obligate Qwest to provide any toll services to CLEC or CLEC's End Users.

10.7.1.1.3 Emergency Assistance. Provide assistance for handling a CLEC End User's EAS/local and IntraLATA toll calls to emergency agencies, including but not limited to, police, sheriff, highway patrol and fire. CLEC is responsible for providing Qwest with the appropriate emergency agency numbers and updates.

10.7.1.1.4 Busy Line Verification (BLV) is performed when a calling party requests assistance from the operator bureau to determine if the called line is in use. The operator will not complete the call for the calling party initiating the BLV inquiry. Only one BLV attempt will be made per call, and a charge shall apply.

10.7.1.1.5 Busy Line Interrupt (BLI) is performed when a calling party requests assistance from the operator to interrupt a telephone call in progress. The operator will interrupt the busy line and inform the called party that there is a call waiting. The operator will not connect the calling and called parties. The operator will make only one BLI attempt per call and the applicable charge applies whether or not the called party releases the line.

10.7.1.1.6 Quote Service – Provide time and charges to hotel/motel and other CLEC End Users for guest/account identification.

## **10.7.2 Terms and Conditions**

10.7.2.1 For facility-based CLECs, Interconnection to Qwest's Operator Services Switch is Technically Feasible at two (2) distinct points on the trunk side of the Switch. The first connection point is an operator services trunk connected directly to the Qwest Operator Services host Switch. The second connection point is an operator services trunk connected directly to a remote Qwest Operator Services Switch.

10.7.2.2 Trunk Provisioning and facility ownership must follow Qwest guidelines.

10.7.2.3 In order for CLEC to use Qwest's operator services as a facility-based CLEC, CLEC must provide an operator service trunk between CLEC's end office and the Interconnection point on the Qwest operator services Switch for each NPA served.

10.7.2.4 The technical requirements of operator service trunk are covered in the Operator Services Systems Generic Requirement (OSSGR), Telcordia document FR-NWT-000271, Section 6 (Signaling) and Section 10 (System Interfaces) in general requirements form.

10.7.2.5 Each Party's operator bureau shall accept BLV and BLI inquiries from the operator bureau of the other Party in order to allow transparent provision of BLV/BLI traffic between the Parties' networks.

10.7.2.6 CLEC will provide separate no-test trunks (not the local/IntraLATA trunks) to the Qwest BLV/BLI hub or to the Qwest Operator Services Switches.

10.7.2.7 Qwest will perform Operator Services in accordance with operating methods, practices, and standards in effect for all its End Users. Qwest will respond to CLEC's End User calls to Qwest's operator services according to the same priority scheme as it responds to Qwest's End User calls. Calls to Qwest's operator services are handled on a first come, first served basis, without regard to whether calls are originated by CLEC or Qwest End Users.

10.7.2.8 Qwest will provide operator services to CLEC where Technically Feasible and facilities are available. Qwest may from time-to-time modify and change the nature, extent, and detail of specific operator services available to its retail End Users, and to the extent it does so, Qwest will provide forty five (45) days advance written notice to CLEC of such changes.

10.7.2.9 Qwest shall maintain adequate equipment and personnel to reasonably perform the Operator Services. CLEC shall provide and maintain the facilities necessary to connect its End Users to the locations where Qwest provides the Operator Services and to provide all information and data needed or reasonably requested by Qwest in order to perform the Operator Services.

10.7.2.10 Call Branding is an optional service available to CLEC. Call Branding announces CLEC's name to CLEC's End User at the start of the call and at the completion of the call. If CLEC selects the Call Branding option, Qwest will provide Call Branding to CLEC where Technically Feasible.

- a) Front End Brand – Announces CLEC's name to CLEC's End User at the start of the call. There is a nonrecurring charge to setup and record the Front End Brand message.
- b) Back End Brand – Announces CLEC's name to CLEC's End User at the completion of the call. There is a nonrecurring charge to setup and record the Back End Brand message.

10.7.2.11 Call branding for toll and operator services will entail recording and setup of a brand message. Qwest will record CLEC's branded message. Dedicated interoffice facilities will be required.

10.7.2.12 Call Branding also entails a nonrecurring charge to load CLEC's branded message in each Switch.

10.7.2.13 CLEC's End Users may dial "0" or "0+" to access Qwest operator services. A facility-based CLEC may choose to have its End Users access Qwest operators by dialing a unique number or by using the same dialing pattern as Qwest End Users.

### 10.7.3 Rate Elements

Qwest toll and assistance operator services are offered under two (2) pricing options. Option A offers a per message rate structure. Option B offers a work second and a per call structure. Applicable recurring and nonrecurring rate elements are detailed below and in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

#### 10.7.3.1 Option A - Operator Services Rate Elements

10.7.3.1.1 Operator Handled Calling Card – For each completed calling card call that was dialed 0+ where the operator entered the calling card number.

10.7.3.1.2 Machine Handled Calling Card – For each completed call that was dialed 0+ where the End User entered the required information, such as calling card number.

10.7.3.1.3 Station Call – For each completed station call, including station sent paid, collect, third number special Billing or 0- calling card call.

10.7.3.1.4 Person Call – For each completed person to person call regardless of the Billing used by the End User.

10.7.3.1.5 Connect to Directory Assistance – For each operator placed call to Directory Assistance.

10.7.3.1.6 Busy Line Verify – For each call where the operator determines that conversation exists on a line.

10.7.3.1.7 Busy Line Interrupt – For each call where the operator interrupts conversation on a busy line and requests release of the line.

10.7.3.1.8 Operator Assistance – For each EAS/local call, whether completed or not, that does not potentially generate an operator surcharge. These calls include, but are not limited to: calls given the DDD rate because of transmission problems; calls where the operator has determined there should be no charge, such as Busy Line Verify attempts where conversation was not found on the line; calls where the End User requests information from the operator and no attempt is made to complete a call; and calls for quote service.

10.7.3.1.9 “Completed call” as used in this Section shall mean that the End User makes contact with the location, telephone number, person or extension designated by the End User.

#### 10.7.3.2 Option B - Per Work Second and Computer Handled Calls

10.7.3.2.1 Operator Handled - CLEC will be charged per work second for all calls originating from its End Users and facilities that are routed to Qwest's operator for handling. Work second charging begins when the Qwest operator position connects with CLEC's End User and terminates when the connection between the Qwest operator position and CLEC's End User is terminated.



10.7.3.2.2 Machine Handled - calls that are routed without operator intervention. Machine handled calls include, but are not limited to, credit card calls where the End User enters the calling card number, calls originating from coin telephones where the computer requests deposit of coins, additional End User key actions, recording of End User voice, etc.

10.7.3.3 Call Branding Nonrecurring Charge. Qwest will charge to CLEC a nonrecurring setup and recording fee for establishing Call Branding and loading each Switch with CLEC's branded message. CLEC must pay such nonrecurring charges prior to commencement of the service. The nonrecurring set-up and recording charge will apply each time the CLEC's brand message is changed. The nonrecurring charge to load the Switches with the CLEC's branded message will be assessed each time there is any change to the Switch.

#### **10.7.4 Ordering Process**

CLEC will order Operator Services by completing the "Qwest Operator Services/Directory Assistance Questionnaire for Local Service Providers." Copies of this questionnaire may be obtained from CLEC's designated Qwest account manager.

#### **10.7.5 Billing**

10.7.5.1 Qwest will track usage and bill CLEC for the calls placed by CLEC's End Users and facilities.

10.7.5.2 Qwest will compute CLEC's invoice based on both Option A (Price Per Message) and Option B (Price Per Work Second and Computer Handled Calls). Qwest will charge CLEC whichever option results in a lower charge.

10.7.5.3 If, due to equipment malfunction or other error, Qwest does not have available the necessary information to compile an accurate Billing statement, Qwest may render a reasonably estimated bill, but shall notify CLEC of the methods of such estimate and cooperate in good faith with CLEC to establish a fair, equitable estimate. Qwest shall render a bill reflecting actual billable quantities when and if the information necessary for the Billing statement becomes available.

### **10.8 Access to Poles, Ducts, Conduits, and Rights of Way**

#### **10.8.1 Description**

10.8.1.1 Pole Attachments — Where it has ownership or control to do so Qwest will provide CLEC with access to available pole attachment space for the placing of facilities for the purpose of transmitting Telecommunications Services.

10.8.1.1.1 The term pole attachment means any attachment by CLEC to a pole owned or controlled by Qwest.

10.8.1.2 Ducts and Conduits — Where it has ownership or control to do so, Qwest will provide CLEC with access to available ducts/conduits for the purpose of placing facilities for transmitting Telecommunications Services. A spare duct/conduit will be leased for copper facilities only, and an innerduct for the purpose of placing fiber.

CLEC may place innerduct in an empty duct/conduit. Control of CLEC-installed spare innerduct shall vest in Qwest immediately upon installation; ownership of such innerduct shall vest to Qwest if and when CLEC abandons such innerduct. Within a multi-unit building, duct may traverse building entrance facilities, building entrance links, equipment rooms, Remote Terminals, cable vaults, telephone closets or building riser.

10.8.1.2.1 The terms duct and conduit mean a single enclosed raceway for conductors, cable and/or wire. Duct and conduit may be in the ground, may follow streets, bridges, public or private ROW or may be within some portion of a multi-unit building. Within a multi-unit building, duct and conduit may traverse building entrance facilities, building entrance links, equipment rooms, Remote Terminals, cable vaults telephone closets or building riser. The terms duct and conduit include riser cable.

10.8.1.2.2 The term innerduct means a duct-like raceway smaller than a duct/conduit that is inserted into a duct/conduit so that the duct may typically carry three cables.

10.8.1.3 Rights of Way (ROW) — Where it has ownership or control to do so, Qwest will provide to CLEC, via an Access Agreement in the form of Attachment 4 to Exhibit D, access to available ROW for the purpose of placing Telecommunications facilities. ROW includes land or other property owned or controlled by Qwest and may run under, on, above, across, along or through public or private property or enter multi-unit buildings.

10.8.1.3.1 ROW means a real property interest in privately-owned real property, but expressly excluding any public, governmental, federal or Native American, or other quasi-public or non-private lands, sufficient to permit Qwest to place Telecommunications facilities on such real property; such property owner may permit Qwest to install and maintain facilities under, on, above, across, along or through private property or enter multi-unit buildings. Within a multi-unit building, a ROW includes a pathway that is actually used or has been specifically designated for use by Qwest as part of its transmission and distribution network where the boundaries of the pathway are clearly defined either by written specifications or unambiguous physical demarcation.

10.8.1.4 Reserved for Future Use.

10.8.1.5 The phrase “ownership or control to do so” means the legal right, as a matter of state law, to (i) convey an interest in real or personal property, or (ii) afford access to third parties as may be provided by the landowner to Qwest through express or implied agreements, or through Applicable Rules as defined in this Agreement.

## **10.8.2 Terms and Conditions**

Qwest shall provide CLEC non-discriminatory access to poles, ducts, conduit and rights of way on terms and conditions found in the Revised Qwest Right of Way, Pole Attachment and/or Duct/Innerduct Occupancy General Information Document, attached hereto as Exhibit D. Qwest will not favor itself over CLEC when Provisioning access to poles, ducts, conduits and rights of way (ROW). Qwest shall not give itself preference when assigning space.

10.8.2.1 Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, Qwest agrees to issue to

CLEC authorization for CLEC to attach, operate, maintain, rearrange, transfer and remove at its sole expense its facilities on poles/duct/innerduct or ROW owned or controlled in whole or in part by Qwest, subject to Orders placed by CLEC. Any and all rights granted to CLEC shall be subject to and subordinate to any future local, state and/or federal requirements.

10.8.2.2 Qwest will rely on such codes as the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) to prescribe standards with respect to capacity, safety, reliability, and general engineering principles.

10.8.2.3 Federal requirements, such as those imposed by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), will continue to apply to the extent such requirements affect requests for attachments or occupancy to Qwest facilities under Section 224(f)(1) of the Act.

10.8.2.4 CLEC shall provide access to a map of the requested poles/duct/innerduct/ROW route, including estimated distances between major points, the identification and location of the poles/duct/innerduct and ROW and a description of CLECs facilities. Qwest agrees to provide to CLEC access to relevant plats, maps, engineering records and other data within ten (10) business days of receiving a request for such information, except in the case of extensive requests. Extensive requests involve the gathering of plats from more than one (1) location, span more than five (5) Wire Centers, or consist of ten (10) or more intra-Wire Center requests submitted simultaneously. Responses to extensive requests will be provided within a reasonable interval, not to exceed forty-five (45) calendar Days.

10.8.2.5 Except as expressly provided herein, or in the Pole Attachment Act of 1934 as amended and its regulations and rules, or in any applicable state or municipal laws, nothing herein shall be construed to compel Qwest to construct, install, modify or place any poles/duct/innerduct or other facility for use by CLEC.

10.8.2.6 Qwest retains the right to determine the availability of space on poles/duct/innerduct, duct, conduit and ROW consistent with 47 USC § 224 and FCC orders, rules and regulations pursuant to 47 USC §224. In the event Qwest determines that rearrangement of the existing facilities on poles, innerduct, duct/conduit and ROW is required before CLEC's facilities can be accommodated, the actual cost of such modification will be included in CLEC's nonrecurring charges for the associated Order (Make-Ready fee). When modifications to a Qwest spare duct/conduit include the placement of innerduct, Qwest or CLEC will install the number of innerduct required to fill the duct/conduit to its full capacity.

10.8.2.7 Qwest shall make manhole ingress and egress for duct/innerduct access available to CLEC. Qwest will perform a feasibility study to determine whether to provide a stub out via the pre-constructed knock out within the manhole, or to perform a core drill of the manhole.

10.8.2.8 Where such authority does not already exist, CLEC shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary legal authority to occupy ROW, and/or poles/duct/innerduct on governmental, federal, Native American, and private rights of way. CLEC shall obtain any permits, licenses, bonds, or other necessary legal authority and permission, at CLEC's sole expense, in order to perform its obligations under this Agreement. CLEC

shall contact all owners of public and private rights-of-way to obtain the permission required to perform the work prior to entering the property or starting any work thereon. See Section 10.8.4. CLEC shall comply with all conditions of rights-of-way and permits. Once such permission is obtained, all such work may be performed by Qwest or CLEC at the option of CLEC.

10.8.2.9 Access to a Qwest Central Office manhole will be permitted where Technically Feasible. If space is available, Qwest will allow access through the Central Office manhole to the POI (Point of Interconnection). There shall be a presumption that there shall be no fiber splices allowed in the Central Office manhole. However, where CLEC can establish the necessity and technical feasibility of splicing in the Central Office manhole, such action shall be permitted.

10.8.2.10 Replacement/Modification/Installation. If CLEC requests Qwest to replace or modify existing poles/duct/innerduct to increase its strength or capacity for the sole benefit of CLEC, CLEC shall pay Qwest the total actual replacement cost, Qwest's actual cost to transfer its attachments to new poles/duct/innerduct, as necessary, and the actual cost for removal (including actual cost of destruction) of the replaced poles/duct/innerduct, if necessary. Ownership of new poles/duct/innerduct shall vest to Qwest.

10.8.2.10.1 Upon request, Qwest shall permit CLEC to install poles/duct/innerduct. Qwest reserves the right to reject any non-conforming replacement pole/duct/innerduct installed by CLEC that does not conform to the NESC, OSHA or local ordinances.

10.8.2.10.2 To the extent that a modification is incurred for the benefit of multiple parties, CLEC shall pay a proportionate share of the total actual cost based on the ratio of the amount of new space occupied by the facilities of CLEC to the total amount of space occupied by all parties including Qwest or its Affiliates participating in the modification. Parties who do not initiate, request or receive additional space from a modification, are not required to share in the cost of the modification. CLEC, Qwest or any other party that uses a modification as an opportunity to bring its facilities into compliance with applicable safety or other requirements will be deemed to be sharing in the modification and will be responsible for its share of the modification cost. Attaching entities will not be responsible for sharing in the cost of governmentally mandated pole or other facility modification. Qwest does not and will not favor itself over other Carriers when Provisioning access to poles, innerduct and rights-of-way.

10.8.2.10.3 The modifying party or parties may recover a proportionate share of the modification costs from parties that later are able to obtain access as a result of the modification. The proportionate share of the subsequent attacher will be reduced to take account of depreciation to the pole or other facility that has occurred since the modification. The modifying party or parties seeking to recover modification costs from parties that later obtain attachments shall be responsible for maintaining all records regarding modification costs. Qwest shall not be responsible for maintaining records regarding modification costs on behalf of attaching entities.

10.8.2.11 Notification of modifications initiated by or on behalf of Qwest and at

Qwest's expense shall be provided to CLEC at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to beginning modifications. Such notification shall include a brief description of the nature and scope of the modification. If CLEC does not respond to a requested rearrangement of its facilities within sixty (60) days after receipt of written notice from Qwest requesting rearrangement, Qwest may perform or have performed such rearrangement and CLEC shall pay the actual cost thereof. No such notice shall be required in emergency situations or for routine maintenance of poles/duct/innerduct completed at Qwest's expense.

10.8.2.12 Qwest reserves the right to make an on-site/final construction inspection of CLECs facilities occupying the poles/duct/innerduct system. CLEC shall reimburse Qwest for the actual cost of such inspections except where specified in this Section.

10.8.2.13 When final construction inspection by Qwest has been completed, CLEC shall correct such non-complying conditions within the reasonable period of time specified by Qwest in its written notice. If corrections are not completed within the specified reasonable period, occupancy authorizations for the ROW, poles/duct/innerduct system where non-complying conditions remain uncorrected shall suspend forthwith, regardless of whether CLEC has energized the facilities occupying said poles/duct/innerduct or ROW system and CLEC shall remove its facilities from said poles/duct/innerduct or ROW in accordance with the provisions of this Section, provided, however, if the corrections physically cannot be made within such specified time, and CLEC has been diligently prosecuting such cure, CLEC shall be granted a reasonable additional time to complete such cure. Qwest may deny further occupancy authorization to CLEC until such non-complying conditions are corrected or until CLEC's facilities are removed from the poles/duct/innerduct system where such non-complying conditions exist. If agreed between both Parties, Qwest shall perform or have performed such corrections and CLEC shall pay Qwest the actual cost of performing such work. Subsequent inspections to determine if appropriate corrective actions have been taken may be made by Qwest.

10.8.2.14 Once CLEC's facilities begin occupying the poles/duct/innerduct or ROW system, Qwest may perform a reasonable number of inspections. Qwest shall bear the cost of such inspections unless the results of the inspection reveal a material violation or hazard, or that CLEC has in any other way failed to comply with the provisions of Section 10.8.2.20; in which case CLEC shall reimburse Qwest the costs of inspections and re-inspections, as required. CLEC's representative may accompany Qwest on such field inspections. The cost of periodic inspection or any special inspections found necessary due to the existence of sub-standard or unauthorized occupancies shall be billed separately.

10.8.2.15 The costs of inspections made during construction and/or the final construction survey and subsequent inspection shall be billed to CLEC upon completion of the inspections.

10.8.2.16 Final construction, subsequent, and periodic inspections or the failure to make such inspections, shall not relieve CLEC of any responsibilities, obligations, or liability assigned under this Agreement.

10.8.2.17 CLEC may use individual workers of its choice to perform any work necessary for the attaching of its facilities so long as such workers have the same

qualifications and training as Qwest's workers. CLEC may use any contractor approved by Qwest to perform Make-Ready Work.

10.8.2.18 If Qwest terminates an Order for cause, or if CLEC terminates an Order without cause, subject to 10.8.4.4.4, CLEC shall pay termination charges equal to the amount of fees and charges remaining on the terminated Order(s) and shall remove its facilities from the poles/duct/innerduct within sixty (60) calendar Days, or cause Qwest to remove its facilities from the poles/duct/innerduct at CLEC's expense; provided, however, that CLEC shall be liable for and pay all fees and charges provided for in this Agreement to Qwest until CLEC's facilities are physically removed. "Cause", as used herein shall include CLEC's use of its facilities in material violation of any Applicable Law or in aid of any unlawful act or making an unauthorized modification to Qwest's poles/duct/innerduct, or, in the case of ROW, any act or omission that violates the terms and conditions of either (a) the Access Agreement by which Qwest conveys a right of access to the ROW to CLEC, or (b) the instrument granting the original ROW to Qwest or its predecessor.

10.8.2.19 Qwest may abandon or sell any poles/duct/innerduct, conduit or ROW at any time by giving written notice to CLEC. Any poles, innerduct, duct/conduit or ROW that is sold, will be sold subject to all existing legal rights of CLEC. Upon abandonment of poles/innerduct, duct/conduit or ROW, and with the concurrence of the other joint user(s), if necessary, CLEC shall, within sixty (60) calendar Days of such notice, either: 1) continue to occupy the poles/innerduct, duct/conduit or ROW pursuant to its existing rights under this Agreement if the poles/innerduct, duct/conduit, or ROW is purchased by another party; 2) purchase the poles/innerduct, duct/conduit or ROW from Qwest at the current market value; or 3) remove its facilities therefrom. Failure to explicitly elect one of the foregoing options within sixty (60) calendar Days shall be deemed an election to purchase the poles/innerduct, duct/conduit or ROW at the current market value if no other party purchased the poles/innerduct, duct/conduit or ROW within this sixty (60) Day period.

10.8.2.20 CLEC's facilities shall be placed and maintained in accordance with the requirements and specifications of the current applicable standards of Telcordia Manual of Construction Standards, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, and the rules and regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, all of which are incorporated by reference, and any governing authority having jurisdiction. Where a difference in specifications exists, the more stringent shall apply. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CLEC shall only be held to such standard as Qwest, its Affiliates or any other Telecommunications Carrier is held. Failure to maintain facilities in accordance with the above requirements or failure to correct as provided in Section 10.8.2.13 shall be cause for termination of the Order. CLEC shall in a timely manner comply with all requests from Qwest to bring its facilities into compliance with these terms and conditions.

10.8.2.21 Should Qwest under the provisions of this Agreement remove CLEC's facilities from the poles/duct/innerduct covered by any Order, Qwest will deliver the facilities removed upon payment by CLEC of the cost of removal, storage and delivery, and all other amounts due Qwest. If CLEC removes facilities from poles/duct/innerduct for other than repair or maintenance purposes, no replacement of the poles/duct/innerduct shall be made until all outstanding charges due Qwest for previous occupancy have been paid in full. CLEC shall advise Qwest in writing as to the date on

which the removal of facilities from the poles/duct/innerduct has been completed.

10.8.2.22 If any facilities are found attached to poles/duct/innerduct for which no order is in effect, Qwest, without prejudice to its other rights or remedies under this Agreement, may assess a charge and CLEC agrees to pay the lesser of (a) the annual fee per pole or per innerduct run between two (2) manholes for the number of years since the most recent inventory, or (b) five times the annual fee per pole or per innerduct run between two (2) manholes. In addition, CLEC agrees to pay (a) interest on these fees at a rate set for the applicable time period by the Internal Revenue Service for individual underpayments pursuant to Section 6621 of the Internal Revenue Service Code (25 U.S.C. § 6621, Rev. Rul. 2000-30, 2000-25 IRS 1262), and (b) the cost of any audit required to identify unauthorized CLEC attachments. Qwest shall waive half the unauthorized attachment fee if the following conditions are met: (1) CLEC cures such unauthorized attachment (by removing it or submitting a valid Order for the attachment in the form of Attachment 2 of Exhibit D, within thirty (30) days of written notification from Qwest of the unauthorized attachment; and (2) the unauthorized attachment did not require Qwest to take curative measures itself (e.g., pulling additional innerduct) prior to cure by CLEC, (3) CLEC reimburses Qwest for cost of audit, or portion thereof, which discovered the unauthorized attachment. Qwest shall also waive the unauthorized attachment fee if the unauthorized attachment arose due to error by Qwest rather than CLEC. CLEC is required to submit in writing, within ten (10) business days after receipt of written notification from Qwest of the unauthorized occupancy, a poles/duct/innerduct application. If such application is not received by Qwest within the specified time period, CLEC will be required to remove its unauthorized facility within thirty (30) calendar Days of the final date for submitting the required application, or Qwest may remove CLEC's facilities without liability, and the cost of such removal shall be borne by CLEC.

10.8.2.23 No act or failure to act by Qwest with regard to an unauthorized occupancy shall be deemed as the authorization of the occupancy. Any subsequently issued authorization shall not operate retroactively or constitute a waiver by Qwest of any of its rights or privileges under this Agreement or otherwise. CLEC shall be subject to all liabilities of the Agreement in regard to said unauthorized occupancy from its inception.

10.8.2.24 Qwest will provide CLEC non-discriminatory access to poles, innerducts, duct/conduits and ROW pursuant to 47 USC § 224 and FCC orders, rules and regulations pursuant to 47 USC § 224. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement, on one hand, and 47 USC § 224 and FCC orders, rules and regulations pursuant to 47 USC § 224, on the other, 47 USC § 224 and FCC orders, rules and regulations pursuant to 47 USC § 224 shall govern. Further, in the event of a conflict between Exhibit D, on one hand, and this Agreement or 47 USC § 224 and FCC orders, rules and regulations pursuant to 47 USC § 224, on the other, this Agreement or 47 USC § 224 and FCC orders, rules and regulations pursuant to 47 USC § 224 shall govern, provided however, that any Access Agreement that has been duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in the real property records for the county in which the ROW is located shall govern in any event pursuant to its terms.

10.8.2.25 Nothing in this Agreement shall require Qwest to exercise eminent domain on behalf of CLEC.

10.8.2.26 Upon CLEC request, Qwest will certify to a landowner with whom Qwest

has an ROW agreement, the following:

10.8.2.26.1 that the ROW agreement with Qwest does not preclude the landowner from entering into a separate ROW agreement with CLEC; and

10.8.2.26.2 that there will be no penalty under the agreement between the landowner and Qwest if the landowner enters into a ROW agreement with CLEC.

10.8.2.27 For purposes of permitting CLEC to determine whether Qwest has ownership or control over duct/conduit or ROW within a specific multi-dwelling unit, if CLEC requests a copy of an agreement between Qwest and the owner of a specific multi-dwelling unit that grants Qwest access to the multi-dwelling unit, Qwest will provide the agreement to CLEC pursuant to the terms of this Section. CLEC will submit a completed Attachment 1.A from Exhibit D that identifies a specific multi-unit dwelling or route for each agreement.

10.8.2.27.1 Upon receipt of a completed Attachment 1.A, Qwest will prepare and return an MDU information matrix, within ten (10) days, which will identify (a) the owner of the multi-dwelling unit as reflected in Qwest's records, and (b) whether or not Qwest has a copy of an agreement that provides Qwest access to the multi-dwelling unit in its possession. Qwest makes no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of its records, and CLEC acknowledges that the original property owner may not be the current owner of the property.

10.8.2.27.1.1 If Qwest has a copy of such agreement (whether publicly recorded or not) and there is no specific provision affording the third party property owner confidentiality, Qwest will provide the agreement to the CLEC when it provides the MTE Matrix or ROW Matrix, as applicable, to CLEC.

10.8.2.27.1.2 If Qwest has a copy of such agreement, the agreement is not publicly recorded and the agreement contains a specific provision affording the third party property owner confidentiality, then at the time Qwest provides CLEC the MTE Matrix or ROW Matrix, as applicable, Qwest shall also provide a copy of the specific provision from such agreement affording the third party property owner confidentiality together with a written statement signed by a Qwest employee verifying that such employee knows such provision to be a true and correct copy from the agreement. If CLEC has already satisfied one of the conditions set forth in Section 10.8.2.27.2, Qwest will provide CLEC with the following information from such agreement at the time Qwest provides the MTE Matrix or ROW Matrix, as applicable, and confidentiality provision: (a) the ownership or control over ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way within the property described in the agreement, including provisions which define the scope of Qwest's ownership or control of the ducts, conduits or rights-of-way; (b) the ownership of wire within the property described in the agreement; (c) the demarcation point between Qwest facilities and the property owner's facilities in the property described in the agreement; (d) to the extent the agreement affects any property interest of a third-party owner, any provision(s) that describe the property, including any metes and bound or other legal description of the property; (e) the term of the



agreement; and (f) the parties to the agreement. If CLEC has not already satisfied one of the conditions set forth in Section 10.8.2.27.2, Qwest will provide CLEC with the foregoing information (items (a) through (f), above) from such agreement within three (3) business days after CLEC satisfies one of the conditions.

10.8.2.27.2 Qwest reserves any confidentiality rights it may have with regards to the content of the agreement. Qwest will provide to CLEC a copy of an agreement listed in the MTE Matrix or ROW Matrix, as applicable, that has not been publicly recorded and that contains a specific provision affording the third party property owner confidentiality, upon satisfaction by CLEC of any one of the following conditions: (1) CLEC obtains authorization for such disclosure from the third party owner(s) of the real property at issue by presenting to Qwest an executed version of the Consent to Disclosure form that is included in Attachment 4 to Exhibit D of this Agreement; (2) CLEC provides a legally binding and satisfactory agreement to indemnify Qwest in the event of any legal action arising out of Qwest's provision of such agreement to CLEC; or (3) CLEC agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of and executes the Form Protective Agreement set forth in Attachment 5 to Exhibit D of this Agreement. CLEC must satisfy only one of the conditions set forth in this Section. CLEC's election of the specific condition to satisfy remains at all times within its sole discretion. CLEC may specify at the time it executes this Agreement its election of the means by which it chooses to satisfy the conditions of this Section for all agreements CLEC may request during the term of this Agreement.

10.8.2.27.3 Without waiving any right it may have to confidentiality in an agreement that provides Qwest access to a multiple tenant environment that Qwest provides to CLEC or that CLEC obtains from the multiple tenant environment owner or operator, Qwest shall redact all dollar figures from copies of agreements that have not been publicly recorded that Qwest provides to CLEC and shall require that the multiple tenant environment owner or operator make similar redactions prior to disclosure of the agreement.

10.8.2.27.4 In all instances, CLEC will use agreements only for the following purposes: (a) to determine whether Qwest has ownership or control over duct, conduits, or rights-of-way within the property described in the agreement and the scope of such ownership or control; (b) to determine the ownership of wire within the property described in the agreement; (c) to determine the Demarcation Point between Qwest facilities and the Owner's facilities in the property described in the agreement; (d) to determine the extent of the property interest of the third-party owner, including any provisions that establish the legal description of any property interest of a third-party owner, including any metes and bounds of the property; (e) to determine the term of the agreement; and (f) to determine the parties to the agreement. CLEC further agrees that CLEC shall not disclose the contents, terms, or conditions of any agreement provided pursuant to Section 10.8.2.27 to any CLEC agents or employees engaged in sales or marketing efforts on behalf of CLEC. These limitations shall not apply if CLEC executes the Access Agreement set forth in Attachment 4 to Exhibit D of this Agreement.

### 10.8.3 Rate Elements

Qwest fees for attachments are in accordance with Section 224 of the Act and FCC orders, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as the rates established by the Commission including the following rates, are reflected in Exhibit A.

10.8.3.1 Inquiry Fee. A non-refundable pre-paid charge used to recover the costs associated with performing an internal record review to determine if a requested route and/or facility is available, or with respect to ROW, to determine the information necessary to create the ROW matrix, which identifies, for each ROW, the name of the original grantor and the nature of the ROW (i.e., publicly recorded and non-recorded) and the MDU matrix, which identifies each requested legal agreement between Qwest and a third party who has a multi-unit building in Qwest's possession that relates to Telecommunications Services provided to or through real property owned by the third party (MDU Agreement) and, for each such MDU Agreement, the name of the third party. Separate Inquiry Fees apply for ROW, poles and duct/conduit/innerduct.

10.8.3.2 Field Verification Fee/Access Agreement Preparation Fee. In the case of poles and duct/innerduct, the Field Verification Fee is a non-refundable pre-paid charge which recovers the estimated actual costs for a field survey verification required for a route and to determine scope of any required Make-Ready work. Separate Field Verification Fees apply for poles and manholes. In the case of ROW, the Access Agreement Preparation Fee is a non-refundable, pre-paid charge which recovers the estimated actual costs for preparation of the Access Agreement for each ROW requested by CLEC. Field Verification and Access Agreement Preparation Fees shall be billed in advance.

10.8.3.3 Make-Ready Fee. A pre-paid non-refundable (other than true-up) charge which recovers the cost of necessary work required to make the requested facility/ROW available for access. For innerduct, this could include, but is not limited to, the placing of innerduct in conduit/duct systems or core drilling of manholes. For pole attachment requests, this could include, but is not limited to, the replacement of poles to meet required clearances over roads or land. For ROW, this Make-Ready could include, but is not limited to, personnel time, including attorney time. With respect to ROW, Make-Ready work refers to legal or other investigation or analysis arising out of CLEC's failure to comply with the process described in Exhibit D for ROW, or other circumstances giving rise to such work beyond the simple preparation of one or more Access Agreements. The estimated pre-paid fee shall be billed in advance.

10.8.3.4 Pole Attachment Fee. A pre-paid fee which is charged for the occupancy, including during any Make-Ready period, of one (1) foot of pole space (except for antenna attachment which requires two (2) feet). This fee shall be annual unless CLEC requests that it be semi-annual.

10.8.3.5 Innerduct Occupancy Fee. A pre-paid fee which is charged for the occupancy, including during any Make-Ready period, of an innerduct on a per foot basis. This fee shall be annual unless CLEC requests that it be semi-annual.

10.8.3.6 Access Agreement Consideration. A pre-paid fee which constitutes consideration for conveying access to the ROW to CLEC. This fee shall be a one-time (i.e. nonrecurring) fee.

#### 10.8.4 Ordering

There are two (2) steps required before placing an Order for access to ROW, duct/innerduct and Pole Attachment: Inquiry Review and Field Verification.

10.8.4.1 Inquiry Reviews. Upon receipt of an inquiry regarding ROW access, Pole Attachment or Duct/Innerduct Occupancy, Qwest will provide CLEC with Exhibit D. CLEC will review the documents and provide Qwest with maps of the desired area indicating the routes and entrance points for proposed attachment, proposed occupancy or proposed CLEC construction on Qwest owned or controlled poles, duct/innerduct and ROW as well as the street addresses of any multi-unit buildings upon or through which CLEC proposes construction on ROW owned or controlled by Qwest. CLEC will include the appropriate Inquiry Fee with a completed Attachment 1.A from Exhibit D.

10.8.4.1.1 Inquiry Review—Duct/Conduit/Innerduct. Qwest will complete the database inquiry and prepare a duct/conduit structure diagram (referred to as a “Flatline”) which shows distances and access points (such as manholes). Along with the Flatline will be estimated costs for field verification of available facilities. These materials will be provided to CLEC within ten (10) calendar Days or within the time frames of the applicable federal or state law, rule or regulation.

10.8.4.1.2 Inquiry Review — Poles. Qwest will provide the name and contact number for the appropriate local field engineer for joint validation of the poles and route and estimated costs for field verification on Attachment 1.B of Exhibit D within ten (10) calendar Days of the request.

10.8.4.1.3 Inquiry Review – ROW. Qwest shall, upon request of CLEC, provide the ROW Matrix, the MTE Matrix and a copy of all publicly recorded agreements listed in those matrices to CLEC within ten (10) days of the request. Qwest will provide to CLEC a copy of agreements listed in the Matrices or the information set forth in Section 10.8.2.27.1.2 in accordance with the terms of Section 10.8.2.27 of this Agreement. Qwest may redact all dollar figures from copies of agreements listed in the Matrices that have not been publicly recorded that Qwest provides to CLEC. Any dispute over whether terms have been redacted appropriately shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures set forth in this Agreement. Qwest makes no warranties concerning the accuracy of the information provided to CLEC; CLEC expressly acknowledges that Qwest’s files contain only the original ROW instruments, and that the current owner(s) of the fee estate may not be the party identified in the document provided by Qwest.

10.8.4.2 Field Verification — Poles, Ducts/Innerducts and Access Agreement Preparation (ROW). CLEC will review the inquiry results and determine whether to proceed with field verification for poles/duct or Access Agreement preparation for ROW. If field verification or Access Agreement preparation is desired, CLEC will sign and return Attachment 1.B of Exhibit D along with a check for the relevant verification fee (Field Verification Fee or Access Agreement Preparation Fee) plus \$10.00 per Access Agreement as consideration for the Access Agreement. Upon payment of the relevant fee and Access Agreement consideration, if applicable, Qwest will provide, as applicable: depending on whether the request is for poles, duct/innerduct or ROW: (a) in the case of innerduct/duct/conduit, a field survey and site investigation of the poles or

innerduct/duct/conduit, including the preparation of distances and drawings, to determine availability of existing innerduct/duct/conduit; identification of Make-Ready costs required to provide space; the schedule in which the Make-Ready work will be completed; and, the annual recurring prices associated with the attachment of facilities; (b) in the case of ROW, the completed Access Agreement(s), executed and acknowledged by Qwest. Upon completion of the Access Agreement(s) by CLEC, in accordance with the instructions, terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit D, the Access Agreement becomes effective to convey the interest identified in the Access Agreement (if any). Any dispute regarding whether a legal agreement conveys a ROW shall be resolved between CLEC and the relevant third party or parties, and such disputes shall not involve Qwest and/or (c) In the case of poles, estimates of Make-Ready costs and the annual recurring prices associated with the attachment of facilities shall be as provided in Exhibit A. The verification of (a), (b), and (c), above, shall be completed by Qwest not later than forty five (45) calendar Days after the CLEC's submission of the inquiry request. Make-ready time, if any, and CLEC review time is not part of the forty five (45) Day interval. The Attachment 2 quotation shall be valid for ninety (90) calendar Days.

10.8.4.2.1 CLEC-Performed Field Verification. At the option of CLEC, it may perform its own field verification (in lieu of Qwest performing same) with the following stipulations: 1) verifications will be conducted by a Qwest approved contractor; 2) a Qwest contractor will monitor the activity of CLEC contractor and a current labor rate will be charged to CLEC; 3) CLEC will provide Qwest with a legible copy of manhole butterfly drawings that reflect necessary Make-Ready effort; and 4) Qwest will use CLEC-provided butterfly drawings and documentation to check against existing jobs and provide a final field report of available duct/innerduct. CLEC will be charged standard rates for tactical planner time.

10.8.4.3 Order — Poles and Ducts/Innerduct. The review, signing and return of Attachment 2 of the General Information Document along with payment of the Make-Ready and prorated recurring access charges for the current relevant period (annual or semi-annual) shall be accepted as an Order for the attachment or occupancy. Upon receipt of the accepted Order from CLEC and applicable payment for the fees identified, Qwest will assign the requested space and commence any Make-Ready work which may be required. Qwest will notify CLEC when poles/duct/innerduct are ready.

10.8.4.4 Make-Ready - Estimates of Make-Ready are used to cover actual Make-Ready costs.

10.8.4.4.1 If Qwest requests, CLEC will be responsible for payment of the actual Make-Ready costs determined if such costs exceed the estimate. Such payment shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice for the costs that exceed the estimate.

10.8.4.4.2 Within fifteen (15) business days of a request, Qwest will provide CLEC copies of records reflecting actual cost of Make-Ready work; provided, however, that, if Qwest does not possess all such records at the time of the request, then Qwest will provide copies of such records within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of such records. CLEC must request such records, if at all, within sixty (60) calendar Days after written notification of the completion of

the Make-Ready work.

10.8.4.4.3 If the actual Make-Ready costs are less than the estimate, an appropriate credit for the difference will be issued upon request. Such request must be received within sixty (60) calendar Days following CLEC's receipt of copies of records if CLEC has requested records under this paragraph, or within sixty (60) calendar Days after written notification of the completion of Make-Ready work if CLEC has not requested records under this paragraph. Such credit will issue within ten (10) business days of Qwest's receipt of either all records related to such actual costs or CLEC's request for credit, whichever comes last, but in no event later than ninety (90) calendar Days following the request for credit.

10.8.4.4.4 If CLEC cancels or if, due to circumstances unforeseen during inquiry/verification, Qwest denies the request for poles, ducts or ROW, upon CLEC request, Qwest will also refund the difference between the actual Make-Ready costs incurred and those prepaid by CLEC, if any. Such request must be made within thirty (30) calendar Days of CLEC's receipt of written denial or notification of cancellation. Any such refund shall be made within ten (10) business days of either receipt of CLEC's request or Qwest's receipt of all records relating to the actual costs, whichever comes last, but in no event later than ninety (90) calendar Days following the denial.

## **10.8.5 Billing**

CLEC agrees to pay the following fees in advance as specified in Exhibit A: Inquiry Fee, Field Verification Fee, Access Agreement Preparation Fee, Make-Ready Fee, Pole Attachment Fee, Duct/Innerduct Occupancy Fee and Access Agreement Consideration. Make-Ready Fees will be computed in compliance with applicable local, state and federal guidelines. Usage fees for poles/duct/innerduct (i.e., Pole Attachment Fee and Duct/Innerduct Occupancy Fee) will be assessed on an annual basis (unless CLEC requests a semi-annual basis). Annual usage fees for poles/duct/innerduct will be assessed as of January 1 of each year. Semi-annual usage fees for poles/duct/innerduct will be assessed as of January 1 and July 1 of each year. All fees shall be paid within thirty (30) days following receipt of invoices. All fees are not refundable except as expressly provided herein.

## **10.8.6 Maintenance and Repair**

In the event of any service outage affecting both Qwest and CLEC, repairs shall be effectuated on a non-discriminatory basis as established by local, state or federal requirements. Where such requirements do not exist, repairs shall be made in the following order: electrical, telephone (EAS/local), telephone (long distance), and cable television, or as mutually agreed to by the users of the affected poles/duct/innerduct.

## **Section 11.0 - NETWORK SECURITY**

11.1 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.

11.2 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. CLEC is responsible for covering its employees on such security requirements and penalties.

11.3 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.

11.4 Qwest and CLEC share responsibility for security and network protection for each Collocation arrangement. Each Party's employees, agents or representatives must secure its own portable test equipment, spares, etc. and shall not use the test equipment or spares of other parties. Use of such test equipment or spares without written permission constitutes theft and may be prosecuted. Exceptions are the use of Qwest ladders in the Wire Center, either rolling or track, which CLEC may use in the course of work operations. Qwest assumes no liability to CLEC, its agents, employees or representatives, if CLEC uses a Qwest ladder available in the Wire Center.

11.5 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.

11.6 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.

11.7 Each Party shall comply at all times with Qwest security and safety procedures and requirements while performing work activities on Qwest's Premises.

11.8 Qwest will allow CLEC to inspect or observe spaces which house or contain CLEC equipment or equipment enclosures at any time and to furnish CLEC with all keys, entry codes, lock combinations, or other materials or information which may be needed to gain entry into any secured CLEC space, in a manner consistent with that used by Qwest.

11.9 Qwest will limit the keys used in its keying systems for enclosed collocated spaces which contain or house CLEC equipment or equipment enclosures to its employees and representatives to emergency access only. CLEC shall further have the right to change locks where deemed necessary for the protection and security of such spaces.

11.10 Keys may entail either metallic keys or combination electronic ID/key cards. It is solely the responsibility of CLEC to ensure keys are not shared with unauthorized personnel and recover keys and electronic ID/keys promptly from discharged personnel, such that office security is always maintained. Qwest has similar responsibility for its employees.

11.11 CLEC will train its employees, agents and vendors on Qwest security policies and guidelines.

11.12 When working on Qwest ICDF Frames or in Qwest's common or CLEC equipment line-ups, Qwest and CLEC employees, agents and vendors agree to adhere to Qwest quality and performance standards provided by Qwest and as specified in this Agreement.

11.13 CLEC shall report all material losses to Qwest Security. All security incidents are to be referred directly to local Qwest Security – 1-888-879-7328. In cases of emergency, CLEC shall call 911 and 1-888- 879-7328.

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

11.15 Qwest and CLEC 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.

11.16 Qwest and CLEC employees, agents and vendors will secure and lock all doors and gates.

11.17 CLEC will report to Qwest all property and equipment losses immediately, any lost cards or keys, vandalism, unsecured conditions, security violations, anyone who is unauthorized to be in the work area or is not wearing the Qwest identification/access card.

11.18 Qwest and CLEC employees, agents and vendors shall comply with Qwest Central Office fire and safety regulations, which include but are not limited to, wearing safety glasses in designated areas, keeping doors and aisles free and clean of trip hazards such as wire, checking ladders before moving, not leaving test equipment or tools on rolling ladders, not blocking doors open, providing safety straps and cones in installation areas, using electrostatic discharge protection, and exercising good housekeeping.

11.19 Smoking is not allowed in Qwest buildings, Wire Centers, or other Qwest facilities. No open flames shall be permitted anywhere within the buildings, Wire Centers or other facilities. Failure to abide by this restriction may result in denial of access for that individual and may constitute a violation of the access rules, subjecting CLEC employee, agent or vendor to denial of unescorted access. Qwest shall provide written notice within five (5) calendar Days of a CLEC violation of this provision to CLEC prior to denial of access and such notice shall include: 1) identification of the violation of this provision and the personnel involved, 2) identification of the safety regulation violated, and 3) date and location of such violation. CLEC

will have five (5) calendar Days to remedy any such violation for which it has received notice from Qwest. In the event that CLEC fails to remedy any such violation of which it has received notice within such five (5) calendar Days following receipt of such notice, CLEC shall be denied unescorted access to the affected Premises. In the event CLEC disputes any action Qwest seeks to take or has taken pursuant to this provision, CLEC may pursue immediate resolution by expedited Dispute Resolution.

11.20 No flammable or explosive fluids or materials are to be kept or used anywhere within the Qwest buildings or on the grounds.

11.21 No weapons of any type are allowed on Qwest Premises. Vehicles on Qwest property are subject to this restriction as well.

11.22 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, CLEC's employees, agents or vendors may not make any modifications, alterations, additions or repairs to any space within the building or on the grounds, provided, however, nothing in Section 11. shall prevent CLEC, its employees or agents from performing modifications, alterations, additions or repairs to its own equipment or facilities.

11.23 Qwest employees may request CLEC's employees, agents or vendors to stop any work activity that in their reasonable judgment is a jeopardy to personal safety or poses a potential for damage to the Qwest Premises, Qwest equipment or Qwest services within the facility until the situation is remedied. CLEC employees may report any work activity that in their reasonable judgment is a jeopardy to personal safety or poses a potential for damage to the building, CLEC equipment or CLEC services within the facility, to Qwest Service Assurance (800-713-3666) and the reported work activity will be immediately stopped until the situation is remedied. In the event such non-compliant activity occurs in a Qwest Central Office, notification of the non-compliant activity may be made to the Central Office supervisor, and the Central Office supervisor shall immediately stop the reported work activity until the situation is remedied. The compliant Party shall provide immediate notice of the non-compliant work activity to the non-compliant Party and such notice shall include: 1) identification of the non-compliant work activity, 2) identification of the safety regulation violated, and 3) date and location of safety violation. If such non-compliant work activities pose an immediate threat to the safety of the other Party's employees, interference with the performance of the other Party's service obligations, or pose an immediate threat to the physical integrity of the other Party's facilities, the compliant Party may perform such work and/or take action as is necessary to correct the condition at the non-compliant Party's expense. In the event the non-compliant Party disputes any action the compliant Party seeks to take or has taken pursuant to this provision, the non-compliant Party may pursue immediate resolution by expedited Dispute Resolution. If the non-compliant Party fails to correct any safety non-compliance within ten (10) calendar Days of written notice of non-compliance, or if such non-compliance cannot be corrected within ten (10) calendar Days of written notice of non-compliance, and if the non-compliant Party fails to take all appropriate steps to correct as soon as reasonably possible, the compliant Party may pursue immediate resolution by expedited Dispute Resolution.

11.24 Qwest is not liable for any damage, theft or personal injury resulting from CLEC's employees, agents or vendors parking in a Qwest parking area.

11.25 CLEC's employees, agents or vendors outside the designated CLEC access area, or without proper identification will be asked to vacate the Premises and Qwest security may be notified. Continued violations may result in termination of access privileges. Qwest shall provide



immediate notice of the security violation to CLEC and such notice shall include: 1) identification of the security violation, 2) identification of the security regulation violated, and 3) date and location of security violation. CLEC will have five (5) calendar Days to remedy any such alleged security violation before any termination of access privileges for such individual. In the event CLEC disputes any action Qwest seeks to take or has taken pursuant to this provision, CLEC may pursue immediate resolution by expedited or other Dispute Resolution.

11.26 Building related problems may be referred to the Qwest Work Environment Centers:

800-879-3499 (CO, WY, AZ, NM)

800-201-7033 (all other Qwest states)

11.27 CLEC will submit a Qwest Collocation Access Application form for individuals needing to access Qwest facilities. CLEC and Qwest will meet to review applications and security requirements.

11.28 CLEC employees, agents and vendors will utilize only corridors, stairways and elevators that provide direct access to CLEC's space or the nearest restroom facility. Such access will be covered in orientation meetings. Access shall not be permitted to any other portions of the building.

11.29 CLEC will collect identification/access cards for any employees, agents or vendors no longer working on behalf of CLEC and forward them to Qwest Security. If cards or keys cannot be collected, CLEC will immediately notify Qwest at 800-210-8169.

11.30 CLEC will assist Qwest in validation and verification of identification of its employees, agents and vendors by providing a telephone contact available seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day.

11.31 Qwest and CLEC employees, agents and vendors will notify Qwest Service Assurance (800-713-3666) prior to gaining access into a Central Office after hours, for the purpose of disabling Central Office alarms for CLEC access. Normal business hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

11.32 CLEC will notify Qwest if CLEC has information that its employee, agent or vendor poses a safety and/or security risk. Qwest may deny access to anyone who in the reasonable judgment of Qwest threatens the safety or security of facilities or personnel.

11.33 CLEC will supply to Qwest Security, and keep up to date, a list of its employees, agents and vendors who require access to CLEC's space. The list will include names and social security numbers. Names of employees, agents or vendors to be added to the list will be provided to Qwest Security, who will provide it to the appropriate Qwest personnel.

11.34 Revenue Protection. Qwest shall make available to CLEC 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.

11.34.1 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.

11.34.2 Uncollectible or unbillable revenues resulting from the accidental or malicious alteration of software underlying Network Elements or their subtending Operational Support Systems by unauthorized third parties that could have reasonably been avoided shall be the responsibility of the Party having administrative control of access to said Network Element or operational support system software.

11.34.3 Qwest shall be responsible for any direct uncollectible or unbillable revenues resulting from the unauthorized physical attachment to Loop facilities from the Main Distribution Frame up to and including the Network Interface Device, including clip-on fraud, if Qwest could have reasonably prevented such fraud.

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

11.34.5 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.).

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

11.35 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.

11.36 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 CLEC, for any lines served from Qwest Wire Centers or cross boxes.

11.37 In all cases involving telephone lines served from Qwest Wire Centers or cross boxes, whether the line is a resold line or part of an Unbundled Local Switching or Unbundled Loop element, Qwest will perform trap/trace Title III and pen register assistance directly with law enforcement. CLEC will not be involved or notified of such actions, due to non-disclosure court order considerations, as well as timely response duties when law enforcement agencies are involved. Exceptions to the above will be those cases, as yet undetermined, where CLEC must participate due to technical reasons wherein its circuitry must be accessed or modified to comply with law enforcement, or for legal reasons that may evolve over time. CLEC will provide Qwest with a twenty-four (24) hour a Day, seven (7) Days a week contact for processing such requests, should they occur.

## **Section 12.0 - ACCESS TO OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS (OSS)**

### **12.1 Description**

12.1.1 Qwest has developed and shall continue to provide Operational Support System (OSS) interfaces using electronic gateways and manual processes. These gateways act as a mediation or control point between CLEC's and Qwest's OSS. These gateways provide security for the interfaces, protecting the integrity of the Qwest OSS and databases. Qwest's OSS interfaces have been developed to support Pre-ordering, Ordering and Provisioning, Maintenance and Repair, and Billing. This section describes the interfaces and manual processes that Qwest has developed and shall provide to CLEC. Additional technical information and details shall be provided by Qwest in training sessions and documentation and support, such as the "Interconnect Mediated Access User's Guide." Qwest will continue to make improvements to the electronic interfaces as technology evolves, Qwest's legacy systems improve, or CLEC needs require. Qwest shall provide notification to CLEC consistent with the provisions of the Change Management Process (CMP) set forth in Section 12.2.6.

12.1.2 Through its electronic gateways and manual processes, Qwest shall provide CLEC non-discriminatory access to Qwest's OSS for Pre-ordering, Ordering and Provisioning, Maintenance and Repair, and Billing functions. For those functions with a retail analogue, such as pre-ordering and ordering and Provisioning of resold services, Qwest shall provide CLEC access to its OSS in substantially the same time and manner as it provides to itself. For those functions with no retail analogue, such as pre-ordering and ordering and Provisioning of Unbundled Elements, Qwest shall provide CLEC access to Qwest's OSS sufficient to allow an efficient competitor a meaningful opportunity to compete. Qwest will comply with the standards for access to OSS set forth in Section 20. Qwest shall deploy the necessary systems and personnel to provide sufficient access to each of the necessary OSS functions. Qwest shall provide assistance for CLEC to understand how to implement and use all of the available OSS functions. Qwest shall provide CLEC sufficient electronic and manual interfaces to allow CLEC equivalent access to all of the necessary OSS functions. Through its website, training, disclosure documentation and development assistance, Qwest shall disclose to CLEC any internal business rules and other formatting information necessary to ensure that CLEC's requests and orders are processed efficiently. Qwest shall provide training to enable CLEC to devise its own course work for its own employees. Through its documentation available to CLEC, Qwest will identify how its interface differs from national guidelines or standards. Qwest shall provide OSS designed to accommodate both current demand and reasonably foreseeable demand.

### **12.2 OSS Support for Pre-Ordering, Ordering and Provisioning**

#### **12.2.1 Local Service Request (LSR) Ordering Process**

12.2.1.1 Qwest shall provide electronic interface gateways for submission of LSRs, including both an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) interface and a Graphical User Interface (GUI).

12.2.1.2 The interface guidelines for EDI are based upon the Order & Billing Forum (OBF) Local Service Order Guidelines (LSOG), the Telecommunication Industry Forum (TCIF) Customer Service Guidelines; and the American National Standards Institute/Accredited Standards Committee (ANSI ASC) X12 protocols. Exceptions to the

above guidelines/standards shall be specified in the EDI disclosure documents.

12.2.1.3 The GUI shall provide a single interface for Pre-Order and Order transactions from CLEC to Qwest and is browser based. The GUI interface shall be based on the LSOG and utilizes a WEB standard technology, Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML), JAVA and the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) to transmit messages.

12.2.1.4 Functions Pre Ordering Qwest will provide real time, electronic access to pre-order functions to support CLEC's ordering via the electronic interfaces described herein. Qwest will make the following real time pre-order functions available to CLEC:

12.2.1.4.1 Features, services and Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) options for IntraLATA toll and InterLATA toll available at a valid service address;

12.2.1.4.2 Access to Customer service records (CSRs) for Qwest retail or resale End User Customers. The information will include Billing name, service address, Billing address, service and feature subscription, directory listing information, and long distance Carrier identity;

12.2.1.4.3 Telephone number request and selection;

12.2.1.4.4 Reservation of appointments for service installations requiring the dispatch of a Qwest technician on a non-discriminatory basis;

12.2.1.4.5 Information regarding whether dispatch is required for service installation and available installation appointments;

12.2.1.4.6 Service address verification;

12.2.1.4.7 Facility availability, Loop qualification, including resale-DSL, and Loop make-up information, including, but not limited to, Loop length, presence of Bridged Taps, repeaters, and loading coils. This Section 12.2.1.4.1.7 shall apply only to CLEC orders for Unbundled Loops or Loop combinations.

12.2.1.4.8 A list of valid available CFAs for Unbundled Loops.

12.2.1.4.9 A list of one to five (1-5) individual Meet Points or a range of Meet Points for shared Loops.

12.2.1.4.10 Design Layout Record (DLR) Query which provides the layout for the local portion of a circuit at a particular location where applicable.

12.2.1.5 Dial-Up Capabilities

12.2.1.5.1 Reserved for Future Use.

12.2.1.5.2 Reserved for Future Use.

12.2.1.5.3 When CLEC requests from Qwest more than fifty (50) SecurIDs for use by CLEC Customer service representatives at a single CLEC location, CLEC shall use a T1 line instead of dial-up access at that location. If CLEC is

obtaining the line from Qwest, then CLEC shall be able to use SecurIDs until such time as Qwest provisions the T1 line and the line permits pre-order and order information to be exchanged between Qwest and CLEC.

#### 12.2.1.6 Access Service Request (ASR) Ordering Process

12.2.1.6.1 Qwest shall provide a computer-to-computer batch file interface for submission of ASRs based upon the OBF Access Service Order Guidelines (ASOG). Qwest shall supply exceptions to these guidelines in writing in sufficient time for CLEC to adjust system requirements.

12.2.1.7 Facility Based EDI Listing Process - Qwest shall provide a Facility Based EDI Listing interface to enable CLEC listing data to be translated and passed into the Qwest listing database. This interface is based upon OBF LSOG and ANSI ASC X12 standards. Qwest shall supply exceptions to these guidelines/standards in writing in sufficient time for CLEC to adjust system requirements.

12.2.1.8 Qwest will establish interface contingency plans and disaster recovery plans for the interfaces described in this Section. Qwest will work cooperatively with CLECs through the CMP process to consider any suggestions made by CLECs to improve or modify such plans. CLEC specific requests for modifications to such plans will be negotiated and mutually agreed upon between Qwest and CLEC.

12.2.1.9 Ordering and Provisioning - Qwest will provide access to ordering and status functions. CLEC will populate the service request to identify what features, services, or elements it wishes Qwest to provision in accordance with Qwest's published business rules.

12.2.1.9.1 Qwest shall provide all Provisioning services to CLEC during the same business hours that Qwest provisions services for its End User Customers. Qwest will provide out-of-hours Provisioning services to CLEC on a non-discriminatory basis as it provides such Provisioning services to itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates or any other Party. Qwest shall disclose the business rules regarding out-of-hours Provisioning on its wholesale website.

12.2.1.9.2 When CLEC places an electronic order, Qwest will provide CLEC with an electronic firm order confirmation notice (FOC). The FOC will follow industry-standard formats and contain the Qwest Due Date for order completion. Upon completion of the order, Qwest will provide CLEC with an electronic completion notice which follows industry-standard formats and which states when the order was completed. Qwest supplies two (2) separate completion notices: 1) service order completion (SOC) which notifies the CLEC that the service order record has been completed, and 2) Billing completion that notifies the CLEC that the service order has posted to the Billing system.

12.2.1.9.3 When CLEC places a manual order, Qwest will provide CLEC with a manual firm order confirmation notice. The confirmation notice will follow industry-standard formats. Upon completion of the order, Qwest will provide CLEC with a completion notice which follows industry-standard formats and which states when the order was completed. Qwest supplies two (2) separate completion notices: 1) service order completion (SOC) which notifies the CLEC

that the service order record has been completed, and 2) Billing completion that notifies the CLEC that the service order has posted to the Billing system.

12.2.1.9.4 When CLEC places an electronic order, Qwest shall provide notification electronically of any instances when (1) Qwest's Committed Due Dates are in jeopardy of not being met by Qwest on any service or (2) an order is rejected. The standards for returning such notices are set forth in Section 20.

12.2.1.9.5 When CLEC places a manual order, Qwest shall provide notification of any instances when (1) Qwest's Committed Due Dates are in jeopardy of not being met by Qwest on any service or (2) an order is rejected. The standards for returning such notices are set forth in Section 20.

12.2.1.9.6 Business rules regarding rejection of LSRs or ASRs are subject to the provisions of Section 12.2.6.

12.2.1.9.7 Ordering and Provisioning – Qwest will provide access to ordering and status functions. CLEC will populate the service request to identify what features, services, or elements it wishes Qwest to provision in accordance with Qwest's published business rules. Where Qwest provides installation on behalf of CLEC, Qwest shall advise the CLEC End User Customer to notify CLEC immediately if the CLEC End User Customer requests a service change at the time of installation.

12.2.1.10 Reserved for Future Use.

## **12.2.2 Maintenance and Repair**

12.2.2.1 Qwest shall provide electronic interface gateways, including an Electronic Bonding interface and a GUI interface, for reviewing a Customer's trouble history at a specific location, conducting testing of a Customer's service where applicable, and reporting trouble to facilitate the exchange of updated information and progress reports between Qwest and CLEC while the Trouble Report (TR) is open and a Qwest technician is working on the resolution. CLEC may also report trouble through manual processes. For designed services, the TR will not be closed prior to verification by CLEC that trouble is cleared.

## **12.2.3 Interface Availability**

12.2.3.1 Qwest shall make its OSS interfaces available to CLECs during the hours listed in the Gateway Availability PIDs in Section 20.

12.2.3.2 Qwest shall notify CLECs in a timely manner regarding system downtime through mass email distribution and pop-up windows as applicable.

12.2.3.3 Reserved for Future Use.

## **12.2.4 Billing**

12.2.4.1 For products billed out of the Qwest Interexchange Access Billing System (IABS), Qwest will utilize the existing CABS/BOS format and technology for the

transmission of bills.

12.2.4.2 For products billed out of the Qwest Customer Record Information System (CRIS), Qwest will utilize the existing EDI standard for the transmission of monthly local Billing information. EDI is an established standard under the auspices of the ANSI/ASC X12 Committee. A proper subset of this specification has been adopted by the Telecommunications Industry Forum (TCIF) as the "811 Guidelines" specifically for the purposes of Telecommunications Billing. Any deviance from these standards and guidelines shall be documented and accessible to CLEC.

## 12.2.5 Outputs

Output information will be provided to CLEC in the form of bills, files, and reports. Bills will capture all regular monthly and incremental/usage charges and present them in a summarized format. The files and reports delivered to CLEC come in the following categories:

Usage Record File	Line Usage Information
Loss and Completion	Order Information
Category 11	Facility Based Line Usage Information
SAG/FAM	Street Address/Facility Availability Information

### 12.2.5.1 Bills

12.2.5.1.1 CRIS Summary Bill - The CRIS Summary Bill represents a monthly summary of charges for most wholesale products sold by Qwest. This bill includes a total of all charges by entity plus a summary of current charges and adjustments on each sub-account. Individual sub-accounts are provided as Billing detail and contain monthly, one-time charges and incremental/call detail information. The Summary Bill provides one bill and one payment document for CLEC. These bills are segmented by state and bill cycle. The number of bills received by CLEC is dictated by the product ordered and the Qwest region in which CLEC is operating.

12.2.5.1.2 IABS Bill - The IABS Bill represents a monthly summary of charges. This 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.

### 12.2.5.2 Files and Reports

12.2.5.2.1 Daily Usage Record File provides the accumulated set of call information for a given day as captured or recorded by the network Switches. This file will be transmitted Monday through Friday, excluding Qwest holidays. This information is a file of unrated Qwest originated usage messages and rated CLEC originated usage messages. It is provided in Alliance for Telecommunication Industry Solution (ATIS) standard (Electronic Message Interface) EMI format. This EMI format is outlined in the document SR-320; which can be obtained directly from ATIS. The Daily Usage Record File contains

multi-state data for the Data Processing Center generating this information. Individual state identification information is contained with the message detail. Qwest will provide this data to CLEC with the same level of precision and accuracy it provides itself. This file will be provided for the following list of products:

- a) Resale;
- b) Unbundled Switch Port; and
- c) UNE-P for POTS.

12.2.5.2.2 The charge for this Daily Usage Record File is contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

12.2.5.2.3 Routing of in-region IntraLATA Collect, Calling Card, and Third Number Billed Messages - Qwest will distribute in-region intraLATA collect, calling card, and third number billed messages to CLEC and exchange with other CLECs operating in region in a manner consistent with existing inter-company processing agreements. Whenever the daily usage information is transmitted to a Carrier, it will contain these records for these types of calls as well.

12.2.5.2.4 Loss Report provides CLEC with a daily report that contains a list of accounts that have had lines and/or services disconnected. This may indicate that the End User Customer has changed CLECs or removed services from an existing account. This report also details the order number, service name and address, and date this change was made. Individual reports will be provided for the following list of products:

- a) Intentionally Left Blank;
- b) Resale;
- c) Unbundled Loop;
- d) Unbundled Line Side Switch Port; and
- e) UNE-P for POTS.

12.2.5.2.5 Completion Report provides CLEC with a daily report. This report is used to advise CLEC that the order(s) for the service(s) requested is complete. It details the order number, service name and address and date this change was completed. Individual reports will be provided for the following list of products:

- a) Resale;
- b) Unbundled Loop;
- c) Unbundled Line-side Switch; and
- d) UNE-P for POTS.



12.2.5.2.6 Category 11 Records are Exchange Message Records (EMR) which provide mechanized record formats that can be used to exchange access usage information between Qwest and CLEC. Category 1101 series records are used to exchange detailed access usage information.

12.2.5.2.7 Category 1150 series records are used to exchange summarized Meet Point Billed access minutes-of-use. Qwest will make accessible to CLEC through electronic means the transmission method/media types available for these mechanized records.

12.2.5.2.8 SAG/FAM Files. The SAG (Street Address Guide)/ FAM (Features Availability Matrix) files contain the following information:

- a) SAG provides Address and Serving Central Office Information.
- b) FAM provides USOCs and descriptions by state (POTS services only), and USOC availability by NPA-NXX with the exception of Centrex. InterLATA/IntraLATA Carriers by NPA-NXX.

These files are made available via a download process. They can be retrieved by ftp (file transfer protocol), NDM connectivity, or a Web browser.

## **12.2.6 Change Management**

Qwest agrees to maintain a change management process, known as the Change Management Process (CMP), that is consistent with or exceeds industry guidelines, standards and practices to address Qwest's OSS, products and processes. The CMP shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (i) provide a forum for CLEC and Qwest to discuss CLEC and Qwest change requests (CR), CMP notifications, systems release life cycles, and communications; (ii) provide a forum for CLECs and Qwest to discuss and prioritize CRs, where applicable pursuant to Exhibit G; (iii) develop a mechanism to track and monitor CRs and CMP notifications; (iv) establish intervals where appropriate in the process; (v) processes by which CLEC impacts that result from changes to Qwest's OSS, products or processes can be promptly and effectively resolved; (vi) process that are effective in maintaining the shortest timeline practicable for the receipt, development and implementation of all CRs; (vii) sufficient dedicated Qwest processes to address and resolve in a timely manner CRs and other issues that come before the CMP body; (viii) processes for OSS Interface testing; (ix) information that is clearly organized and readily accessible to CLECs, including the availability of web-based tools; (x) documentation provided by Qwest that is effective in enabling CLECs to build an electronic gateway; and (xi) a process for changing CMP that calls for collaboration among CLECs and Qwest and requires agreement by the CMP participants. Pursuant to the scope and procedures set forth in Exhibit G, Qwest will submit to CLECs through the CMP, among other things, modifications to existing products and product and technical documentation available to CLECs, introduction of new products available to CLECs, discontinuance of products available to CLECs, modifications to pre-ordering, ordering/Provisioning, maintenance/repair or Billing processes, introduction of pre-ordering, ordering/Provisioning, Maintenance/Repair or Billing processes, discontinuance of pre-ordering, ordering/Provisioning, maintenance/repair or Billing process, modifications to existing OSS interfaces, introduction of new OSS interfaces, and retirement of existing OSS interfaces. Qwest will maintain as part of CMP an escalation process so that CMP issues can be escalated to a Qwest representative authorized to make a final decision and a process for the timely

resolution of disputes. The governing document for CMP, known as the Change Management Process, is attached as Exhibit G (the "CMP Document"). As of the date of filing, the CMP Document (Exhibit G) is the subject of ongoing negotiations between Qwest and CLECs in the ongoing CMP redesign process. Not all of the sections of Exhibit G have been discussed or considered during the ongoing CMP redesign process, and the CMP Document will be continued to be changed through those discussions. Exhibit G reflects the commitments Qwest has made regarding maintaining its CMP as of the date of filing, and Qwest commits to implement agreements made in the CMP redesign process as soon as practicable after they are made. Following the completion of the CMP Document, Exhibit G will be subject to change through the CMP process, as set forth in the CMP Document. Qwest will maintain the most current version of the CMP Document on its wholesale website.

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

12.2.6.2 Release updates will be implemented pursuant to the CMP set forth in Exhibit G.

12.2.6.3 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the CMP document attached as Exhibit G will be modified pursuant to the terms of Exhibit G, or the procedures of the redesign process, and incorporated as part of this Agreement without requiring the execution or filing of any amendment to this Agreement.

## **12.2.7 CLEC Responsibilities for Implementation of OSS Interfaces**

12.2.7.1 Before any CLEC implementation can begin, CLEC must completely and accurately answer the New Customer Questionnaire as required in Section 3.2.

12.2.7.2 Once Qwest receives a complete and accurate New CLEC Questionnaire, Qwest and CLEC will mutually agree upon time frames for implementation of connectivity between CLEC and the OSS interfaces.

## **12.2.8 Qwest Responsibilities for On-going Support for OSS Interfaces**

12.2.8 Qwest will support previous EDI releases for six (6) months after the next subsequent EDI release has been deployed. Qwest will use all reasonable efforts to provide sufficient support to ensure that issues that arise in migrating to the new release are handled in a timely manner.

12.2.8.1 Qwest will provide written notice to CLEC of the need to migrate to a new release.

12.2.8.2 Qwest will provide an EDI Implementation Coordinator to work with CLEC for business scenario re-certification, migration and data conversion strategy definition.

12.2.8.3 Re-certification is the process by which CLECs demonstrate the ability to generate correct functional transactions for enhancements not previously certified.

Qwest will provide the suite of tests for re-certification to CLEC with the issuance of the disclosure document.

12.2.8.4 Qwest shall provide training mechanisms for CLEC to pursue in educating its internal personnel. Qwest shall provide training necessary for CLEC to use Qwest's OSS interfaces and to understand Qwest's documentation, including Qwest's business rules.

## **12.2.9 CLEC Responsibilities for On-going Support for OSS Interfaces**

12.2.9.1 If using the GUI interface, CLEC will take reasonable efforts to train CLEC personnel on the GUI functions that CLEC will be using.

12.2.9.2 An exchange protocol will be used to transport EDI formatted content. CLEC must perform certification testing of exchange protocol prior to using the EDI interface.

12.2.9.3 Qwest will provide CLEC with access to a stable testing environment that mirrors production to certify that its OSS will be capable of interacting smoothly and efficiently with Qwest's OSS. Qwest has established the following test processes to assure the implementation of a solid interface between Qwest and CLEC:

12.2.9.3.1 Connectivity Testing – CLEC and Qwest will conduct connectivity testing. This test will establish the ability of the trading partners to send and receive EDI messages effectively. This test verifies the communications between the trading partners. Connectivity is established during each phase of the implementation cycle. This test is also conducted prior to Controlled Production and before going live in the production environment if CLEC or Qwest has implemented environment changes when moving into production.

12.2.9.3.2 Stand-Alone Testing Environment ("SATE") – Qwest's stand-alone testing environment will take pre-order and order requests, pass them to the stand-alone database, and return responses to CLEC during its development and implementation of EDI. The SATE provides CLEC the opportunity to validate its technical development efforts built via Qwest documentation without the need to schedule test times. This testing verifies CLEC's ability to send correctly formatted EDI transactions through the EDI system edits successfully for both new and existing releases. SATE uses test account data supplied by Qwest. Qwest will make additions to the test beds and test accounts as it introduces new OSS electronic interface capabilities, including support of new products and services, new interface features, and functionalities. All SATE pre-order queries and orders are subjected to the same edits as production pre-order and order transactions. This testing phase is optional.

12.2.9.3.3 Interoperability Testing – CLEC has the option of participating with Qwest in Interoperability testing to provide CLEC with the opportunity to validate technical development efforts and to quantify processing results. Interoperability testing verifies CLEC's ability to send correct EDI transactions through the EDI system edits successfully. Interoperability testing requires the use of account information valid in Qwest production systems. All Interoperability

pre-order queries and order transactions are subjected to the same edits as production orders. This testing phase is optional when CLEC has conducted Stand-Alone Testing successfully. Qwest shall process pre-order transactions in Qwest's production OSS and order transactions through the business processing layer of the EDI interfaces.

12.2.9.3.4 Controlled Production – Qwest and CLEC will perform controlled production. The controlled production process is designed to validate the ability of CLEC to transmit EDI data that completely meets X12 standards definitions and complies with all Qwest business rules. Controlled production consists of the controlled submission of actual CLEC production requests to the Qwest production environment. Qwest treats these pre-order queries and orders as production pre-order and order transactions. Qwest and CLEC use controlled production results to determine operational readiness. Controlled production requires the use of valid account and order data. All certification orders are considered to be live orders and will be provisioned.

12.2.9.3.5 If CLEC is using EDI, Qwest shall provide CLEC with a pre-allotted amount of time to complete certification of its business scenarios. Qwest will allow CLEC a reasonably sufficient amount of time during the Day and a reasonably sufficient number of Days during the week to complete certification of its business scenarios consistent with the CLEC's business plan. It is the sole responsibility of CLEC to schedule an appointment with Qwest for certification of its business scenarios. CLEC must make every effort to comply with the agreed upon dates and times scheduled for the certification of its business scenarios. If the certification of business scenarios is delayed due to CLEC, it is the sole responsibility of CLEC to schedule new appointments for certification of its business scenarios. Qwest will make reasonable efforts to accommodate CLEC schedule. Conflicts in the schedule could result in certification being delayed. If a delay is due to Qwest, Qwest will honor CLEC's schedule through the use of alternative hours.

12.2.9.4 If CLEC is using the EDI interface, CLEC must work with Qwest to certify the business scenarios that CLEC will be using in order to ensure successful transaction processing. Qwest and CLEC shall mutually agree to the business scenarios for which CLEC requires certification. Certification will be granted for the specified release of the EDI interface. If a CLEC is certifying multiple products or services, CLEC has the option of certifying those products or services serially or in parallel where Technically Feasible.

12.2.9.4.1 For a new software release or upgrade, Qwest will provide CLEC a stable testing environment that mirrors the production environment in order for CLEC to test the new release. For software releases and upgrades, Qwest has implemented the testing processes set forth in Section 12.2.9.3.2, 12.2.9.3.3 and 12.2.9.3.4.

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12.2.9.5 New releases of the EDI interface may require re-certification of some or all business scenarios. A determination as to the need for re-certification will be made by the Qwest coordinator in conjunction with the release manager of each EDI release. Notice of the need for re-certification will be provided to CLEC as the new release is

implemented. The suite of re-certification test scenarios will be provided to CLEC with the disclosure document. If a CLEC is certifying multiple products or services, CLEC has the option of certifying those products or services serially or in parallel, where Technically Feasible.

12.2.9.6 CLEC will contact the Qwest EDI Implementation Coordinator to initiate the migration process. CLEC may not need to certify to every new EDI release, however, CLEC must complete the re-certification and migration to a new EDI release within six (6) months of the deployment of the new release. CLEC will use reasonable efforts to provide sufficient support and personnel to ensure that issues that arise in migrating to the new release are handled in a timely manner.

12.2.9.6.1 The following rules apply to initial development and certification of EDI interface versions and migration to subsequent EDI interface versions:

12.2.9.6.1.1 Stand Alone and/or Interoperability testing must begin on the prior release before the next release is implemented. Otherwise, CLEC will be required to move their implementation plan to the next release.

12.2.9.6.1.2 New EDI users must be certified and in production with at least one product and one order activity type on a prior release two months after the implementation of the next release. Otherwise, CLEC will be required to move their implementation plan to the next release.

12.2.9.6.1.3 Any EDI user that has been placed into production on the prior release not later than two months after the next release implementation may continue certifying additional products and activities until two months prior to the retirement of the release. To be placed into production, the products/order activities must have been tested in the SATE or Interoperability environment before two months after the implementation of the next release.

12.2.9.7 CLEC will be expected to execute the re-certification test cases in the stand alone and/or Interoperability test environments. CLEC will provide Purchase Order Numbers (PONs) of the successful test cases to Qwest.

12.2.9.8 In addition to the testing set forth in other sections of Section 12.2.9, upon request by CLEC, Qwest shall enter into negotiations for comprehensive production test procedures. In the event that agreement is not reached, CLEC shall be entitled to employ, at its choice, the dispute resolution procedures of this Agreement or expedited resolution through request to the state Commission to resolve any differences. In such cases, CLEC shall be entitled to testing that is reasonably necessary to accommodate identified business plans or operations needs, accounting for any other testing relevant to those plans or needs. As part of the resolution of such dispute, there shall be considered the issue of assigning responsibility for the costs of such testing. Absent a finding that the test scope and activities address issues of common interest to the CLEC community, the costs shall be assigned to the CLEC requesting the test procedures.

12.2.9.9 Reserved for Future Use.

## **12.2.10 CLEC Support**

12.2.10.1 Qwest shall provide documentation and assistance for CLEC to understand how to implement and use all of the available OSS functions. Qwest shall provide to CLEC in writing any internal business rules and other formatting information necessary to ensure that CLEC's requests and orders are processed efficiently. This assistance will include, but is not limited to contacts to the CLEC account team, training, documentation, and CLEC Help Desk. Qwest will also supply CLEC with an escalation level contact list in the event issues are not resolved via contacts to the CLEC account team, training, documentation, and CLEC Help Desk.

### **12.2.10.2 CLEC Help Desk**

12.2.10.2.1 The CLEC Systems Help Desk will provide a single point of entry for CLEC to gain assistance in areas involving connectivity, system availability, and file outputs. The CLEC Systems Help Desk areas are further described below.

12.2.10.2.1.1 Connectivity covers trouble with CLEC's access to the Qwest system for hardware configuration requirements with relevance to EDI and GUI interfaces; software configuration requirements with relevance to EDI and GUI interfaces; modem configuration requirements, T1 configuration and dial-in string requirements, firewall access configuration, SecurID configuration, Profile Setup, and password verification.

12.2.10.2.1.2 System Availability covers system errors generated during an attempt by CLEC to place orders or open trouble reports through EDI and GUI interfaces. These system errors are limited to: Resale/POTS; UNE POTS; Design Services and Repair.

12.2.10.2.1.3 File Outputs covers CLEC's output files and reports produced from its usage and order activity. File outputs system errors are limited to: Daily Usage File; Loss / Completion File, IABS Bill, CRIS Summary Bill, Category 11 Report and SAG/FAM Reports.

12.2.10.3 Additional assistance to CLECs is available through various public web sites. These web sites provide electronic interface training information and user documentation and technical specifications and are located on Qwest's wholesale web site. Qwest will provide Interconnect Service Center Help Desks which will provide a single point of contact for CLEC to gain assistance in areas involving order submission and manual processes.

## **12.2.11 Compensation/Cost Recovery**

Recurring and non-recurring 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 approves such rates or until such rates go into effect by operation of law.

## **12.3 Maintenance and Repair**

### **12.3.1 Service Levels**

12.3.1.1 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. Qwest shall provide CLEC repair status information in substantially the same time and manner Qwest provides for its retail services.

12.3.1.2 During the term of this Agreement, Qwest will provide necessary maintenance business process support to allow CLEC to provide similar service quality to that provided by Qwest to itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party.

12.3.1.3 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 CLEC 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.

### **12.3.2 Branding**

12.3.2.1 Qwest shall use unbranded Maintenance and Repair forms while interfacing with CLEC End User Customers. Upon request, Qwest shall use CLEC provided and branded Maintenance and Repair forms. Qwest may not unreasonably interfere with branding by CLEC.

12.3.2.2 Except as specifically permitted by CLEC, in no event shall Qwest provide information to CLEC subscribers about CLEC or CLEC product or services.

12.3.2.3 This section shall confer on Qwest no rights to the service marks, trademarks and trade names owned by or used in connection with services offered by CLEC or its Affiliates, except as expressly permitted by CLEC.

### **12.3.3 Service Interruptions**

12.3.3.1 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".

12.3.3.2 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 Impairing Party and the Impaired Party agree to work together to attempt to promptly resolve the Impairment of Service.

12.3.3.3 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.

12.3.3.4 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.

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

12.3.3.5.1 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 CLECs as itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party.

12.3.3.5.2 The Parties shall cooperate in isolating trouble conditions.

#### **12.3.4 Trouble Isolation**

12.3.4.1 CLEC 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. CLEC 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 CLEC, prior to reporting trouble to Qwest. CLEC shall have access for testing purposes at the Demarcation Point, NID, or Point of Interface. Qwest will work cooperatively with CLEC to resolve trouble reports when the trouble condition has been isolated and found to be within a portion of Qwest's network. Qwest and CLEC will report trouble isolation test results to the other. Each Party shall be responsible for the costs of performing trouble isolation on its facilities, subject to Sections 12.3.4.2 and 12.3.4.3.

12.3.4.2 When CLEC requests that Qwest perform trouble isolation with CLEC, a Maintenance of Service charge will apply if the trouble is found to be on the End User Customer's side of the Demarcation Point. If the trouble is on the End User Customer's side of the Demarcation Point, and the CLEC authorizes Qwest to repair trouble on the CLECs behalf, Qwest will charge CLEC the appropriate Additional Labor Charge set forth in Exhibit A in addition to the Maintenance of Service charge.

12.3.4.3 When CLEC elects not to perform trouble isolation and Qwest performs tests at CLEC request, a Maintenance of Service charge shall apply if the trouble is not in Qwest's facilities, including Qwest's facilities leased by CLEC. Maintenance of Service charges are set forth in Exhibit A. When trouble is found on Qwest's side of the Demarcation Point, or 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.

### **12.3.5 Inside Wire Maintenance**

Except where specifically required by state or federal regulatory mandates, Qwest will not perform any maintenance of inside wire (premises wiring beyond the End User's Demarcation Point) for CLEC or its End User Customers.

### **12.3.6 Testing/Test Requests/Coordinated Testing**

12.3.6.1 Where CLEC does not have the ability to diagnose and isolate trouble on a Qwest line, circuit, or service provided in this Agreement that CLEC is utilizing to serve an End User Customer, Qwest will conduct testing, to the extent testing capabilities are available to Qwest, to diagnose and isolate a trouble in substantially the same time and manner that Qwest provides for itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party.

12.3.6.2 Prior to Qwest conducting a test on a line, circuit, or service provided in this Agreement that CLEC is utilizing to serve an End User Customer, Qwest must receive a trouble report from CLEC.

12.3.6.3 On manually reported trouble for non-designed services, Qwest will provide readily available test results to CLEC or test results to CLEC in accordance with any applicable Commission rule for providing test results to End User Customers or CLECs. On manually reported trouble for designed services provided in this Agreement, Qwest will provide CLEC test results upon request. For electronically reported trouble, Qwest will provide CLEC with the ability to obtain basic test results in substantially the same time and manner that Qwest provides for itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party.

12.3.6.4 CLEC shall isolate the trouble condition to Qwest's portion of the line, circuit, or service provided in this Agreement before Qwest accepts a trouble report for that line, circuit or service. Once Qwest accepts the trouble report from CLEC, Qwest shall process the trouble report in substantially the same time and manner Qwest does for itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party.

12.3.6.5 Qwest shall test to ensure electrical continuity of all UNEs, including Central Office Demarcation Point, and services it provides to CLEC prior to closing a trouble report.

### **12.3.7 Work Center Interfaces**

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

### **12.3.8 Misdirected Repair Calls**

12.3.8.1 CLEC and Qwest will employ the following procedures for handling misdirected repair calls:

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

12.3.8.1.2 End Users of CLEC shall be instructed to report all cases of trouble to CLEC. End Users of Qwest shall be instructed to report all cases of trouble to Qwest.

12.3.8.1.3 To the extent the correct provider can be determined, misdirected repair calls will be referred to the proper provider of Basic Exchange Telecommunications Service; however, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prohibit Qwest or CLEC from discussing its products and services with CLEC's or Qwest's End User Customers who call the other Party, seeking such information.

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

12.3.8.1.5 In responding to repair calls, CLEC's End User Customers contacting Qwest in error will be instructed to contact CLEC; and Qwest's End User Customers contacting CLEC in error will be instructed to contact Qwest. In responding to calls, neither Party shall make disparaging remarks about each other. To the extent the correct provider can be determined, misdirected calls received by either Party will be referred to the proper provider of local Exchange Service; however, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prohibit Qwest or CLEC from discussing its products and services with CLEC's or Qwest's End User Customers who call the other Party seeking such information.

### **12.3.9 Major Outages/Restoral/Notification**

12.3.9.1 Qwest will notify CLEC 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 CLEC's identified contact. With the minor exception of certain proprietary information such as Customer 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 report 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.

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

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

### **12.3.10 Protective Maintenance**

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

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

12.3.10.3 Qwest shall advise CLEC 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 CLEC and/or CLEC 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 CLEC promptly of any such actions it takes.

### **12.3.11 Hours of Coverage**

12.3.11.1 Qwest's repair operation is seven (7) Days a week, twenty-four (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 identified situation.

### **12.3.12 Escalations**

12.3.12.1 Qwest will provide trouble escalation procedures to CLEC. 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.

12.3.12.2 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. CLEC may request escalation to higher tiers in its sole discretion. Escalations status is available through telephone and the electronic interfaces.

12.3.12.3 Qwest shall handle chronic troubles on non-designed services, which are those greater than 3 troubles in a rolling thirty (30) Day period, pursuant to Section 12.2.2.1.

### **12.3.13 Dispatch**

12.3.13.1 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.

12.3.13.2 Upon the receipt of a trouble report from CLEC, Qwest will follow internal processes 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 CLEC require a dispatch when Qwest believes the dispatch is not necessary, appropriate charges will be billed by Qwest to CLEC for those dispatch-related costs in accordance with Exhibit A 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 CLEC facilities or equipment.

12.3.13.3 For POTS lines and designed service circuits, Qwest is responsible for all maintenance and repair of the line or circuit and will make the determination to dispatch to locations other than the CLEC Customer premises without prior CLEC authorization. For dispatch to the CLEC Customer premises Qwest shall obtain prior CLEC authorization with the exception of major outage restoration, cable rearrangements, and MTE terminal maintenance/replacement.

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### **12.3.14 Electronic Reporting**

12.3.14.1 CLEC may submit Trouble Reports through the Electronic Bonding or GUI interfaces provided by Qwest.

12.3.14.2 The status of manually reported trouble may be accessed by CLEC through electronic interfaces.

### **12.3.15 Intervals/Parity**

12.3.15.1 Similar trouble conditions, whether reported on behalf of Qwest End User Customers or on behalf of CLEC End User Customers, 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.

### **12.3.16 Jeopardy Management**

12.3.16.1 Qwest will notify CLEC, 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 CLEC option, notification may be sent by email or fax through the electronic interface. CLEC may telephone Qwest repair center or use the electronic interfaces to obtain jeopardy status.

### **12.3.17 Trouble Screening**

12.3.17.1 CLEC shall screen and test its End User Customer trouble reports completely enough 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 CLEC to perform appropriate trouble isolation and screening.

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

### **12.3.18 Maintenance Standards**

12.3.18.1 Qwest will cooperate with CLEC to meet the maintenance standards outlined in this Agreement.

12.3.18.2 On manually-reported trouble, Qwest will inform CLEC 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 as the status changes.

### **12.3.19 End User Interface Responsibilities**

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

12.3.19.2 All Qwest employees who perform repair service for CLEC End User Customers will be trained in non-discriminatory behavior.

12.3.19.3 Qwest will recognize the designated CLEC/DLEC as the Customer of record for all services ordered by CLEC/DLEC and will send all notices, invoices and pertinent information directly to CLEC/DLEC. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, Customer of record shall be Qwest's single and sole point of contact for all CLEC/DLEC Customers.

### **12.3.20 Repair Call Handling**

12.3.20.1 Manually-reported repair calls by CLEC to Qwest will be answered with the same quality and speed as Qwest answers calls from its own End Users Customers.

### **12.3.21 Single Point of Contact**

12.3.21.1 Qwest will provide a single point of contact for CLEC 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 CLEC for each category of trouble situation being encountered.

### **12.3.22 Network Information**

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

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

12.3.22.3 CPNI information and NXX activity reports are also included in this database.

12.3.22.4 ICONN data is updated in substantially the same time and manner as

Qwest updates the same data for itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party.

### **12.3.23 Maintenance Windows**

12.3.23.1 Generally, Qwest performs major Switch maintenance activities off-hours, during certain "maintenance windows". Major Switch maintenance activities include Switch conversions, Switch generic upgrades and Switch equipment additions.

12.3.23.2 Generally, the maintenance window is between 10:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturday 10:00 p.m. through Monday 6:00 a.m., Mountain Time. Although Qwest normally does major Switch maintenance during the above maintenance window, there will be occasions where this will not be possible. Qwest will provide notification of any and all maintenance activities that may impact CLEC ordering practices such as embargoes, moratoriums, and quiet periods in substantially the same time and manner as Qwest provides this information to itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party.

12.3.23.3 Reserved for Future Use.

12.3.23.4 Planned generic upgrades to Qwest Switches are included in the ICONN database, available to CLEC via Qwest's Web site.

### **12.3.24 Switch and Frame Conversion Service Order Practices**

12.3.24.1 Switch Conversions. Switch conversion activity generally consists of the removal of one Switch and its replacement with another. Generic Switch software or hardware upgrades, the addition of Switch line and trunk connection hardware and the addition of capacity to a Switch do not constitute Switch conversions.

12.3.24.2 Frame Conversions. Frame conversions are generally the removal and replacement of one or more frames, upon which the Switch ports terminate.

12.3.24.3 Conversion Date. The "Conversion Date" is a Switch or frame conversion planned day of cut-over to the replacement frame(s) or Switch. The actual conversion time typically is set for midnight of the Conversion Date. This may cause the actual Conversion Date to migrate into the early hours of the day after the planned Conversion Date.

12.3.24.4 Conversion Embargoes. A Switch or frame conversion embargo is the time period that the Switch or frame trunk-side facility connections are frozen to facilitate conversion from one Switch or frame to another with minimal disruption to the End User Customer or CLEC services. During the embargo period, Qwest will reject orders for trunk-side facilities (see Section 12.3.24.4.1) other than conversion orders described in Section 12.3.24.4.3. Notwithstanding the foregoing and to the extent Qwest provisions trunk or trunk facility related service orders for itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party during embargoes, Qwest shall provide CLEC the same capabilities.

12.3.24.4.1 ASRs for Switch or frame trunk-side facility augments to capacity or changes to Switch or frame trunk-side facilities must be issued by

CLEC with a Due Date prior to or after the appropriate embargo interval as identified in the ICONN database. Qwest shall reject Switch or frame trunk-side ASRs to augment capacity or change facilities issued by CLEC or Qwest, its End User Customers, its Affiliates or any other party during the embargo period, regardless of the order's Due Date except for conversion ASRs described in Section 12.3.24.4.3.

12.3.24.4.2 For Switch and trunk-side frame conversions, Qwest shall provide CLEC with conversion trunk group service requests (TGSR) no less than ninety (90) days before the Conversion Date.

12.3.24.4.3 For Switch and trunk-side frame conversions, CLEC shall issue facility conversion ASRs to Qwest no later than thirty (30) days before the Conversion Date for like-for-like, where CLEC mirrors their existing circuit design from the old Switch or frame to the new Switch or frame, and sixty (60) days before the Conversion Date for addition of trunk capacity or modification of circuit characteristics (i.e., change of AML to B8ZS).

12.3.24.5 Frame Embargo Period. During frame conversions, service orders and ASRs shall be subject to an embargo period for services and facilities connected to the affected frame. For conversion of trunks where CLEC mirrors their existing circuit design from the old frame to the new frame on a like-for-like basis, such embargo period shall extend from thirty (30) days prior to the Conversion Date until 5 days after the Conversion Date. If CLEC requests the addition of trunk capacity or modification of circuit characteristics (i.e., change of AML to B8ZS) to the new frame, new facility ASRs shall be placed, and the embargo period shall extend from 60 days prior to the Conversion Date until 5 days after the Conversion Date. Prior to instituting an embargo period, Qwest shall identify the particular dates and locations for frame conversion embargo periods in its ICONN database in substantially the same time and manner as Qwest notifies itself, its End User Customers, Affiliates, or any other party.

12.3.24.6 Switch Embargo Period. During Switch conversions, service orders and ASRs shall be subject to an embargo period for services and facilities associated with the trunk side of the Switch. For conversion of trunks where CLEC mirrors their existing circuit design from the old Switch to the new Switch on a like-for-like basis, such embargo period shall extend from thirty (30) days prior to the Conversion Date until five (5) days after the Conversion Date. If CLEC requests the addition of trunk capacity or modification of circuit characteristics to the new Switch, new facility ASRs shall be placed, and the embargo period shall extend from sixty (60) days prior to the Conversion Date until five (5) days after the Conversion Date. Prior to instituting an embargo period, Qwest shall identify the particular dates and locations for Switch conversion embargo periods in its ICONN database in substantially the same time and manner as Qwest notifies itself, its End User Customers, Affiliates, or any other party.

12.3.24.7 Switch and Frame Conversion Quiet Periods for LSRs. Switch and frame conversion quiet periods are the time period within which LSRs may not contain Due Dates, with the exception of LSRs that result in disconnect orders, including those related to LNP orders, record orders, Billing change orders for non-switched products, and emergency orders.

12.3.24.7.1 LSRs of any kind issued during Switch or frame conversion quiet periods create the potential for loss of End User Customer service due to manual

operational processes caused by the Switch or frame conversion. LSRs of any kind issued during the Switch or frame conversion quiet periods will be handled as set forth below, with the understanding that Qwest shall use its best efforts to avoid the loss of End User Customer service. Such best efforts shall be substantially the same time and manner as Qwest uses for itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party.

12.3.24.7.2 The quiet period for Switch conversions, where no LSRs except those requesting order activity described in 12.3.24.7 are processed for the affected location, extends from five (5) days prior to conversion until two (2) days after the conversion and is identified in the ICONN database.

12.3.24.7.3 The quiet period for frame conversions, where no LSRs except those requesting order activity described in 12.3.24.7 are processed or the affected location, extends from five (5) days prior to conversion until two (2) days after the conversion.

12.3.24.7.4 LSRs, except those requesting order activity described in 12.3.24.7, (i) must be issued with a Due Date prior to or after the conversion quiet period and (ii) may not be issued during the quiet period. LSRs that do not meet these requirements will be rejected by Qwest.

12.3.24.7.5 LSRs requesting disconnect activity issued during the quiet period, regardless of requested Due Date, will be processed after the quiet period expires.

12.3.24.7.6 CLEC may request a Due Date change to a LNP related disconnect scheduled during quiet periods up to 12:00 noon Mountain Time the day prior to the scheduled LSR Due Date. Such changes shall be requested by issuing a supplemental LSR requesting a Due Date change. Such changes shall be handled as emergency orders by Qwest.

12.3.24.7.7 CLEC may request a Due Date change to a LNP related disconnect order scheduled during quiet periods after 12:00 noon Mountain Time the day prior to the scheduled LSR Due Date until 12 noon Mountain Time the day after the scheduled LSR Due Date. Such changes shall be requested by issuing a supplemental LSR requesting a Due Date change and contacting the Interconnect Service Center. Such changes shall be handled as emergency orders by Qwest.

12.3.24.7.8 In the event that CLEC End User Customer service is disconnected in error, Qwest will restore service in substantially the same time and manner as Qwest does for itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party. Restoration of CLEC End User Customer service will be handled through the LNP escalations process.

12.3.24.8 Switch Upgrades. Generic Switch software and hardware upgrades are not subject to the Switch conversion embargoes or quiet periods described above. If such generic Switch or software upgrades require significant activity related to translations, an abbreviated embargo and/or quiet period may be required. Qwest shall implement service order embargoes and/or quiet periods during Switch upgrades in



substantially the same time and manner as Qwest does for itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, and any other party.

12.3.24.9 Switch Line and Trunk Hardware Additions. Qwest shall use its best efforts to minimize CLEC service order impacts due to hardware additions and modifications to Qwest's existing Switches. Qwest shall provide CLEC substantially the same service order processing capabilities as Qwest provides itself, its End User Customers, Affiliates, or any other party during such Switch hardware additions.

### **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 providers of telephone Exchange Service and telephone toll service, and will permit all such providers to have non-discriminatory access to telephone numbers, operator services, Directory Assistance, and directory listings, with no unreasonable dialing delays. CLEC 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 CLEC 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 Sections 9.12 of this Agreement. Customized Routing may be ordered as an application with Resale or Unbundled Local Switching.

## **Section 15.0 - Qwest Dex**

15.1 Qwest and CLEC agree that certain issues outside the provision of basic white page directory listings, such as yellow pages advertising, yellow pages listings, directory coverage access to call guide pages (phone service pages), applicable listings criteria, white page enhancements and publication schedules will be the subject of negotiations between CLEC and directory publishers, including Qwest Dex. Qwest acknowledges that CLEC may request Qwest to facilitate discussions between CLEC and Qwest Dex.

**Section 16.0 - REFERRAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

16.1 When an End User changes from Qwest to CLEC, or from CLEC to Qwest, and does not retain its original main/listed telephone number, the Party formerly providing service to the End User will provide a transfer of service announcement on the abandoned telephone number. Each Party will provide this referral service consistent with its Tariff. This announcement will provide details on the new number that must be dialed to reach the End User.

## Section 17.0 - BONA FIDE REQUEST PROCESS

17.1 Any request for Interconnection or access to an Unbundled Network Element 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 BFR. Qwest shall use the BFR Process to determine the terms and timetable for providing the requested Interconnection, access to UNEs or ancillary services, and the technical feasibility of new/different points of Interconnection. Qwest will administer the BFR Process in a non-discriminatory manner.

17.2 A BFR shall be submitted in writing and on the appropriate Qwest form for BFRs. CLEC 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 processing fee specified in Exhibit A of this Agreement. Qwest will refund one-half (1/2) 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 CLEC will need to provide, the following information, and may also provide any additional information that may be reasonably necessary in describing and analyzing CLEC's request:

17.2.1 a technical description of each requested Network Element or new/different points of Interconnection or ancillary services;

17.2.2 the desired interface specification;

17.2.3 each requested type of Interconnection or access;

17.2.4 a statement that the Interconnection or Network Element or ancillary service will be used to provide a Telecommunications Service;

17.2.5 the quantity requested;

17.2.6 the specific location requested;

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17.2.8 Intentionally Left Blank.

17.3 Within two (2) business days of its receipt, Qwest shall acknowledge receipt of the BFR and in such acknowledgment advise CLEC of missing information, if any, necessary to process the BFR. Thereafter, Qwest shall promptly advise CLEC 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.

17.4 Within twenty-one (21) calendar Days of its receipt of the BFR and all information necessary to process it, Qwest shall provide to CLEC an analysis of the BFR. The analysis shall specify Qwest's conclusions as to whether or not the requested Interconnection or access to an Unbundled Network Element complies with the unbundling requirements of the Act or state law.

17.5 If Qwest determines during the twenty-one (21) day period that a BFR does not qualify as an Unbundled Network Element or Interconnection or ancillary service that is required

to be provided under the Act or state law, Qwest shall advise CLEC as soon as reasonably possible of that fact, and Qwest shall promptly, but in no case later than the twenty-one (21) period, provide a written report setting forth the basis for its conclusion.

17.6 If Qwest determines during such twenty-one (21) day period that the BFR qualifies under the Act or state law, it shall notify CLEC 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.

17.7 As soon as feasible, but in any case within forty-five (45) calendar Days after Qwest notifies CLEC that the BFR qualifies under the Act, Qwest shall provide to CLEC a BFR quote. The BFR quote will include, at a minimum, a description of each Interconnection, Network Element, 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, Unbundled Network Element or ancillary service and any minimum volume and term commitments required, and the timeframes the request will be provisioned.

17.8 CLEC has sixty (60) business days upon receipt of the BFR quote, to either agree to purchase under the quoted price, or cancel its BFR.

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

17.10 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.

17.11 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.

17.12 In the event CLEC has submitted a Request for an Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements or any combinations thereof, or ancillary services and Qwest determines in accordance with the provisions of this Section 17 that the request is Technically Feasible, subsequent requests or orders for substantially similar types of Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements or combinations thereof or ancillary services by that CLEC shall not be subject to the BFR process. To the extent Qwest has deployed or denied a substantially similar Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements or combinations thereof or ancillary services under a previous BFR, a subsequent BFR shall not be required and the BFR application fee shall be refunded immediately. Qwest may only require CLEC to complete a New Product Questionnaire before ordering such Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements or combinations thereof, or ancillary services. ICB pricing and intervals will still apply for requests that are not yet standard offerings. For purposes of this Section 17.12, a "substantially similar" request shall be one with substantially similar characteristics to a previous request with respect to the information provided pursuant to Subsections 17.2.1 through 17.2.8 of Section 17.2 above. The burden of proof is upon Qwest to prove the BFR is not substantially similar to a previous BFR.

17.13 The total cost charged to CLEC shall not exceed the BFR quoted price.

17.14 Upon request, Qwest shall provide CLEC with Qwest's supporting cost data and/or studies for the Interconnection, Unbundled Network Element or ancillary service that CLEC 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.

17.15 Qwest shall make available a topical list of the BFRs that it has received with CLEC under this Agreement. The description of each item on that list shall be sufficient to allow CLEC 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 a CLEC to provide sufficient details about the terms and conditions of any granted requests to allow a CLEC to take the same offering under substantially identical circumstances. Qwest shall not be required to provide information about the request initially made by the CLEC 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. A CLEC 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 the CLEC of the need therefore.



## Section 18.0 - AUDIT PROCESS

18.1 Nothing in this Section 18 shall limit or expand the audit provisions in the Performance Assurance Plan (PAP). Nothing in the PAP shall limit or expand the audit provisions in this Section 18. For purposes of this section the following definitions shall apply:

18.1.1 "Audit" shall mean the comprehensive review of the books, records, and other documents used in the Billing process for services performed, including, without limitation, reciprocal compensation and facilities provided under this Agreement. The term "Audit" also applies to the investigation of network databases supporting the Loop qualification tools. The term "Audit" also applies to the investigation of company records, back office systems and databases pertaining to Loop information.

18.1.2 "Examination" shall mean an inquiry into a specific element or process related to the above. Commencing on the Effective Date of this Agreement, either Party may perform Examinations as either Party deems necessary.

18.2 This Audit shall take place under the following conditions:

18.2.1 Either Party may request to perform an Audit or Examination.

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

18.2.3 The Audit or Examination shall occur during normal business hours. However, such audit will be conducted in a commercially reasonable manner and both Parties will work to minimize disruption to the business operations of the Party being audited.

18.2.4 There shall be no more than two Audits requested by each Party under this Agreement in any 12-month period. Either Party may audit the other Party's books, records and documents more frequently than twice in any twelve (12) month period (but no more than once in each quarter) if the immediately preceding audit found previously uncorrected net variances, inaccuracies or errors in invoices in the audited Party's favor with an aggregate value of at least two percent (2%) of the amounts payable for the affected services during the period covered by the Audit.

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 or Examination 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 Audit or Examination Expenses.

18.2.8.1 Each Party shall bear its own expenses in connection with conduct of the Audit or Examination. The requesting Party will pay for the reasonable cost of special data extractions required by the Party to conduct the Audit or Examination. For purposes of this section, a "Special Data Extraction" means the creation of an output record or informational report (from existing data files) that is not created in the normal course of business. If any program is developed to the requesting Party's specification and at that Party's expense, the requesting Party will specify at the time of request whether the program is to be retained by the other Party for reuse for any subsequent Audit or Examination.

18.2.8.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the audited Party shall pay all of the Auditing Party's commercially reasonable expenses in the event an Audit or Examination identifies a difference between the amount billed and the amount determined by the Audit that exceeds five percent (5%) of the amount billed and results in a refund and/or reduction in the Billing to the auditing Party.

18.2.9 The Party requesting the Audit may request that an Audit be conducted by a mutually agreed-to independent auditor, which agreement will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed by the non-requesting Party. Under this circumstance, the costs of the independent auditor shall be paid for by the Party requesting the Audit subject to Section 18.2.8.2.

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. The portion of this expense borne by the Auditing Party shall be borne by the Audited Party if the terms of Section 18.2.8.2 are satisfied.

18.2.11 Adjustments, credits or payments will be made and any corrective action must commence within thirty (30) days after the Parties receipt of the final audit report to compensate for any errors and omissions which are disclosed by such Audit or Examination and are agreed to by the Parties. The interest rate payable shall be in accordance with Commission requirements. In the event that any of the following circumstances occur within thirty (30) business days after completion of the Audit or Examination, they may be resolved at either Party's election, pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Process: (i) errors detected by the Audit or Examination have not been corrected; (ii) adjustments, credits or payments due as a result of the Audit or Examination have not been made, or (iii) a dispute has arisen concerning the Audit or Examination.

18.2.12 Neither the right to examine and audit nor the right to receive an adjustment will be affected by any statement to the contrary appearing on checks or otherwise.

18.2.13 This Section will survive expiration or termination of this Agreement for a period of two (2) years after expiration or termination of the Agreement.

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 in Section 5.16. 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, CLEC 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. Information provided in an Audit or Examination may only be reviewed by individuals with a need to know such information for purposes of this Section 18 and who are bound by the nondisclosure obligations set forth in Section 5.16. In no case shall the Confidential Information be shared with the Parties' retail marketing, sales or strategic planning.

18.3.1 Either Party may request an Audit of the other Party's compliance with this Agreement's measures and requirements applicable to limitations on the distribution, maintenance, and use of proprietary or other protected information that the requesting Party has provided to the other. Those Audits shall not take place more frequently than once in every three (3) years unless cause is shown to support a specifically requested audit that would otherwise violate this frequency restriction. Examinations will not be permitted in connection with investigating or testing such compliance. Other provisions of this Section that are not inconsistent herewith shall apply, except that in the case of audits, the Party to be audited may also request the use of an independent auditor.

## **Section 19.0 - CONSTRUCTION CHARGES**

19.1 All rates, charges and initial service periods specified in this Agreement contemplate the provision of network Interconnection services and access to Unbundled Loops or ancillary services to the extent existing facilities are available. Except for modifications to existing facilities necessary to accommodate Interconnection and access to Unbundled Loops or ancillary services specifically provided for in this Agreement, Qwest will consider requests to build additional or further facilities for network Interconnection and access to Unbundled Loops or ancillary services, as described in the applicable section of this Agreement.

19.2 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.

19.3 A quote for CLEC's portion of a specific job will be provided to CLEC. The quote will be in writing and will be binding for ninety (90) business days after the issue date. When accepted, CLEC will be billed the quoted price and construction will commence after receipt of payment. If CLEC chooses not to have Qwest construct the facilities, Qwest reserves the right to bill CLEC for the expense incurred for producing the engineered job design.

19.4 In the event a construction charge is applicable, CLEC's service Application Date will become the date upon which Qwest receives the required payment.

## **Section 20.0 - SERVICE PERFORMANCE**

Performance Indicator Definitions (PIDs), in their current form as developed by the Regional Oversight Committee, are included in Exhibit B of this Agreement. Subsequent changes to these PIDs that are made by the Regional Oversight Committee shall be incorporated into Exhibit B by reference. Modifications of PIDs that apply to the Qwest Performance Assurance Plan (QPAP) shall be made in accordance with Section 16.0 of Exhibit K.

## Section 21.0 - NETWORK STANDARDS

21.1 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.

21.2 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.

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

### 21.3.1 Switching

GR-954-CORE LIDB

GR-2863-CORE AIN

GR-1428-CORE Toll Free Service

GR-1432-CORE TCAP

GR-905-CORE ISUP

GR-1357-CORE Switched Fractional DS1

GR-1298-CORE AIN Switching System Generic Requirements

GR-1299-CORE AIN Service Control Point Adjunct Interface Generic Requirements

TR-NWT-001284 AIN 0.1 Switching System Generic Requirements

GR-905-CORE Common Channel Signaling Network Interface Specification

GR-1432-CORE CCS Network Interface Specification

Telcordia TR-TSY-000540, Issue 2R2

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

21.3.2 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.

21.3.3 Loops

TR-NWT-000057 Functional Criteria for Digital Loop Carrier Systems Issue 2  
TR-NWT-000393 Generic Requirements for ISDN Basic Access Digital  
Subscriber Lines  
GR-253-CORE SONET Common Generic Criteria  
TR-NWT-000303 Integrated Digital Loop Carrier System Generic Requirements  
TR-TSY-000673 Operations Interface for an IDLC System  
GR-303-CORE Issue 1 Integrated Digital Loop Carrier System Generic  
Requirements

TR-NWT-000393 Generic Requirements for ISDN Basic Access Digital Subscriber Lines

TR-TSY-000008 Digital Interface Between the SLC 96 Digital Loop Carrier System and a Local Digital Switch

TR-NWT-008 and 303

TA-TSY-000120 Subscriber Premises or Network Ground Wire

GR-49-CORE Generic Requirements for Outdoor Telephone Network Interface Requirements

TR-NWT-000239 Indoor Telephone Network Interfaces

TR-NWT-000937 Generic Requirements for Outdoor and Indoor Building Entrance

TR-NWT-000133 Generic Requirements for Network Inside Wiring

#### 21.3.4 Local Number Portability

Number Portability Generic Switching and Signaling Requirements for Number Portability, Issue 1.00, February 12, 1996 (Editor – Lucent Technologies, Inc.);

Generic Requirements for SCP Application and GTT Function for Number Portability, Issue 0.95, Final Draft, September 4, 1996 (Editor – Ameritech Inc.);

Generic Operator Services Switching Requirements for Number Portability, Issue 1.00, Final Draft, April 12, 1996 (Editor – Nortel);

ATIS, TRQ No. 1, Technical Requirements for Number Portability Operator Services Switching Systems, April 1999;

ATIS, TRQ No. 2, Technical Requirements for Number Portability Switching Systems, April 1999;

ATIS, TRQ No. 3, Technical Requirements for Number Portability Database and Global Title Translation, April 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.

21.4 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:

Qwest Interconnection – Unbundled Loop #77384

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

Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport - #77389

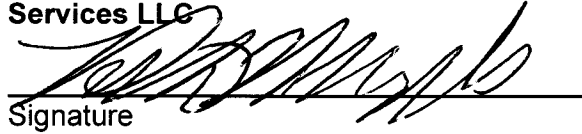
Telecommunications Equipment Installation Guidelines - #77350

21.5 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/>.

**Section 22.0 - SIGNATURE PAGE**

By signing below, and in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the Parties agree to abide by the terms and conditions set forth in this Interconnection Agreement.

**MCImetro Access Transmission  
Services LLC**

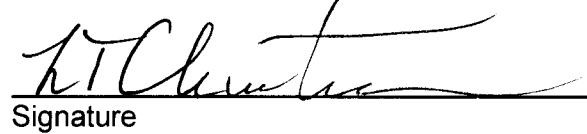
  
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Peter H. Reynolds  
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Director – National Carrier Contracts and  
Initiatives  
Title

Sept 19, 2006  
Date

**Qwest Corporation**

  
Signature

L.T. Christensen  
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Director–Interconnection Agreements  
Title

9/28/06  
Date

**Exhibit A  
South Dakota\***

New				Notes					
				Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring	REC	REC per Mile	NRC
				Wholesale Discount Percentage Recurring Charges		Wholesale Discount Percentage Nonrecurring Charges			
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Resale</b>								
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Wholesale Discount Rates</b>								
6.1.1	Basic Exchange Residential Line Service			15.55%		15.55%	A		A
6.1.2	Basic Exchange Business Line Service / PBX			15.55%		15.55%	A		A
6.1.3	IntraLATA Toll			15.55%		15.55%	A		A
6.1.4	Package / Special Services (e.g., Centrex, ISDN, DSS Frame Relay Service, ACS)			15.55%		15.55%	A		A
6.1.5	Listings, CO Features & Information Services			15.55%		15.55%	A		A
6.1.6	Private Line			15.55%		15.55%	A		A
6.1.7	Public Access Line (PAL) Service			15.55%		15.55%	A		A
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Customer Transfer Charge (CTC)</b>								
6.2.1	CTC for POTS Service								
6.2.1.1	First Line								
6.2.1.1.1	Manual					\$5.00			A
6.2.1.1.2	Intentionally Left Blank								
6.2.1.1.3	Mechanized					\$5.00			A
6.2.1.2	Each Additional								
6.2.1.2.1	Manual					\$5.00			A
6.2.1.2.2	Intentionally Left Blank								
6.2.1.2.3	Mechanized					\$5.00			A
6.2.2	CTC for Private Line Transport Services								
6.2.2.1	First Circuit					\$35.26			5
6.2.2.2	Additional Circuit, per Circuit, same CSR					\$35.26			5
6.2.3	CTC for Advanced Communications Services, per Circuit					\$52.38			5
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Interconnection</b>								
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Entrance Facilities</b>								
7.1.1	Intentionally Left Blank								
7.1.2	DS1			\$82.59		\$223.28	A		#
7.1.3	DS3			\$336.99		\$301.15	A		#
<b>7.2</b>	<b>LIS EICT</b>								
7.2.1	Per DS1			\$0.00		\$0.00			
7.2.2	Per DS3			\$0.00		\$0.00			
<b>7.3</b>	<b>Direct Trunked Transport</b>								
7.3.1	Intentionally Left Blank								
7.3.2	DS1 (Recurring Fixed & per Mile)								
7.3.2.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles			\$34.75	\$0.95		A	A	
7.3.2.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles			\$34.76	\$1.82		A	A	
7.3.2.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles			\$34.76	\$1.77		A	A	
7.3.2.4	Over 50 Miles			\$34.75	\$1.23		A	A	
7.3.3	DS3 (Recurring Fixed & per Mile)								
7.3.3.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles			\$236.22	\$10.43		A	A	
7.3.3.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles			\$236.53	\$10.83		A	A	
7.3.3.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles			\$236.71	\$9.91		A	A	
7.3.3.4	Over 50 Miles			\$243.94	\$24.44		A	A	
<b>7.4</b>	<b>Multiplexing</b>								
7.4.1	DS1 to DS0			\$181.28		\$280.77	A		A
7.4.2	DS3 to DS1			\$191.32		\$287.45	A		A
<b>7.5</b>	<b>Trunk Nonrecurring Charges</b>								
7.5.1	Intentionally Left Blank								
7.5.2	DS1 Interface								
7.5.2.1	First Trunk					\$248.59			5
7.5.2.2	Each Additional Trunk					\$6.02			5
7.5.3	DS3								
7.5.3.1	First Trunk					\$255.51			5
7.5.3.2	Each Additional Trunk					\$12.95			5
<b>7.6</b>	<b>Local Traffic</b>								

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		Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring	REC #	REC. per Mile	NRC
7.6.1	End Office Call Termination, per Minute of Use	\$0.000702			#		
7.6.2	Tandem Switched Transport, Minute of Use	\$0.000690			#		
7.6.3	Tandem Transmission, per Minute of Use (Recurring Fixed & per Mile)						
7.6.3.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	\$0.000412	\$0.000012		A	A	
7.6.3.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	\$0.000406	\$0.000014		A	A	
7.6.3.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	\$0.000408	\$0.000013		A	A	
7.6.3.4	Over 50 Miles	\$0.000410	\$0.000009		A	A	
<b>7.7</b>	<b>Local Traffic-FCC-ISP Rate Caps</b>						
7.7.1	MOU as of June 14, 2003, rates in effect until further FCC Action	\$0.0007			4		
<b>7.8</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Charges</b>						
7.8.1	Expedite Charge (LIS Trunks)			Qwest's South Dakota Access Service Tariff			
7.8.2	Cancellation Charge (LIS Trunks)			Qwest's South Dakota Access Service Tariff			
7.8.3	Additional Testing (LIS Trunks)			Qwest's South Dakota Access Service Tariff			
7.8.4	Construction Charges		ICB		ICB	3	3
<b>7.9</b>	<b>Transit Traffic</b>						
7.9.1	Local Transit (Local Transit Assumed Mileage = 7 Miles)	See Tandem Switching and Tandem Transmission Rates Above.	See Tandem Switching and Tandem Transmission Rates Above.				
7.9.2	IntraLATA Toll (IntraLATA Toll Assumed Mileage = 7 Miles)	Qwest's South Dakota Access Service Tariff	Qwest's South Dakota Access Service Tariff				
7.9.3	Jointly Provided Switched Access	Qwest's South Dakota Access Service Tariff					
7.9.4	Category 11 Mechanized Record Charge, per Record	\$0.001604			5		
<b>7.10</b>	<b>Intentionally Left Blank</b>						
<b>7.11</b>	<b>IntraLATA Toll Transit</b>						
		Qwest's South Dakota Access Service Tariff	Qwest's South Dakota Access Service Tariff				
<b>7.12</b>	<b>LIS Forecasting Deposit</b>						
7.12.1	DS1 End Office Direct Trunking			\$6,500.00			1
7.12.2	DS1 Tandem Trunking			\$16,000.00			1
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Collocation</b>						
<b>8.1</b>	<b>All Collocation</b>						
8.1.1	Planning and Engineering						
8.1.1.1	Quote Preparation Fee		AT&T Contract indicates recurring to be negotiated	\$1,000.00			A
8.1.1.2	Cable Augment Quote Preparation Fee			\$1,409.96			5
8.1.2	Entrance Facility						
8.1.2.1	Standard Shared, per Fiber	\$6.81		\$666.68	5		5
8.1.2.2	Cross Connect, per Fiber	\$7.02		\$781.94	5		5
8.1.2.3	Express, per Cable	\$109.11		\$9,741.28	5		5
8.1.3	Cable Splicing						
8.1.3.1	Fiber, per Set-up			\$474.70			A
8.1.3.2	Per Fiber Spliced			\$37.95			A

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		Recurring	Recurring per Mile	Nonrecurring	Unit	Category	Code
8.1.4	Power Usage						
8.1.4.1	-48 Volt DC Power Usage, per Ampere, per Month	\$15.24				A	
8.1.5	AC Power Feed						
8.1.5.1	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.1.5.2	AC Power Feed – per Foot, per Month						
8.1.5.2.1	20 Amp, Single Phase	\$0.0151		\$8.14	5		5
8.1.5.2.2	20 Amp, Three Phase	\$0.0187		\$10.10	5		5
8.1.5.2.3	30 Amp, Single Phase	\$0.0163		\$8.78	5		5
8.1.5.2.4	30 Amp, Three Phase	\$0.0223		\$12.06	5		5
8.1.5.2.5	40 Amp, Single Phase	\$0.0191		\$10.33	5		5
8.1.5.2.6	40 Amp, Three Phase	\$0.0263		\$14.21	5		5
8.1.5.2.7	50 Amp, Single Phase	\$0.0227		\$12.25	5		5
8.1.5.2.8	50 Amp, Three Phase	\$0.0317		\$17.10	5		5
8.1.5.2.9	60 Amp, Single Phase	\$0.0257		\$13.85	5		5
8.1.5.2.10	60 Amp, Three Phase	\$0.0365		\$19.69	5		5
8.1.5.2.11	100 Amp, Single Phase	\$0.0318		\$17.15	5		5
8.1.5.2.12	100 Amp, Three Phase	\$0.0496		\$26.78	5		5
8.1.6	Inspector Labor, per Half Hour						
8.1.6.1	Regular Hours Rate			\$27.70			A
8.1.6.2	After Hours Rate, minimum 3 hours			\$35.99			A
8.1.7	Channel Regeneration						
8.1.7.1	DS1	\$0.00		\$0.00	7		7
8.1.7.2	DS3	\$0.00		\$0.00	7		7
8.1.8	Collocation Terminations						
8.1.8.1	Shared Access						
8.1.8.1.1	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.1.8.1.2	Block Terminations						
8.1.8.1.2.1	DS0, per 100	\$1.10		\$617.55	A		A
8.1.8.1.2.2	DS1, per 28	\$0.76		\$449.96	A		A
8.1.8.1.2.3	DS3, per Each Termination	\$0.43		\$249.87	A		A
8.1.8.1.3	Per Termination						
8.1.8.1.3.1	DS0	\$0.0100		\$5.18	A		A
8.1.8.1.3.2	DS1	\$0.0200		\$12.26	A		A
8.1.8.1.3.3	DS3	\$0.0300		\$185.78	A		A
8.1.8.1.4	Fiber Termination						
8.1.8.1.4.1	Terminations, per 12 fibers	\$28.99		\$1,658.35	5		5
8.1.8.1.4.2	Additional Connector (if applicable)	\$0.84		\$450.93	5		5
8.1.8.1.4.3	Cable Racking, Shared, per 12 fibers	\$26.85			5		
8.1.8.1.4.4	Cable Racking Dedicated	\$2.79		\$1,507.33	5		5
8.1.9	Security						
8.1.9.1	Per Employee, per Card	\$0.85			5		
8.1.9.2	Card Access per Employee, per Office	\$7.04			5		
8.1.9.3	Central Office Security Infrastructure	ICB			ICB	3	3
8.1.10	Composite Clock / Central Office Clock Synchronization						
8.1.10.1	Synchronization – Composite Clock, per Port	\$8.49			5		
8.1.11	-48 Volt DC Power Cable, per Foot, Per A and B Feeder						
8.1.11.1	20 Amp Feed, per Feed	\$0.11		\$70.21	A		A
8.1.11.2	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.1.11.3	40 Amp Feed, per Feed	\$0.15		\$95.20	A		A
8.1.11.4	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.1.11.5	60 Amp Feed, per Feed	\$0.17		\$107.22	A		A
8.1.12	Space Availability Charge			\$340.32			5
8.1.13	Collocation Space Reservation Fee			The charge will be 25% of Nonrecurring Fee			
8.1.14	Collocation Space Option Administration Fee			\$1,146.74			5
8.1.15	Collocation Space Option Fee	\$2.00			2		

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		Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring	Unit	Quantity	Rate
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Virtual Collocation</b>						
8.2.1	Planning and Engineering						
8.2.1.1	Quote Preparation Fee, Per Collocation Ordered			\$4,469.55			5
8.2.2	Maintenance Labor, per Half Hour						
8.2.2.1	Regular Hours Rate			\$24.54			A
8.2.2.2	After Hours Rate			\$32.64			A
8.2.3	Training Labor, per Half Hour						
8.2.3.1	Regular Hours Rate			\$24.54			A
8.2.4	Equipment Bay, per Shelf	\$3.88			A		
8.2.5	Engineering Labor, per Half Hour						
8.2.5.1	Regular Hours Rate			\$23.93			A
8.2.5.2	After Hours Rate			\$32.01			A
8.2.6	Installation Labor, per Half Hour						
8.2.6.1	Regular Hours Rate			\$27.70			A
8.2.6.2	After Hours Rate			\$35.99			A
8.2.7	Rent						
8.2.7.1	Floor Space Lease, per Square Foot						
8.2.7.1.1	Zone 1	\$2.75			A		
8.2.7.1.2	Zone 2	\$2.26			A		
8.2.7.1.3	Zone 3	\$2.06			A		
8.2.8	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.2.9	Power Plant						
8.2.9.1	DC Power Cable						
8.2.9.1.1	20 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$8.37		\$4,521.83	5		5
8.2.9.1.2	30 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$9.53		\$5,148.43	5		5
8.2.9.1.3	40 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$11.52		\$6,218.08	5		5
8.2.9.1.4	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.2.9.1.5	60 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$20.39		\$11,012.44	5		5
8.2.9.1.6	100 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$34.40		\$18,573.95	5		5
8.2.9.1.7	200 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$64.03		\$34,575.21	5		5
8.2.9.1.8	300 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$100.69		\$54,367.53	5		5
8.2.9.1.9	400 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$142.96		\$77,194.68	5		5
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Cageless Physical Collocation</b>						
8.3.1	Planning and Engineering Fee						
8.3.1.1	Quote Preparation Fee, per Collocation Ordered			\$4,469.55			5, 6
8.3.1.2	Augment Quote Preparation Fee			\$1,445.39			1
8.3.2	Space Construction and Site Preparation						
8.3.2.1	Site Preparation Fee				ICB		3
8.3.2.2	2 Bays	\$39.45		\$21,299.26	5		5
8.3.2.3	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.3.2.4	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.3.2.5	Each Additional Bay, per Bay	\$0.87		\$471.75	5		5
8.3.2.6	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.3.2.7	DC Power Cable						
8.3.2.7.1	20 Amp Power Feed	\$8.37		\$4,521.83	5		5
8.3.2.7.2	30 Amp Power Feed	\$9.53		\$5,148.43	5		5
8.3.2.7.3	40 Amp Power Feed	\$11.52		\$6,218.08	5		5
8.3.2.7.4	60 Amp Power Feed	\$20.39		\$11,012.44	5		5
8.3.2.7.5	100 Amp Power Feed	\$34.40		\$18,573.95	5		5
8.3.2.7.6	200 Amp Power Feed	\$64.03		\$34,575.21	5		5
8.3.2.7.7	300 Amp Power Feed	\$100.69		\$54,367.53	5		5
8.3.2.7.8	400 Amp Power Feed	\$142.96		\$77,194.68	5		5
8.3.3	Floor Space Lease, per Square Foot						
8.3.3.1	Zone 1	\$2.75			A		
8.3.3.2	Zone 2	\$2.26			A		
8.3.3.3	Zone 3	\$2.06			A		
<b>8.4</b>	<b>Caged Physical Collocation</b>						
8.4.1	Planning and Engineering Fee						
8.4.1.1	Quote Preparation Fee, per Collocation Ordered			\$4,469.55			5, 6
8.4.1.2	Augment Quote Preparation Fee			\$1,445.39			1
8.4.2	Space Construction and Site Preparation						
8.4.2.1	Site Preparation Fee				ICB		3

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		Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring	PERC	MILE	NRC
8.4.2.2	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.4.2.3	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.4.2.4	Space Construction						
8.4.2.4.1	Cage: Up to 100 Sq. Ft.	\$68.56		\$37,019.76	5		5
8.4.2.4.2	Cage: 101 to 200 Sq. Ft.	\$60.82		\$32,842.03	5		5
8.4.2.4.3	Cage: 201 to 300 Sq. Ft.	\$75.11		\$40,554.00	5		5
8.4.2.4.4	Cage: 301 to 400 Sq. Ft.	\$78.69		\$42,491.50	5		5
8.4.2.5	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.4.2.6	DC Power Cable						
8.4.2.6.1	20 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$10.41		\$5,621.76	5		5
8.4.2.6.2	30 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$11.47		\$6,192.23	5		5
8.4.2.6.3	40 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$13.71		\$7,404.38	5		5
8.4.2.6.4	60 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$22.64		\$12,222.79	5		5
8.4.2.6.5	100 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$36.84		\$19,890.97	5		5
8.4.2.6.6	200 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$68.57		\$37,026.82	5		5
8.4.2.6.7	300 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$107.33		\$58,222.54	5		5
8.4.2.6.8	400 Amp, Power Feed, per Feed	\$153.10		\$82,668.28	5		5
8.4.3	Space Construction - Fencing Credit						
8.4.3.1	Cage: Up to 100 Sq. Ft.	(\$10.35)		(\$5,590.02)	5		5
8.4.3.2	Cage: 101 - 200 Sq. Ft.	(\$12.91)		(\$6,969.92)	5		5
8.4.3.3	Cage: 201 - 300 Sq. Ft.	(\$14.50)		(\$7,828.84)	5		5
8.4.3.4	Cage: 301 - 400 Sq. Ft.	(\$16.01)		(\$8,645.52)	5		5
8.4.4	Floor Space Lease, per Square Foot						
8.4.4.1	Zone 1	\$2.75			A		
8.4.4.2	Zone 2	\$2.26			A		
8.4.4.3	Zone 3	\$2.06			A		
8.4.5	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.4.6	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.4.7	Intentionally Left Blank						
8.4.8	Grounding						
8.4.8.1	2/0 AWG, per Foot	\$0.0179		\$9.68	5		5
8.4.8.2	1/0 AWG, per Foot	\$0.0316		\$17.04	5		5
8.4.8.3	4/0 AWG, per Foot	\$0.0371		\$20.05	5		5
8.4.8.4	350 kcmil, per Foot	\$0.0479		\$25.88	5		5
8.4.8.5	500 kcmil, per Foot	\$0.0555		\$29.95	5		5
8.4.8.6	750 kcmil, per Foot	\$0.0846		\$45.66	5		5
8.5	Adjacent Collocation				ICB		3
8.6	Remote Collocation						
8.6.1	Physical & Virtual Remote Collocation						
8.6.1.1	Space, per Standard Mounting Unit	\$0.53		\$728.98	5.4		5.4
8.6.1.2	FDI Terminations, per 25 Pair	\$0.32		\$531.18	5.4		5.4
8.6.1.3	Power Usage				A		
8.6.1.3.1	-48 Volt DC Power Usage, per Ampere, per Month	\$15.24					
8.6.2	Adjacent Remote Collocation				ICB		3
8.6.3	Additional Virtual Remote Collocation Elements						
8.6.3.1	Flat Charge, per Job			\$36.96			5
8.6.3.2	Engineering Rate, per Half Hour			\$36.44			5
8.6.3.3	Maintenance, per Half Hour			\$30.05			5
8.6.3.4	Installation, per Half Hour			\$30.05			5
8.6.3.5	Training, per Half Hour			\$30.05			5
8.7	CLEC to CLEC						
8.7.1	Design Engineering & Installation (Design Engineering & Installation - No Cables)						
8.7.1.1	Fiber Flat Charge			\$1,458.64			5
8.7.1.2	Flat Charge			\$815.31			5
8.7.2	Cable Racking, per Foot						
8.7.2.1	DS0	\$0.18445			5		
8.7.2.2	DS1	\$0.19724			5		
8.7.2.3	DS3	\$0.16761			5		
8.7.2.4	Fiber	\$1.52558			5		
8.7.3	Virtual Connections (if applicable - Connections only No Cables)						
8.7.3.1	DS0, per 100 Connections			\$195.47			5

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			Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring	REC	REC per Mile	NRC
8.7.3.2	DS1, per 28 Connections				\$91.54			5
8.7.3.3	DS3, per 1 Connection				\$6.25			5
8.7.4	Cable Hole (if Applicable)				\$470.49			5
8.7.5	CLEC to CLEC Cross-Connection				\$223.74			5
<b>8.8</b>	<b>Interconnection Distribution Frame (ICDF) Collocation</b>				ICB			3
<b>8.9</b>	<b>Cancellation / Decommission</b>		No Charge					
<b>8.10</b>	<b>Microwave Entrance Facility</b>			ICB	ICB	3		3
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs)</b>							
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Interconnection Tie Pairs (ITP), per Termination</b>							
9.1.1	DS0							
9.1.1.1	DS0 2-Wire		\$1.14			A		
9.1.1.2	DS0 4-Wire		\$1.45			A		
9.1.2	DS1		\$12.57			A		
9.1.3	DS3		\$36.56			A		
<b>9.2</b>	<b>Unbundled Loops</b>							
9.2.1	Analog Loops				See 9.2.4			
9.2.1.1	2-Wire Voice Grade Loop							
9.2.1.1.1	Zone 1		\$15.20			#		
9.2.1.1.2	Zone 2		\$16.56			#		
9.2.1.1.3	Zone 3		\$21.77			#		
9.2.1.2	Intentionally Left Blank							
9.2.1.3	4-Wire Voice Grade Loop							
9.2.1.3.1	Zone 1		\$29.82			#		
9.2.1.3.2	Zone 2		\$32.50			#		
9.2.1.3.3	Zone 3		\$42.72			#		
9.2.2	Nonloaded Loops				See 9.2.4			
9.2.2.1	2-Wire Nonloaded Loop							
9.2.2.1.1	Zone 1		\$15.20			#		
9.2.2.1.2	Zone 2		\$16.56			#		
9.2.2.1.3	Zone 3		\$21.77			#		
9.2.2.2	Intentionally Left Blank							
9.2.2.3	4-Wire Nonloaded Loop							
9.2.2.3.1	Zone 1		\$29.82			#		
9.2.2.3.2	Zone 2		\$32.50			#		
9.2.2.3.3	Zone 3		\$42.72			#		
9.2.2.4	Cable Unloading / Bridge Tap Removal				\$58.50			8
9.2.3	Digital Capable Loops				See 9.2.4			
9.2.3.1	Basic Rate ISDN / xDSL - I Capable / ADSL Compatible Loop							
9.2.3.1.1	Zone 1		\$15.20			#		
9.2.3.1.2	Zone 2		\$16.56			#		
9.2.3.1.3	Zone 3		\$21.77			#		
9.2.3.2	Intentionally Left Blank							
9.2.3.3	DS1 Capable Loop				See 9.2.5			
9.2.3.3.1	Zone 1		\$120.17			#		
9.2.3.3.2	Zone 2		\$120.93			#		
9.2.3.3.3	Zone 3		\$123.65			#		
9.2.3.4	DS3 Capable Loop				See 9.2.6			
9.2.3.4.1	Zone 1		\$765.48			#		
9.2.3.4.2	Zone 2		\$799.74			#		
9.2.3.4.3	Zone 3		\$1,032.54			#		
9.2.3.5	OC - n Capable Loop				See 9.2.7			
9.2.3.5.1	OC - 3		\$936.15			5		
9.2.3.5.2	OC - 12		\$1,363.89			5		
9.2.3.5.3	OC - 48		\$3,928.32			5		
9.2.3.6	2-Wire Extension Technology		\$21.49			A		



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		Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring	REC	REC PER MILE	REC PER MILE
9.2.4	Loop Installation Charges for 2 & 4 wire Analog / Non - Loaded, ISDN BRI Capable, xDSL - I Capable, and ADSL Compatible Loop where conditioning is not required.	See 9.2.1, 9.2.2, & 9.2.3.1					
9.2.4.1	Basic Installation						
	9.2.4.1.1 First			\$55.27			#
	9.2.4.1.2 Each Additional			\$48.77			#
9.2.4.2	Basic Installation with Performance Testing						
	9.2.4.2.1 First			\$142.10			#
	9.2.4.2.2 Each Additional			\$86.61			#
9.2.4.3	Coordinated Installation with Cooperative Testing / Project Coordinated Installation						
	9.2.4.3.1 First			\$171.87			#
	9.2.4.3.2 Each Additional			\$94.09			#
9.2.4.4	Coordinated Installation without Cooperative Testing / Project Coordinated Installation						
	9.2.4.4.1 First			\$59.81			#
	9.2.4.4.2 Each Additional			\$53.32			#
9.2.4.5	Basic Installation with Cooperative Testing						
	9.2.4.5.1 First			\$142.10			#
	9.2.4.5.2 Each Additional			\$86.61			#
9.2.5	DS1 Loop Installation Charges	See 9.2.3.3					
9.2.5.1	Basic Installation						
	9.2.5.1.1 First			\$179.80			5
	9.2.5.1.2 Each Additional			\$122.82			5
9.2.5.2	Basic Installation with Performance Testing						
	9.2.5.2.1 First			\$315.96			5
	9.2.5.2.2 Each Additional			\$217.23			5
9.2.5.3	Coordinated Installation with Cooperative Testing / Project Coordinated Installation						
	9.2.5.3.1 First			\$356.55			5
	9.2.5.3.2 Each Additional			\$217.23			5
9.2.5.4	Coordinated Installation without Cooperative Testing / Project Coordinated Installation						
	9.2.5.4.1 First			\$189.06			5
	9.2.5.4.2 Each Additional			\$132.07			5
9.2.5.5	Basic Installation with Cooperative Testing						
	9.2.5.5.1 First			\$315.96			5
	9.2.5.5.2 Each Additional			\$217.23			5
9.2.6	DS3 Loop Installation Charges	See 9.2.3.4					
9.2.6.1	Basic Installation						
	9.2.6.1.1 First			\$179.80			5
	9.2.6.1.2 Each Additional			\$122.82			5
9.2.6.2	Basic Installation with Performance Testing						
	9.2.6.2.1 First			\$315.96			5
	9.2.6.2.2 Each Additional			\$217.23			5
9.2.6.3	Coordinated Installation with Cooperative Testing / Project Coordinated Installation						
	9.2.6.3.1 First			\$356.55			5
	9.2.6.3.2 Each Additional			\$217.23			5
9.2.6.4	Coordinated Installation without Cooperative Testing / Project Coordinated Installation						
	9.2.6.4.1 First			\$189.06			5
	9.2.6.4.2 Each Additional			\$132.07			5
9.2.6.5	Basic Installation with Cooperative Testing						
	9.2.6.5.1 First			\$315.96			5
	9.2.6.5.2 Each Additional			\$217.23			5
9.2.7	OC - 3, 12, 48 Loop Installation Charges	See 9.2.3.5					
9.2.7.1	Basic Installation						
	9.2.7.1.1 First			\$179.80			5
	9.2.7.1.2 Each Additional			\$122.82			5
9.2.7.2	Basic Installation with Performance Testing						
	9.2.7.2.1 First			\$315.96			5

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		Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring	ICB	REG. PLAN	ICB
9.2.7.2.2	Each Additional			\$217.23			5
9.2.7.3	Coordinated Installation with Cooperative Testing						
9.2.7.3.1	First			\$356.55			5
9.2.7.3.2	Each Additional			\$217.23			5
9.2.7.4	Coordinated Installation without Cooperative Testing						
9.2.7.4.1	First			\$189.06			5
9.2.7.4.2	Each Additional			\$132.07			5
9.2.7.5	Basic Installation with Cooperative Testing						
9.2.7.5.1	First			\$315.96			5
9.2.7.5.2	Each Additional			\$217.23			5
9.2.8	Private Line to Unbundled Loop Conversions			\$37.36			5
<b>9.3</b>	<b>Subloop</b>						
9.3.1	2-Wire Distribution Loop, applies to both Analog and Nonloaded						
9.3.1.1	First Loop			\$112.61			5
9.3.1.2	Each Additional Loop			\$32.32			5
9.3.1.3	First & Each Additional 2-Wire Distribution Loop						
9.3.1.3.1	Zone 1	\$10.68			#		
9.3.1.3.2	Zone 2	\$11.64			#		
9.3.1.3.3	Zone 3	\$15.30			#		
9.3.2	Intentionally Left Blank						
9.3.3	Intra-Building Cable	\$0.52				5	
9.3.3.1	No Dispatch First			\$58.18			5
9.3.3.2	No Dispatch Each Additional			\$24.27			5
9.3.3.3	Dispatch First			\$103.10			5
9.3.3.4	Dispatch Each Additional			\$34.29			5
9.3.4	Feeder Loop						
9.3.4.1	DS1 Capable Feeder Loop						
9.3.4.1.1	First Loop			\$328.85			5
9.3.4.1.2	Each Additional			\$233.25			5
9.3.4.1.3	First & Each Additional DS1 Capable Feeder Loop						
9.3.4.1.3.1	Zone 1	\$104.90			#		
9.3.4.1.3.2	Zone 2	\$105.66			#		
9.3.4.1.3.3	Zone 3	\$108.39			#		
9.3.5	MTE Terminal Subloop Access						
9.3.5.1	Subloop MTE - POI Site Inventory, per Inventory			\$135.07			5
9.3.5.2	MTE - POI Rearrangement of Facilities			ICB			3
9.3.5.3	MTE - POI Construction of New SPOI		ICB			3	
9.3.6	Intentionally Left Blank						
9.3.7	Field Connection Point (FCP)						
9.3.7.1	Feasibility Fee / Quote Preparation Fee			\$1,343.90			5
9.3.7.2	FCP Reclassification			\$595.50			5
9.3.8	Intentionally Left Blank						
9.3.9	Intentionally Left Blank						
9.3.10	Intentionally Left Blank						
9.3.11	Intentionally Left Blank						
9.3.12	Construction Fee		ICB		ICB	3	3
<b>9.4</b>	<b>Shared Services</b>						
9.4.1	Shared Loop, per Loop	\$0.00		\$37.27	#, 11		1
9.4.2	UNE - P Line Splitting						
9.4.2.1	Basic Installation Charge for UNE-P Line Splitting			\$37.27			1
9.4.3	Loop Splitting						
9.4.3.1	Basic Installation Charge for Loop Splitting			\$37.27			1
9.4.4	OSS, per Order	\$3.21				5	
9.4.5	Reclassification Charge				ICB		3
9.4.6	Splitter Shelf Charge	\$4.39		\$532.56		5	5
9.4.7	Splitter TIE Cable Connections						
9.4.7.1	Splitter in the Common Area -- Data to 410 block	\$5.19		\$2,804.98		5	5

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		Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring	REC	REC	NRC
9.4.7.2	Splitter in the Common Area -- Data direct to CLEC	\$5.52		\$2,981.61	5		5
9.4.7.3	Splitter on the IDF - Data to 410 block	\$1.58		\$853.16	5		5
9.4.7.4	Splitter on the IDF - Data direct to CLEC	\$3.11		\$1,679.72	5		5
9.4.7.5	Splitter on the MDF - Data to 410 block	\$1.63		\$882.73	5		5
9.4.7.6	Splitter on the MDF - Data direct to CLEC	\$3.69		\$1,991.96	5		5
9.4.8	Engineering			\$1,300.49			5
<b>9.5</b>	<b>Network Interface Device (NID)</b>			\$58.58			A
<b>9.6</b>	<b>Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)</b>						
9.6.1	DS0 UDIT (Recurring Fixed & per Mile)			\$276.13			5
9.6.1.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	\$17.14	\$0.09		A	A	
9.6.1.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	\$17.12	\$0.12		A	A	
9.6.1.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	\$17.13	\$0.11		A	A	
9.6.1.4	Over 50 Miles	\$17.14	\$0.07		A	A	
9.6.2	DS1 UDIT (Recurring Fixed & per Mile)			\$321.82			5
9.6.2.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	\$34.75	\$0.95		A	A	
9.6.2.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	\$34.76	\$1.82		A	A	
9.6.2.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	\$34.76	\$1.77		A	A	
9.6.2.4	Over 50 Miles	\$34.75	\$1.23		A	A	
9.6.3	DS3 UDIT Recurring Fixed & per Mile)			\$321.82			5
9.6.3.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	\$236.22	\$10.43		A	A	
9.6.3.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	\$236.53	\$10.83		A	A	
9.6.3.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	\$236.71	\$9.91		A	A	
9.6.3.4	Over 50 Miles	\$243.94	\$24.44		A	A	
9.6.4	OC-3 UDIT (Recurring Fixed & per Mile)			\$321.82			5
9.6.4.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	\$762.78	\$47.86		5	5	
9.6.4.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	\$762.78	\$47.86		5	5	
9.6.4.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	\$762.78	\$47.86		5	5	
9.6.4.4	Over 50 Miles	\$762.78	\$68.44		5	5	
9.6.5	OC-12 UDIT (Recurring Fixed & per Mile)			\$321.82			5
9.6.5.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	\$2,163.94	\$95.01		5	5	
9.6.5.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	\$2,163.94	\$95.01		5	5	
9.6.5.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	\$2,163.94	\$95.01		5	5	
9.6.5.4	Over 50 Miles	\$2,163.94	\$141.97		5	5	
9.6.6	OC-48 UDIT (Recurring Fixed & per Mile)			\$321.82			5
9.6.6.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	\$4,418.64	\$240.26		5	5	
9.6.6.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	\$4,418.64	\$240.26		5	5	
9.6.6.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	\$4,418.64	\$240.26		5	5	
9.6.6.4	Over 50 Miles	\$4,418.64	\$363.55		5	5	
9.6.7	UDIT DS0 Channel Performance						
9.6.7.1	DS0 Low Side Channelization	\$14.76			5		
9.6.7.2	DS1 / DS0 Low Side Channelization	\$8.42		\$206.94	5		5
9.6.8	Multiplexing (Stand Alone)						
9.6.8.1	DS1 to DS0	\$181.28		\$280.77	A		A
9.6.8.2	DS3 to DS1	\$298.66		\$3,011.44	5		5
9.6.9	Extended Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (E-UDIT)						
9.6.9.1	DS1 E-UDIT	\$128.87		\$381.24	5		5
9.6.9.2	DS3 E-UDIT	\$518.00		\$381.24	5		5
9.6.9.3	OC-3 E-UDIT	\$936.15		\$381.24	5		5
9.6.9.4	OC-12 E-UDIT	\$1,363.89		\$381.24	5		5
9.6.9.5	OC-48 E-UDIT	\$3,928.32		\$381.24	5		5
9.6.10	Intentionally Left Blank						
9.6.11	UDIT Rearrangement						
9.6.11.1	DS0 Single Office			\$169.61			5
9.6.11.2	DS0 Dual Office			\$213.10			5
9.6.11.3	High Capacity, Single Office			\$232.73			5
9.6.11.4	High Capacity, Dual Office			\$260.79			5
<b>9.7</b>	<b>Unbundled Dark Fiber (UDF)</b>						
9.7.1	Initial Records Inquiry (IRI)						
9.7.1.1	Simple			\$256.27			5
9.7.1.2	Complex			\$300.84			5

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		Recurring	Recurring per Mile	Nonrecurring			
9.7.2	Field Verification and Quote Preparation (FVQP)			\$1,025.51			5
9.7.3	Field Verification (Engineering Verification)			\$352.26			5
9.7.4	UDF - Single Strand						
9.7.4.1	UDF-Interoffice Facility (IOF) - Single Strand						
9.7.4.1.1	Order Charge, per First Strand / Route / Order			\$535.86			5
9.7.4.1.2	Order Charge, Each Additional Strand / Same Route			\$276.19			5
9.7.4.1.3	Fiber Transport, per Strand / Mile	\$56.40			5		
9.7.4.1.4	Termination, Fixed per Strand / Office	\$4.82			5		
9.7.4.1.5	Fiber Cross-Connect per Strand / Office	\$2.59		\$21.90	5		5
9.7.4.2	UDF-Loop Charges - Single Strand						
9.7.4.2.1	Order Charge, per First Strand / Route / Order			\$535.86			5
9.7.4.2.2	Order Charge, Each Additional Strand / Same Route			\$276.19			5
9.7.4.2.3	Fiber Loop, per Strand / Route	\$158.39			5		
9.7.4.2.4	Termination, Fixed per Strand / Office	\$4.82			5		
9.7.4.2.5	Termination, Fixed per Strand / Premise	\$3.63			5		
9.7.4.2.6	Fiber Cross-Connect per Strand / Office	\$2.59		\$21.90	5		5
9.7.4.3	Extended Unbundled Dark Fiber (E-UDF) - Single Strand						
9.7.4.3.1	Order Charge, per First Strand / Route / Order			\$535.86			5
9.7.4.3.2	Order Charge, Each Additional Strand / Same Route			\$276.19			5
9.7.4.3.3	Fiber Transport, per Strand / Route	\$158.39			5		
9.7.4.3.4	Termination, Fixed, per Strand / Office	\$4.82			5		
9.7.4.3.5	Termination, Fixed, per Strand / Premise	\$3.63			5		
9.7.4.3.6	Fiber Cross-Connect, per Strand / Office	\$2.59		\$21.90	5		5
9.7.5	UDF - per Pair						
9.7.5.1	UDF-IOF Charges - per Pair						
9.7.5.1.1	Order Charge per First Pair / Route / Order			\$535.86			5
9.7.5.1.2	Order Charge, Each Additional Pair / Same Route			\$276.19			5
9.7.5.1.3	Fiber Transport, per Pair / Mile	\$73.32			5		
9.7.5.1.4	Termination, Fixed, per Pair / Office	\$10.19			5		
9.7.5.1.5	Fiber Cross-Connect, per Pair / Office	\$5.18		\$21.90	5		5
9.7.5.2	UDF-Loop Charges, per Pair						
9.7.5.2.1	Order Charge per First Pair / Route / Order			\$535.86			5
9.7.5.2.2	Order Charge, Each Additional Pair / Same Route			\$276.19			5
9.7.5.2.3	Fiber Loop, per Pair / Route	\$205.91			5		
9.7.5.2.4	Termination, Fixed, per Pair / Office	\$9.95			5		
9.7.5.2.5	Termination, Fixed, per Pair / Premise	\$7.49			5		
9.7.5.2.6	Fiber Cross-Connect, per Pair / Office	\$5.18		\$21.90	5		5
9.7.5.3	Extended Unbundled Dark Fiber (E-UDF) - per Pair						
9.7.5.3.1	Order Charge per First Pair / Route / Order			\$535.86			5
9.7.5.3.2	Order Charge, Each Additional Pair / Same Route			\$276.19			5
9.7.5.3.3	Fiber Loop, per Pair / Route	\$205.91			5		
9.7.5.3.4	Termination, Fixed, per Pair / Office	\$9.95			5		
9.7.5.3.5	Termination, Fixed, per Pair / Premise	\$7.49			5		
9.7.5.3.6	Fiber Cross-Connect, per Pair / Office	\$5.18		\$21.90	5		5
9.7.6	Dark Fiber Splice			\$673.51			5
9.8	Shared Transport						
9.8.1	Per Minute of Use - TELRIC Based Rate	\$0.00138786				1	
9.9	Unbundled Customer Controlled Rearrangement Element (UCCRE)						
9.9.1	DS1 Port	ICB		ICB	3		3
9.9.2	DS3 Port	ICB		ICB	3		3
9.9.3	Dial Up Access	ICB			3		
9.9.4	Attendant Access	ICB			3		
9.9.5	Virtual Ports			ICB			3
9.10	Local Tandem Switching						
9.10.1	DS1 Local Message Trunk Port			\$224.45			5
9.10.2	Trunk Group - First Trunk			\$219.27			5
9.10.3	Message Trunk Group - Each Additional Trunk			\$24.88			5
9.10.4	Per Minute of Use	\$0.000690				#	
9.11	Local Switching						
9.11.1	Ports						
9.11.1.1	Analog Line Side Port, including Features						
9.11.1.1.1	First Port	\$1.84		\$101.15	A		A
9.11.1.1.2	Each Additional	\$1.84		\$54.43	A		A

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		Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring	CPA	Rate per Port	ARC
9.11.1.2	Digital Line Side Port (Supporting BRI ISDN), with Features						
9.11.1.2.1	First Port	\$11.65		\$237.87	5		5
9.11.1.2.2	Each Additional Port	\$11.65		\$237.87	5		5
	Premium Port	\$14.13		\$237.87	5		5
9.11.1.3	Digital Trunk Ports						
9.11.1.3.1	PBX / DID Trunk Port, per DS0	\$4.10		\$213.24	5		5
9.11.1.3.2	DS1 Local Message Trunk Port	\$88.32		\$224.45	5		5
9.11.1.3.3	Message Trunk Group						
	9.11.1.3.3.1 First Trunk			\$174.29			5
	9.11.1.3.3.2 Each Additional Trunk			\$48.63			5
9.11.1.3.4	DS1 PRI ISDN Trunk Port	\$196.24		\$637.09	5		5
9.11.1.4	DS0 Analog Trunk Port						
9.11.1.4.1	First Port	\$21.97		\$127.02	5		5
9.11.1.4.2	Each Additional Port	\$21.97		\$30.98	5		5
9.11.1.5	Local Usage, Per Minute of Use	\$0.000702			#		
9.11.2	Vertical Features						
9.11.2.1	<b>Basic Features</b>				9		
9.11.2.1.1	Account Codes - per system			\$81.28			5
9.11.2.1.2	Attendant Access Line, per Station Line			\$1.17			5
9.11.2.1.3	Audible Message Waiting			\$1.03			5
9.11.2.1.4	Authorization Codes, per System			\$243.08			5
9.11.2.1.5	Automatic Line, per Station Line			\$0.35			5
9.11.2.1.6	Automatic Route Selection, Common Equipment, per System			\$2,132.83			5
9.11.2.1.7	Call Drop			\$0.35			5
9.11.2.1.8	Call Exclusion, Automatic			\$1.03			5
9.11.2.1.9	Call Exclusion, Manual			\$0.68			5
9.11.2.1.10	Call Forwarding Incoming Only			\$38.52			5
9.11.2.1.11	Call Forwarding: Busy Line / Don't Answer Programmable Service Establishment			\$38.52			5
9.11.2.1.12	Call Forwarding Don't Answer / Call Forward Busy, Customer Programmable, per Line			\$1.03			5
9.11.2.1.13	Call Waiting Indication, per Timing State			\$1.03			5
9.11.2.1.14	Centrex Common Equipment			\$1,225.34			5
9.11.2.1.15	CLASS - Continuous Redial			\$1.28			5
9.11.2.1.16	CLASS - Last Call Return			\$1.29			5
9.11.2.1.17	CLASS - Priority Calling			\$1.22			5
9.11.2.1.18	CLASS - Selective Call Forwarding			\$1.28			5
9.11.2.1.19	CLASS - Selective Call Rejection			\$1.22			5
9.11.2.1.20	Direct Station Select / Busy Lamp Field, per Arrangement			\$0.35			5
9.11.2.1.21	Directed Call Pickup with Barge-in			\$20.48			5
9.11.2.1.22	Directed Call Pickup without Barge-in			\$20.48			5
9.11.2.1.23	Distinctive Ring/Distinctive Call Waiting			\$40.95			5
9.11.2.1.24	Expensive Route Warning Tone, per system			\$73.05			5
9.11.2.1.25	Facility Restriction Level, per System			\$44.94			5
9.11.2.1.26	Group Intercom, per Line			\$0.46			5
9.11.2.1.27	Hot Line, per Line			\$1.03			5
9.11.2.1.28	Hunting: Multiposition Hunt Queuing, per Group			\$39.20			5
9.11.2.1.29	Hunting: Multiposition Series Hunting						5
9.11.2.1.30	Hunting: Multiposition with Announcement in Queue			\$39.20			5
9.11.2.1.31	Hunting: Multiposition with Music in Queue			\$41.39			5
9.11.2.1.32	ISDN Short Hunt			\$1.73			5
9.11.2.1.33	Loudspeaker Paging, per Trunk Group			\$179.33			5
9.11.2.1.34	Make Busy Arrangements, per Group			\$0.68			5
9.11.2.1.35	Make Busy Arrangements, per Line			\$0.68			5
9.11.2.1.36	Message Center, per Main Station Line			\$0.35			5
9.11.2.1.37	Message Waiting Visual, per Line			\$0.35			5
9.11.2.1.38	Music On Hold, per system			\$23.50			5
9.11.2.1.39	Privacy Release, per Station Line			\$0.48			5
9.11.2.1.40	Query Time, per Station Line			\$0.35			5
9.11.2.1.41	Station Camp-On Service, per Main Line, per Line			\$0.35			5
9.11.2.1.42	Time of Day Control for ARS, per System			\$127.82			5
9.11.2.1.43	Time of Day NCOS Update			\$0.55			5
9.11.2.1.44	Time of Day Routing, per Line			\$0.52			5
9.11.2.1.45	Trunk Verification from Designated Station			\$0.40			5
9.11.2.1.46	UCD in hunt Group, per Line			\$0.68			5

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			Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring	REC	REQ per Mile	NRC
9.11.2.1.47	SMDR-P - Service Establishment Charge, Initial Installation				\$344.67			5
9.11.2.1.48	SMDR-P - Archived Data				\$180.10			5
<b>9.11.2.2</b>	<b>Additional Premium Features</b>							
9.11.2.2.1	CMS, System Establishment, Initial Installation				\$987.00			5
9.11.2.2.2	CMS, System Establishment, Subsequent Installation				\$493.50			5
9.11.2.2.3	CMS, Packet Control Capacity, per System				\$493.50			5
9.11.2.2.4	Conference Calling, Meet Me				\$43.15			5
9.11.2.2.5	Conference Calling, Preset				\$43.15			5
9.11.2.2.6	Conference Calling, Station Dial				\$46.36			5
<b>9.11.2.3</b>	<b>CLASS Call Trace, per Attempt</b>				\$1.48			5
9.11.3	Subsequent Order Charge				\$13.78			5
9.11.4	Local Switching - Market Based Rates	Available on in Zone 1 Wire Centers			Available on in Zone 1 Wire Centers			
<b>9.12</b>	<b>Customized Routing</b>							
9.12.1	Development of Custom Line Class Code – Directory Assistance or Operator Services Routing Only				\$320.87			5
9.12.2	Installation Charge, per Switch – Directory Assistance or Operator Service Routing				\$235.05			5
9.12.3	All Other Custom Routing	ICB			ICB	3		3
<b>9.13</b>	<b>Common Channel Signaling/SS7</b>							
9.13.1	CCSAC STP Port		\$275.60		\$407.00	5		5
9.13.2	CCSAC Options Activation Charge							
9.13.2.1	Basic Translations							
9.13.2.1.1	First Activation, per Order				\$116.79			5
9.13.2.1.2	Each Additional Activation, per Order				\$9.73			5
9.13.2.2	CCSAC Options Database Translations							
9.13.2.2.1	First Activation, per Order				\$136.24			5
9.13.2.2.2	Each Additional Activation, per Order				\$58.36			5
9.13.3	Signal Formulation, ISUP, per Call Set-Up Request	\$0.0006722				5		
9.13.4	Signal Transport, ISUP, per Call Set-Up Request	\$0.0002161				5		
9.13.5	Signal Transport, TCAP, per Data Request	\$0.0000239				5		
9.13.6	Signal Switching, ISUP, per Call Set-Up Request	\$0.0010794				5		
9.13.7	Signal Switching, TCAP, per Data Request	\$0.0008921				5		
<b>9.14</b>	<b>Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN)</b>							
9.14.1	AIN Customized Services (ACS)				ICB			3
9.14.2	AIN Platform Access (APA)	ICB			ICB	3		3
9.14.3	AIN Query Processing, per Query	ICB				3		
<b>9.15</b>	<b>Line Information Database (LIDB)</b>							
9.15.1	LIDB Storage				No Charge			
9.15.2	Line Validation Administration System Access (LVAS)							
9.15.2.1	LIDB/ICNAM Line Record Initial Load							
9.15.2.1.1	Up to 20,000 Line Records				\$2,601.00			1
9.15.2.1.2	Over 20,000 Line Records				ICB			3
9.15.2.2	Mechanized Service Account Update, per Addition or Update Processed				ICB			3
9.15.2.3	Individual Line Record Audit				ICB			3
9.15.2.4	Account Group Audit				ICB			3
9.15.2.5	Expedited Request Charge for Manual Updates				ICB			3
9.15.3	LIDB Query Service, per Query	\$0.0009184				5		
9.15.4	Fraud Alert Notification, per Alert	No Charge						
<b>9.16</b>	<b>8XX Database Query Service</b>							
9.16.1	Basic Query, per Query	\$0.02080300				5		
9.16.2	POTS Translation	\$0.00000183				5		
9.16.3	Call Handling & Destination Feature	\$0.00000061				5		
<b>9.17</b>	<b>ICNAM, Per Query</b>	\$0.0008260				5		
<b>9.18</b>	<b>Intentionally Left Blank</b>							

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		Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring	REC	REC, per Mile	NRC
<b>9.19 Construction Charges</b>							
9.19.1	CLEC Requested UNE Construction (CRUNEC)						
9.19.1.1	Unbundled Dark Fiber Quote Preparation Fee			\$1,584.90			1
9.19.1.2	Subloop Quote Preparation Fee			\$1,584.90			1
9.19.1.3	Unbundled Loop Quote Preparation Fee			\$1,584.90			1
9.19.1.4	Loop MUX Combo Quote Preparation Fee			\$1,584.90			1
9.19.1.5	EEL Quote Preparation Fee			\$1,584.90			1
9.19.1.6	UDIT Quote Preparation Fee			\$1,584.90			1
9.19.2	Construction of Network Capacity Facilities or Space for Access to or use of UNEs	ICB		ICB	3		3
<b>9.20 Miscellaneous Charges</b>							
9.20.1	Additional Engineering, per Half Hour or fraction thereof						
9.20.1.1	Additional Engineering – Basic			\$32.34			5
9.20.1.2	Additional Engineering – Overtime			\$40.00			5
9.20.2	Additional Labor Installation, per Half Hour or fraction thereof						
9.20.2.1	Additional Labor Installation – Overtime			\$9.19			5
9.20.2.2	Additional Labor Installation – Premium			\$18.39			5
9.20.3	Additional Labor Other, per Half Hour or fraction thereof						
9.20.3.1	Additional Labor Other – Basic			\$28.19			5
9.20.3.2	Additional Labor Other – Overtime			\$37.65			5
9.20.3.3	Additional Labor Other – Premium			\$47.13			5
9.20.4	Testing and Maintenance, per Half Hour or fraction thereof						
9.20.4.1	Testing and Maintenance – Basic			\$29.95			5
9.20.4.2	Testing and Maintenance – Overtime			\$40.00			5
9.20.4.3	Testing and Maintenance – Premium			\$50.06			5
9.20.5	Maintenance of Service, per Half Hour or fraction thereof						
9.20.5.1	Maintenance of Service – Basic			\$28.19			5
9.20.5.2	Maintenance of Service – Overtime			\$37.65			5
9.20.5.3	Maintenance of Service – Premium			\$47.13			5
9.20.6	Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing, per Half Hour or fraction thereof						
9.20.6.1	Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing – Basic			\$29.95			5
9.20.6.2	Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing – Overtime			\$40.00			5
9.20.6.3	Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing – Premium			\$50.06			5
9.20.7	Nonscheduled Cooperative Testing, per Half Hour or fraction thereof						
9.20.7.1	Nonscheduled Cooperative Testing – Basic			\$29.95			5
9.20.7.2	Nonscheduled Cooperative Testing – Overtime			\$40.00			5
9.20.7.3	Nonscheduled Cooperative Testing – Premium			\$50.06			5
9.20.8	Nonscheduled Manual Testing, per Half Hour or fraction thereof						
9.20.8.1	Nonscheduled Manual Testing – Basic			\$29.95			5
9.20.8.2	Nonscheduled Manual Testing – Overtime			\$40.00			5
9.20.8.3	Nonscheduled Manual Testing – Premium			\$50.06			5
9.20.9	Cooperative Scheduled Testing						
9.20.9.1	Cooperative Scheduled Testing - Loss	\$0.08			5		
9.20.9.2	Cooperative Scheduled Testing - C Message Noise	\$0.08			5		
9.20.9.3	Cooperative Scheduled Testing - Balance	\$0.34			5		
9.20.9.4	Cooperative Scheduled Testing - Gain Slope	\$0.08			5		
9.20.9.5	Cooperative Scheduled Testing - C Notched Noise	\$0.08			5		
9.20.10	Manual Scheduled Testing						
9.20.10.1	Manual Scheduled Testing - Loss	\$0.17			5		
9.20.10.2	Manual Scheduled Testing -C- Message Noise	\$0.17			5		
9.20.10.3	Manual Scheduled Testing - Balance	\$0.68			5		
9.20.10.4	Manual Scheduled Testing - Gain Slope	\$0.17			5		
9.20.10.5	Manual Scheduled Testing - C Notched Noise	\$0.17			5		
9.20.11	Additional Dispatch			\$123.51			5
9.20.12	Date Change			\$48.14			5
9.20.13	Design Change			\$105.34			5
9.20.14	Expedite Charge			ICB			3
9.20.15	Cancellation Charge			ICB			3
<b>9.21 Channel Regeneration</b>							
9.21.1	DS1	\$0.00		\$0.00	7		7
9.21.2	DS3	\$0.00		\$0.00	7		7

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		Recurring	Recurring per Mile	Nonrecurring	Qwest	Qwest	Qwest	Qwest
<b>9.22</b>	<b>Intentionally Left Blank</b>							
<b>9.23</b>	<b>UNE Combinations</b>							
9.23.1	Intentionally Left Blank							
9.23.2	UNE-P Conversion Nonrecurring Charges							
9.23.2.1	UNE-P POTS, CENTREX, Analog PBX Trunks, Mechanized							
9.23.2.1.1	First			\$0.69				5
9.23.2.1.2	Each Additional			\$0.14				5
9.23.2.2	UNE-P POTS, Centrex, PAL, Analog PBX, Manual							
9.23.2.2.1	First			\$16.54				5
9.23.2.2.2	Each Additional			\$2.76				5
9.23.2.3	UNE-P PBX DID Trunks							
9.23.2.3.1	First			\$30.09				5
9.23.2.3.2	Each Additional			\$2.82				5
9.23.2.4	UNE-P ISDN BRI							
9.23.2.4.1	First			\$31.97				5
9.23.2.4.2	Each Additional			\$2.82				5
9.23.2.5	UNE-P ISDN PRI, DSS per DS1 Facility			\$28.15				5
9.23.2.6	UNE-P ISDN PRI, DSS - per Trunk							
9.23.2.6.1	First			\$30.09				5
9.23.2.6.2	Each Additional			\$2.82				5
9.23.3	UNE-P New Connection Nonrecurring Charges							
9.23.3.1	UNE-P POTS Centrex, Analog PBX, Mechanized							
9.23.3.1.1	First			\$56.44				5
9.23.3.1.2	Each Additional			\$16.19				5
9.23.3.2	UNE-P POTS, Centrex, PAL, Analog PBX, Manual							
9.23.3.2.1	First			\$83.78				5
9.23.3.2.2	Each Additional			\$18.81				5
9.23.3.3	UNE - P PBX DID, per Trunk			\$165.26				5
9.23.3.4	UNE - P ISDN BRI			\$317.33				5
9.23.3.5	UNE - P Trunks							
9.23.3.5.1	DSS Basic Trunk - In Only, Out Only, or Two Way			\$80.68				5
9.23.3.5.2	DSS, ISDN PRI Advanced Trunk - In only with DID & Hunting, or 2 Way with DID, Hunting & Answer Supervision			\$79.85				5
9.23.3.5.3	DSS, ISDN PRI Advanced Trunk - Out Only with Answer Supervision			\$81.10				5
9.23.3.6	Facilities for UNE - P DSS, UNE - P ISDN PRI							
9.23.3.6.1	DS1 Loop Facility			\$315.96				5
9.23.3.6.2	DS3 Loop Facility			\$315.96				5
9.23.3.7	UNE - P PRI Configurations							
9.23.3.7.1	UNE-P PRI Dedicated PRI 23 + D			\$699.79				5
9.23.3.7.2	UNE-P PRI Dedicated PRI 24			\$675.86				5
9.23.3.7.3	UNE-P PRI Dedicated PRI 23B + Back-Up D Configuration - SE			\$674.89				5
9.23.4	Miscellaneous - DID Trunks							
9.23.4.1	Complex Translations Digits Outpulsed Change Signaling			\$14.59				5
9.23.4.2	DID Complex Translations Signaling Change			\$34.05				5
9.23.4.3	DID Block Compromise			\$25.69				5
9.23.4.4	DID Group of 20 Numbers			\$34.18				5
9.23.4.5	DID Reserve Sequential Number Block			\$25.54				5
9.23.4.6	DID Reserve Nonsequential Telephone Number			\$23.84				5
9.23.4.7	DID Trunk Termination			\$52.16				5
9.23.4.8	DID Nonsequential Telephone Number			\$35.87				5
9.23.4.9	UNE-P Complex Translation for Trunkside Termination			\$143.91				5
9.23.5	UNE - P Qwest DSL	See applicable Qwest retail Tariff, Catalog, or Price List		See applicable Qwest retail Tariff, Catalog, or Price List				



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		Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring		
9.23.6	Loop MUX Combo					
9.23.6.1	Interconnection Tie Pairs (ITP), per Termination					
9.23.6.1.1	DS1	\$12.57			A	
9.23.6.1.2	DS3	\$36.56			A	
9.23.6.2	LMC Loop DS0 2-Wire Analog					
9.23.6.2.1	LMC Mux 2-Wire Loop Installation					
9.23.6.2.1.1	First			\$239.60		5
9.23.6.2.1.2	Each Additional			\$156.36		5
9.23.6.2.2	2-Wire Analog Loop					
9.23.6.2.2.1	Zone 1	\$15.20			#	
9.23.6.2.2.2	Zone 2	\$16.56			#	
9.23.6.2.2.3	Zone 3	\$21.77			#	
9.23.6.3	LMC Loop DS0 4 Wire Analog					
9.23.6.3.1	LMC Mux 2-Wire Loop Installation					
9.23.6.3.1.1	First			\$239.60		5
9.23.6.3.1.2	Each Additional			\$156.36		5
9.23.6.3.2	4-Wire Analog Loop					
9.23.6.3.2.1	Zone 1	\$29.82			#	
9.23.6.3.2.2	Zone 2	\$32.50			#	
9.23.6.3.2.3	Zone 3	\$42.72			#	
9.23.6.4	DS1 LMC Loop					
9.23.6.4.1	LMC DS1 Loop Installation					
	First			\$303.07		5
	Each Additional			\$221.90		5
9.23.6.4.2	DS1 Capable Loop					
9.23.6.4.2.1	Zone 1	\$120.17			#	
9.23.6.4.2.2	Zone 2	\$120.93			#	
9.23.6.4.2.3	Zone 3	\$123.65			#	
9.23.6.5	Private Line to Loop Mux Combo Conversion			\$37.36		5
9.23.6.6	LMC Multiplexing					
9.23.6.6.1	DS1 to DS0	\$181.28		\$201.69	A	5
9.23.6.6.2	DS3 to DS1	\$191.32		\$201.69	A	5
9.23.6.7	DS0 Channel Performance					
9.23.6.7.1	DS1 / DS0 Low Side Channelization	\$8.42				5
9.23.7	Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL)					
9.23.7.1	EEL Loop, DS0 2-Wire Analog					
9.23.7.1.1	EEL 2-Wire Loop Installation					
9.23.7.1.1.1	First			\$260.73		5
9.23.7.1.1.2	Each Additional			\$194.28		5
9.23.7.1.2	2-Wire Analog Loop					
9.23.7.1.2.1	Zone 1	\$15.20			#	
9.23.7.1.2.2	Zone 2	\$16.56			#	
9.23.7.1.2.3	Zone 3	\$21.77			#	
9.23.7.2	EEL Loop, DS0 4-Wire					
9.23.7.2.1	EEL 2-Wire Loop Installation					
9.23.7.2.1.1	First			\$260.73		5
9.23.7.2.1.2	Each Additional			\$194.28		5
9.23.7.2.2	4-Wire Analog Loop					
9.23.7.2.2.1	Zone 1	\$29.82			#	
9.23.7.2.2.2	Zone 2	\$32.50			#	
9.23.7.2.2.3	Zone 3	\$42.72			#	
9.23.7.3	EEL Loop, DS1					
9.23.7.3.1	EEL DS1 Loop Installation					
9.23.7.3.1.1	First			\$319.65		5
9.23.7.3.1.2	Each Additional			\$238.47		5
9.23.7.3.2	DS1 Capable Loop					
9.23.7.3.2.1	Zone 1	\$120.17			#	
9.23.7.3.2.2	Zone 2	\$120.93			#	
9.23.7.3.2.3	Zone 3	\$123.65			#	
9.23.7.4	EEL Loop, DS3					
9.23.7.4.1	EEL DS3 Loop Installation					
9.23.7.4.1.1	First			\$344.51		5

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			Recurring	Recurring per Mile	Nonrecurring	2005	2006	2007
	9.23.7.4.1.2	Each Additional			\$263.33			5
9.23.7.4.2	DS3 Capable Loop							
	9.23.7.4.2.1	Zone 1	\$765.48			#		
	9.23.7.4.2.2	Zone 2	\$799.74			#		
	9.23.7.4.2.3	Zone 3	\$1,032.54			#		
9.23.7.5	Intentionally Left Blank							
9.23.7.6	Private Line to EEL Conversion				\$37.36			5
9.23.7.7	Intentionally Left Blank							
9.23.7.8	EEL Transport							
9.23.7.8.1	DS0 (Recurring Fixed & per Mile)							
	9.23.7.8.1.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	\$17.14	\$0.09		A	A	
	9.23.7.8.1.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	\$17.12	\$0.12		A	A	
	9.23.7.8.1.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	\$17.13	\$0.11		A	A	
	9.23.7.8.1.4	Over 50 Miles	\$17.14	\$0.07		A	A	
9.23.7.8.2	DS1 (Recurring Fixed & per Mile)							
	9.23.7.8.2.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	\$34.75	\$0.95		A	A	
	9.23.7.8.2.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	\$34.76	\$1.82		A	A	
	9.23.7.8.2.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	\$34.76	\$1.77		A	A	
	9.23.7.8.2.4	Over 50 Miles	\$34.75	\$1.23		A	A	
9.23.7.8.3	DS3 (Recurring Fixed & per Mile)							
	9.23.7.8.3.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	\$236.22	\$10.43		A	A	
	9.23.7.8.3.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	\$236.53	\$10.83		A	A	
	9.23.7.8.3.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	\$236.71	\$9.91		A	A	
	9.23.7.8.3.4	Over 50 Miles	\$243.94	\$24.44		A	A	
9.23.7.9	Intentionally Left Blank							
9.23.7.10	EEL Multiplexing							
	9.23.7.10.1	DS1 to DS0	\$181.28		\$268.83	A		5
	9.23.7.10.2	DS3 to DS1	\$191.32		\$268.83	A		5
9.23.7.11	EEL DS0 Channel Performance							
	9.23.7.11.1	DS0 Low Side Channelization	\$14.76				5	
	9.23.7.11.2	DS1 / DS0 Low Side Channelization	\$8.42				5	
9.23.7.12	Concentration Capability			ICB		ICB	3	3
<b>9.24</b>	<b>Unbundled Packet Switching</b>							
9.24.1	Unbundled Packet Switch Customer Channel		\$24.66				5	
	9.24.1.1	DSLAM Functionality	\$21.20		Special Request		5	10
9.24.2	Unbundled Packet Switch Customer Channel Without Subloop				\$61.09			5
9.24.3	Unbundled Packet Switch Customer Channel with Subloop				\$129.19			5
9.24.4	Unbundled Packet Switch Customer Channel with Shared Subloop				\$61.09			5
9.24.5	Unbundled Packet Switch Interface Port							
	9.24.5.1	DS1	\$156.72		\$231.10		5	5
	9.24.5.2	DS3	\$269.30		\$231.10		5	5
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Ancillary Services</b>							
<b>10.1</b>	<b>Local Number Portability</b>							
	10.1.1	LNP Queries	See FCC Tariff #1 Section 13 & 20		See FCC Tariff #1 Section 13 & 20			
	10.1.2	LNP Managed Cuts						
	10.1.2.1	Standard Managed Cuts, per Person, per Half Hour			\$52.62			5
	10.1.2.2	Overtime Managed Cuts, per Person, per Half Hour			\$68.47			5
	10.1.2.3	Premium Managed Cuts, per Person, per Half Hour			\$84.34			5
<b>10.2</b>	<b>911 / E911</b>							
	10.2.1	911 / E911	No Charge		No Charge			
<b>10.3</b>	<b>White Pages Directory Listings, Facility Based Providers</b>							
	10.3.1	Primary Listing	No Charge		No Charge			

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		Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring	SP	Mile	NRG
10.3.2 Premium / Privacy Listings		General Exchange Tariff Rate, Less Wholesale Discount		General Exchange Tariff Rate, Less Wholesale Discount			
<b>10.4 Directory Assistance, Facility Based Providers</b>							
10.4.1	Local Directory Assistance, per Call	\$0.34			2		
10.4.2	National Directory Assistance, per Call	\$0.36			2		
10.4.3	Call Branding, Set - Up and Recording						
10.4.3.1	Individual Session			\$35,000.00			2
10.4.3.2	Shared Recording Session (minimum 3 customers per session)			\$15,000.00			2
10.4.4	Loading Brand, per Switch			\$175.00			2
10.4.5	Call Completion Link, per Call	\$0.09			2		
<b>10.5 Directory Assistance List Information</b>							
10.5.1	Initial Database Load, per Listing	\$0.025			2		
10.5.2	Reload of Database, per Listing	\$0.020			2		
10.5.3	Daily Updates, per Listing	\$0.050			2		
10.5.4	One-time Set-Up Fee			\$77.44			2
10.5.5	Media Charges for File Delivery						
10.5.5.1	Electronic Transmission	\$0.002			2		
10.5.5.2	Tapes (charges only apply if this is selected as the normal delivery medium for daily updates) (per tape)	\$30.00			2		
10.5.5.3	Shipping Charges (for tape delivery)			ICB			3
<b>10.6 Toll and Assistance Operator Services, Facility Based Providers,</b>							
10.6.1	<b>Option A – Per Message</b>						
10.6.1.1	Operator Handled Calling Card	\$1.45			2		
10.6.1.2	Machine Handled Calling Card	\$0.60			2		
10.6.1.3	Station Call	\$1.50			2		
10.6.1.4	Person Call	\$3.50			2		
10.6.1.5	Connect to Directory Assistance	\$0.75			2		
10.6.1.6	Busy Line Verify, per Call	\$1.95			2		
10.6.1.7	Busy Line Interrupt	\$2.05			2		
10.6.1.8	Operator Assistance, per Call	\$0.50			2		
10.6.2	<b>Option B – Per Operator Work Second and Computer Handled Calls</b>						
10.6.2.1	Operator Handled, per Operator Work Second	\$0.028			2		
10.6.2.2	Machine Handled, per Call	\$0.25			2		
10.6.2.3	Call Branding, Set- Up and Recording						
10.6.2.3.1	Individual session			\$35,000.00			2
10.6.2.3.2	Shared recording session (minimum 3 customers per session)			\$15,000.00			2
10.6.2.4	Loading Brand, per Switch			\$175.00			2
<b>10.7 Access to Poles, Ducts, Conduits and Rights of Way (ROW)</b>							
10.7.1	Pole Inquiry Fee, per Mile			\$443.19			5
10.7.2	Innerduct Inquiry Fee, per Mile			\$308.94			5
10.7.3	ROW Inquiry Fee			\$491.54			5
10.7.4	ROW Document Preparation Fee			\$145.76			5
10.7.5	Field Verification Fee, per Pole			\$24.29			5
10.7.6	Field Verification Fee, per Manhole			\$205.30			5
10.7.7	Planner Verification, per Manhole			\$16.26			5
10.7.8	Manhole Verification Inspector, per Manhole			\$109.32			5
10.7.9	Manhole Make-Ready Inspector, per Manhole			\$291.53			5
10.7.10	Intentionally Left Blank						
10.7.11	Pole Attachment Fee, per Foot, per Year	\$2.33			4		
10.7.11.1	Urban						
10.7.11.1.1	2004	\$3.29			4		
10.7.11.1.2	2005	\$3.53			4		
10.7.11.2	Non-Urban						
10.7.11.2.1	2004	\$4.72			4		
10.7.11.2.2	2005	\$5.32			4		
10.7.12	Innerduct Occupancy Fee, per Foot, per Year	\$0.2242			4		
10.7.13	Access Agreement Consideration			\$10.00			2
10.7.14	Make Ready			ICB			3
<b>12.0 Operational Support Systems</b>							
12.1	Development and Enhancements, per Order			No Charge At This Time			11

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	Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring	REC	REC PER MILE	NRC
12.2 Ongoing Maintenance, per Order			No Charge At This Time			11
12.3 Daily Usage Record File, per Record	\$0.000441			5		
12.4 Trouble Isolation Charge			See 9.20			
<b>17.0 Bona Fide Request Process</b>						
17.1 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.
- [6] The preliminary QPF costs are included in the space construction charges. These engineering and planning charges are also included in the caged and cageless quote preparation fees. Upon completion of the collocation construction, the quote preparation fee (QPF) will be credited to the final space construction charge for the collocation job. The credit will apply to whichever QPF is applied. This exhibit currently lists multiple QPFs based on what has been proposed in the cost docket and what was approved in the AT&T interconnection agreement. CLEC may choose either QPF at this time.
- [7] Effective 8/1/03, Qwest will no longer charge the Recurring and Nonrecurring Charges for Channel Regeneration. Qwest reserves the right to revert back to the contractual rate only after appropriated notice is given.
- [8] Effective 11/04, Qwest will no longer perform Bridge Tap and/or Load Coil Removal (Conditioning) to facilitate provisioning of its Qwest Retail DSL offering. In order to permit CLECs to provision their own xDSL Capable Loops, Qwest is now re-instituting the charge to continue Conditioning for the 2/4-Wire Unbundled Loop, ADSL Compatible Unbundled Loop, ISDN (BRI) Capable Unbundled Loop, xDSL-I Capable Unbundled Loop, Non-Commercial Line Sharing, Line Splitting, Non-Commercial Shared Distribution Loop and Loop Splitting, effective 3/14/05.
- [9] All technically feasible Vertical Switch Features are available with compatible unbundled switch ports. No monthly recurring charge applies for Basic Vertical Switch Features. Only Basic Vertical Features with non-recurring charges are listed. Non-recurring charges are applicable whenever a feature is added - whether on new installation, conversion, or change order activity. Vertical Features not listed are included in the switch port and have a rate of zero for both recurring and nonrecurring charges.
- [10] A special request is a request by the customer to perform something that is technically feasible but the process and pricing are not yet in place.
- [11] Qwest will not charge for this element until the Commission has an opportunity to review and approve a rate in a cost proceeding.



**Service Performance Indicator Definitions (PID)**

**14-State 271 PID Version 8.1**

# **QWEST'S SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DEFINITIONS (PID)**

## **14-State 271 PID Version 8.1**

### **Introduction**

Qwest will report performance results for the service performance indicators defined herein. Qwest will report separate performance results associated with the services it provides to Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) in aggregate (except as noted herein), to CLECs individually and, as applicable, to Qwest's retail customers in aggregate. Within these categories, performance results related to service provisioning and repair will be reported for the products listed in each definition. Reports for CLECs individually will be subject to agreements of confidentiality and/or nondisclosure.

The definitions in this version of the PID apply in the 14 states of Qwest's local service region: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Individual state Performance Assurance Plans may specify and apply state specific variations from the Performance Measure definitions and/or standards contained herein.

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## Electronic Gateway Availability

### GA-1 – Gateway Availability – IMA-GUI

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the quality of CLEC access to the IMA-GUI electronic gateway and one associated system, focusing on the extent they are actually available to CLECs.	
<b>Description:</b> GA-1A: Measures the availability of the IMA-GUI (Interconnect Mediated Access- Graphical User Interface), and reports the percentage of Scheduled Availability Time the IMA-GUI interface is available for view and/or input. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled Up Time hours for preorder, order, and provisioning transactions are based on the currently published hours of availability found on the following website:  <a href="http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ossHours.html">http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ossHours.html</a>.</li> </ul> GA-1D: Measures the availability of the SIA system, which facilitates access for the IMA-GUI interface and the IMA-EDI interface (see GA-2), and reports the percentage of scheduled time the SIA system is available. Scheduled availability times will be no less than the same hours as listed for IMA-GUI and IMA-EDI. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time Gateway is Available to CLECs is equal to Scheduled Availability Time minus Outage Time.</li> <li>• Scheduled Availability Time is equal to Scheduled Up Time minus Scheduled Down Time.</li> <li>• Scheduled Down Time is time identified and communicated that the interface is not available due to maintenance and/or upgrade work. Notification of Scheduled Down Time for routine maintenance and/or upgrade work will be provided no less than 48 hours in advance.</li> <li>• An outage is a critical or serious loss of functionality, attributable to the specified gateway or component (i.e., IMA-GUI, SIA), affecting Qwest's ability to serve its customers. An outage is determined by Qwest technicians through the use of verifiable data, collected from the affected customer(s) and/or from mechanized event management systems.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Region-wide level. Results will be reported as follows: GA-1A IMA Graphical User Interface Gateway GA-1D SIA system
<b>Formula:</b> $\left( \frac{\text{[Number of Hours and Minutes Gateway is Available to CLECs During Reporting Period]}}{\text{[Number of Hours and Minutes of Scheduled Availability Time During Reporting Period]}} \right) \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> None	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standard:</b> 99.25 percent
<b>Availability:</b> <div style="text-align: center;">Available</div>	<b>Notes:</b>

## GA-2 – Gateway Availability – IMA-EDI

<b>Purpose:</b>	
Evaluates the quality of CLEC access to the IMA-EDI electronic gateway, focusing on the extent the gateway is actually available to CLECs.	
<b>Description:</b>	
Measures the availability of IMA-EDI (Interconnect Mediated Access - Electronic Data Interchange) interface and reports the percentage of scheduled availability time the IMA-EDI Interface is available for view and/or input. All times during which the interface is scheduled to be operating during the reporting period are measured.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled Up Time hours for IMA-EDI based on the currently published hours of availability found on the following website: <a href="http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ossHours.html">http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ossHours.html</a>. Time Gateway is Available to CLECs is equal to Scheduled Availability Time minus Scheduled Outage Time.</li> <li>• Scheduled Availability Time is equal to Scheduled Up Time minus Scheduled Down Time.</li> <li>• Scheduled Down Time is time identified and communicated that the interface is not available due to maintenance and/or upgrade work. Notification of Scheduled Down Time for routine maintenance and/or upgrade work will be provided no less than 48 hours in advance.</li> <li>• An outage is a critical or serious loss of functionality, attributable to the specified gateway or component (i.e., IMA-EDI), affecting Qwest's ability to serve its customers. An outage is determined by Qwest technicians through the use of verifiable data, collected from the affected customer(s) and/or from mechanized event management systems.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Region-wide level. (See GA-1D for reporting of SIA system availability.)
<b>Formula:</b>	
$\left( \frac{[\text{Number of Hours and Minutes Gateway is Available to CLECs During Reporting Period}] + [\text{Number of Hours and Minutes of Scheduled Availability Time During Reporting Period}]}{\text{Number of Hours and Minutes of Scheduled Availability Time During Reporting Period}} \right) \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> None	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standard:</b> 99.25 percent
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b>

### GA-3 – Gateway Availability – EB-TA

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the quality of CLEC access to the EB-TA interface, focusing on the extent the gateway is actually available to CLECs.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the availability of EB-TA (Electronic Bonding – Trouble Administration) interface and reports the percentage of scheduled availability time the EB-TA Interface is available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled Up Time hours are based on the currently published hours of availability found on the following website: <a href="http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ossHours.html">http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ossHours.html</a>.</li> <li>• Time Gateway is Available to CLECs is equal to Scheduled Availability Time minus Outage Time.</li> <li>• Scheduled Availability Time is equal to Scheduled Up Time minus Scheduled Down Time.</li> <li>• Scheduled Down Time is time identified and communicated that the interface is not available due to maintenance and/or upgrade work. Notification of Scheduled Down Time for routine maintenance and/or upgrade work will be provided no less than 48 hours in advance.</li> <li>• An outage is a critical or serious loss of functionality, attributable to the specified gateway or component (i.e., EB-TA), affecting Qwest's ability to serve its customers. An outage is determined by Qwest technicians through the use of verifiable data, collected from the affected customer(s) and/or from mechanized event management systems.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Region-wide level.
<b>Formula:</b> $\left( \frac{\text{[Number of Hours and Minutes Gateway is Available to CLECs During Reporting Period]}}{\text{[Number of Hours and Minutes of Scheduled Availability During Reporting Period]}} \right) \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> None	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standard:</b> 99.25 percent
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b>

## GA-4 – System Availability – EXACT

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the quality of CLEC batch access to the EXACT electronic access service request system, focusing on the extent the system is actually available to CLECs.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the availability of EXACT system and reports the percentage of scheduled availability time the EXACT system is available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled Up Time hours are based on the currently published hours of availability found on the following website: <a href="http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ossHours.html">http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ossHours.html</a>.</li> <li>• Time System is Available to CLECs is equal to Scheduled Availability Time minus Outage Time.</li> <li>• Scheduled Availability Time is equal to Scheduled Up Time minus Scheduled Down Time.</li> <li>• Scheduled Down Time is time identified and communicated that the system is not available due to maintenance and/or upgrade work. Notification of Scheduled Down Time for routine maintenance and/or upgrade work will be provided no less than 48 hours in advance.</li> <li>• An outage is a critical or serious loss of functionality, attributable to the specified gateway or component (i.e., EXACT), affecting Qwest's ability to serve its customers. An outage is determined by Qwest technicians through the use of verifiable data, collected from the affected customer(s) and/or from mechanized event management systems.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Region-wide level.
<b>Formula:</b> $\left( \frac{[\text{Number of Hours and Minutes EXACT is Available to CLECs During Reporting Period}] + [\text{Number of Hours and Minutes of Scheduled Availability During Reporting Period}]}{[\text{Number of Hours and Minutes of Scheduled Availability During Reporting Period}]} \right) \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> None	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standard:</b> 99.25 percent
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b>

## GA-6 – Gateway Availability – GUI -- Repair

<b>Purpose:</b>	
Evaluates the quality of CLEC access to the GUI Repair electronic gateway, focusing on the extent the gateway is actually available to CLECs.	
<b>Description:</b>	
Measures the availability of the GUI (Graphical User Interface) repair electronic interface and reports the percentage of scheduled availability time the interface is available for view and/or input. All times during which the interface is scheduled to be operating during the reporting period are measured.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled Up Time” hours are based on the currently published hours of availability found on the following website: <a href="http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ossHours.html">http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ossHours.html</a>.</li> <li>• Time Gateway is Available to CLECs is equal to Scheduled Availability Time minus Outage Time.</li> <li>• Scheduled Availability Time is equal to Scheduled Up Time minus Scheduled Down Time.</li> <li>• Scheduled Down Time is time identified and communicated that the interface is not available due to maintenance and/or upgrade work. Notification of Scheduled Down Time for routine maintenance and/or upgrade work will be provided no less than 48 hours in advance.</li> <li>• An outage is a critical or serious loss of functionality, attributable to the specified gateway or component (i.e., GUI-Repair), affecting Qwest’s ability to serve its customers. An outage is determined by Qwest technicians through the use of verifiable data, collected from the affected customer(s) and/or from mechanized event management systems.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Region-wide level.
<b>Formula:</b>	
[Number of Hours and Minutes Gateway is Available to CLECs During Reporting Period ÷ Number of Hours and Minutes of Scheduled Availability Time During Reporting Period] x 100	
<b>Exclusions:</b> None	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standard:</b> 99.25 percent
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b>

## GA-7 – Timely Outage Resolution following Software Releases

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Measures the timeliness of resolution of gateway or system outages attributable to software releases for specified OSS interfaces, focusing on CLEC-affecting software releases involving the specified gateways or systems.</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures the percentage of gateway or system outages, which are attributable to OSS system software releases and which occur within two weeks after the implementation of the OSS system software releases, that are resolved<sup>NOTE 1</sup> within 48 hours of detection by the Qwest monitoring group or reporting by a CLEC/co-provider.</li> <li>Includes software releases associated with the following OSS interfaces in Qwest: IMA-GUI, IMA-EDI, and CEMR, Exchange Access, Control, &amp; Tracking (EXACT)<sup>NOTE 2</sup>, Electronic Bonding– Trouble Administration (EB -TA)<sup>NOTE 3</sup></li> <li>An outage for this measurement is a critical or serious loss of functionality, attributable to the specified gateway or component, affecting Qwest’s ability to serve its customers or data loss<sup>NOTE 4</sup> on the Qwest side of the interface. An outage is determined by Qwest technicians through the use of verifiable data, collected from the affected customer(s) and/or from mechanized event management systems.</li> <li>The outage resolution time interval considered in this measurement starts at the time Qwest’s monitoring group detects a failure, or at the date/time of the first transaction sent to Qwest that cannot be processed (i.e. lost data), and ends with the time functionality is restored or the lost data is recovered.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> Monthly</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC Aggregate</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Region-wide level.</p>
<p><b>Formula:</b>  <math display="block">\left[ \frac{\text{Total outages detected within two weeks of a Software Release that are resolved within 48 hours of the time Qwest detects the outage}}{\text{Total number of outages detected within two weeks of Software Releases resolved in the Reporting Period}} \right] \times 100</math></p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outages in releases prior to any CLEC migrating to the release.</li> <li>Duplicate reports attributable to the same software defect.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Product Reporting:</b> None</p>	<p><b>Standards:</b></p> <p>Volume = 1-20: 1 miss Volume &gt; 20: 95%</p>
<p><b>Availability:</b></p> <p>Available</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Resolved” means that service is restored to the reporting CLEC, as experienced by the CLEC.</li> <li>EXACT is a Telecordia system. Only releases for changes initiated by Qwest for hardware or connectivity will be included in this measurement.</li> <li>Outages reported under EB-TA are the same as outages in MEDIACC.</li> <li>For data loss to be considered for GA-7, a functional acknowledgement must have been provided for the data in question (e.g., EDI 997, LSR ID or trouble ticket number).</li> </ol>

## Pre-Order/Order

### PO-1 – Pre-Order/Order Response Times

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the timeliness of responses to specific preordering/ordering queries for CLECs through the use of Qwest's Operational Support Systems (OSS). Qwest's OSS are accessed through the specified gateway interface.</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> PO-1A &amp; PO-1B: Measures the time interval between query and response for specified pre-order/order transactions through the electronic interface.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measurements are made using a system that simulates the transactions of requesting pre-ordering/ordering information from the underlying existing OSS. These simulated transactions are made through the operational production interfaces and existing systems in a manner that reflects, in a statistically-valid manner, the transaction response times experienced by CLEC service representatives in the reporting period.</li> <li>• The time interval between query and response consists of the period from the time the transaction request was "sent" to the time it is "received" via the gateway interface.</li> <li>• A query is an individual request for the specified type of information.</li> </ul> <p>PO-1C: • Measures the percentage of all IRTM Queries measured by PO-1A &amp; 1B transmitted in the reporting period that timeout before receiving a response.</p> <p>PO-1D: • Measures the average response time for a sampling of rejected queries across preorder transaction types. The response time measured is the time between the issuance of a pre-ordering transaction and the receipt of an error message associated with a "rejected query." A rejected query is a transaction that cannot be successfully processed due to the provision of incomplete or invalid information by the sender, which results in an error message back to the sender. <small>NOTE 1</small></p>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> PO-1A, PO-1B, &amp; PO-1D: Seconds PO-1C: Percent</p>

## PO-1 – Pre-Order/Order Response Times (continued)

<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate.</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Region-wide level. Results are reported as follows:          PO-1A Pre-Order/Order Response Time for IMA-GUI          PO-1B Pre-Order/Order Response Time for IMA-EDI</p> <p>Results are reported separately for each of the following transaction types: <sup>NOTE 2</sup></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appointment Scheduling (Due Date Reservation, where appointment is required)</li> <li>2. Service Availability Information</li> <li>3. Facility Availability</li> <li>4. Street Address Validation</li> <li>5. Customer Service Records</li> <li>6. Telephone Number</li> <li>7. Loop Qualification Tools <sup>NOTE 3</sup></li> <li>8. Resale of Qwest DSL Qualification</li> <li>9. Connecting Facility Assignment <sup>NOTE 4</sup></li> <li>10. Meet Point Inquiry <sup>NOTE 5</sup></li> </ol> <p>For PO-1A (transactions via IMA-GUI), in addition to reporting total response time, response times for each of the above transactions will be reported in two parts: (a) time to access the request screen, and (b) time to receive the response for the specified transaction. For PO-1A 6, Telephone Number, a third part (c) accept screen, will be reported.</p> <p>For PO-1B (transactions via IMA-EDI), request/response will be reported as a combined number.</p> <p>PO-1C Results for PO-1C will be reported according to the gateway interface used:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percent of Preorder Transactions that Timeout IMA-GUI</li> <li>2. Percent of Preorder Transactions that Timeout IMA-EDI</li> </ol> <p>PO-1D Results for PO-1D will be reported according to the gateway interface used:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rejected Response Times for IMA-GUI</li> <li>2. Rejected Response Times for IMA-EDI</li> </ol>
<p><b>Formula:</b></p> <p>PO-1A &amp; PO-1B = <math>\frac{\sum[(\text{Query Response Date \&amp; Time}) - (\text{Query Submission Date \&amp; Time})]}{(\text{Number of Queries Submitted in Reporting Period})}</math></p> <p>PO-1C = <math>\frac{[(\text{Number of IRTM Queries measured by PO-1A \&amp; 1B that Timeout before receiving response}) \div (\text{Number of IRTM Queries Transmitted in Reporting Period})] \times 100}{1}</math></p> <p>PO-1D = <math>\frac{\sum[(\text{Rejected Query Response Date \&amp; Time}) - (\text{Query Submission Date \&amp; Time})]}{(\text{Number of Rejected Query Transactions Simulated by IRTM})}</math></p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <p>PO-1A &amp; PO-1B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rejected requests/errors, and timed out transactions</li> </ul> <p>PO-1C:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rejected requests and errors</li> </ul> <p>PO-1D:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timed out transactions</li> </ul>	



**PO-1 – Pre-Order/Order Response Times (continued)**

<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standards:</b> Total Response Time:	IMA-GUI	IMA-EDI
	1. Appointment Scheduling	<10 seconds	<10 seconds
	2. Service Availability Information	<25 seconds	<25 seconds
	3. Facility Availability	<25 seconds <sup>6</sup>	<25 seconds <sup>6</sup>
4. Street Address Validation	<10 seconds	<10 seconds	
5. Customer Service Records	<12.5 seconds <sup>6</sup>	<12.5 seconds <sup>6</sup>	
6. Telephone Number	<10 seconds	<10 seconds	
7. Loop Qualification Tools NOTE 3	≤ 20 seconds <sup>7</sup>	≤ 20 seconds	
8. Resale of Qwest DSL Qualification	≤ 20 seconds <sup>7</sup>	≤ 20 seconds	
9. Connecting Facility Assignment	≤ 25 seconds	≤ 25 seconds	
10. Meet Point Inquiry	≤ 30 seconds	≤ 30 seconds	
PO-1C-1	0.5%		
PO-1C-2	0.5%		
PO-1D-1 & 2	Diagnostic		
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b>		
	1. Rejected query types used in PO-1D are those developed for internal Qwest diagnostic purposes.		
	2. As additional transactions, currently done manually, are mechanized, they will be measured and added to or included in the above list of transactions, as applicable.		
	3. Results based on a weighted combination of ADSL Loop Qualification and Raw Loop Data Tool.		
	4. Results based on Connecting Facility Assignment by Unit Query.		
	5. Results based on meet Point Query, POTS Splitter option for Shared loops.		
	6. Times reflect non-complex services, including residential, simple business, or POTS account. Does not include ADSL or accounts>25 lines.		
	7. Benchmark applies to response time only. Request time and Total time will also be reported.		

## PO-2 – Electronic Flow-through

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Monitors the extent Qwest's processing of CLEC Local Service Requests (LSRs) is completely electronic, focusing on the degree that electronically-transmitted LSRs flow directly to the service order processor without human intervention or without manual retyping.</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> PO-2A - Measures the percentage of all electronic LSRs that flow from the specified electronic gateway interface to the Service Order Processor (SOP) without any human intervention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes all LSRs that are submitted electronically through the specified interface during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below.</li> </ul> <p>PO-2B – Measures the percentage of all flow-through-eligible LSRs <sup>NOTE 1</sup> that flow from the specified electronic gateway interface to the SOP without any human intervention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes all flow-through-eligible LSRs that are submitted electronically through the specified interface during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level (per multi-state system serving the state). Results for PO-2A and PO-2B will be reported according to the gateway interface* used to submit the LSR:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LSRs received via IMA-GUI</li> <li>LSRs received via IMA-EDI</li> </ol> <p>*CO also reports an aggregate of IMA-GUI and IMA-EDI results.</p>
<p><b>Formula:</b> PO-2A = <math>\frac{\text{[(Number of Electronic LSRs that pass from the Gateway Interface to the SOP without human intervention) + (Total Number of Electronic LSRs that pass through the Gateway Interface)]}{\text{Total Number of Electronic LSRs that pass through the Gateway Interface}} \times 100</math></p> <p>PO-2B = <math>\frac{\text{[(Number of flow-through-eligible Electronic LSRs that actually pass from the Gateway Interface to the SOP without human intervention) + (Number of flow-through-eligible Electronic LSRs received through the Gateway Interface)]}{\text{Total Number of flow-through-eligible Electronic LSRs received through the Gateway Interface}} \times 100</math></p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rejected LSRs and LSRs containing CLEC-caused non-fatal errors.</li> <li>Non-electronic LSRs (e.g., via fax or courier).</li> <li>Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> <li>Duplicate LSR numbers. (Exclusion to be eliminated upon implementation of IMA capability to disallow duplicate LSR #'s.)</li> <li>Invalid start/stop dates/times.</li> </ul>	

**PO-2 – Electronic Flow-through (continued)**

<p><b>Product Reporting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resale</li> <li>• Unbundled Loops (with or without Local Number Portability)</li> <li>• Local Number Portability</li> <li>• UNE-P (POTS) and UNE-P (Centrex 21)</li> <li>• Line Sharing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Standards:</b></p> <p><b>PO-2A:</b>  <b>CO:</b> CO PO-2B benchmarks minus 10 percent <sup>NOTE 2</sup>  <b>All Other States:</b> Diagnostic</p> <p><b>PO-2B:</b> <sup>NOTE 2</sup></p>	
	Resale:	95%
	Unbundled Loops:	85%
	LNP:	95%
	UNE-P (POTS & Centrex 21):	95%
	Line Sharing:	Diagnostic <sup>NOTE 3</sup>
<p><b>Availability:</b>          Available (except as follows):</p> <p>Combined reporting of UNE-P (POTS) and UNE-P (Centrex 21) – beginning with Jul 04 data on the Aug 04 report.</p> <p>Line Sharing – beginning with Jul 04 data on the Aug 04 report</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The list of LSR types classified as eligible for flow through is contained in the “LSRs Eligible for Flow Through” matrix. This matrix also includes availability for enhancements to flow through. Matrix will be distributed through the CMP process.</li> <li>2. In Colorado the standard for PO-2 is considered met if the standard for either PO-2A or PO-2B is met. For both PO-2A and PO-2B, the benchmark percentages shown apply to the aggregations of PO-2A-1 and PO-2A-2 (i.e., the combined PO-2A result) and of PO-2B-1 and PO-2B-2 (i.e., the combined PO-2B result).</li> <li>3. The standard and future disaggregated reporting of the Line Sharing product is TBD, pending resolution of TRO issues.</li> </ol>	

## PO-3 – LSR Rejection Notice Interval

<b>Purpose:</b> Monitors the timeliness with which Qwest notifies CLECs that electronic and manual LSRs were rejected.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the interval between the receipt of a Local Service Request (LSR) and the rejection of the LSR for standard categories of errors/reasons. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all LSRs submitted through the specified interface that are rejected during the reporting period.</li> <li>• Standard reasons for rejections are: missing/incomplete/mismatching/unintelligible information, duplicate request or LSR/PON (purchase order number), no separate LSR for each account telephone number affected, no valid contract, no valid end user verification, account not working in Qwest territory, service-affecting order pending, request is outside established parameters for service, and lack of CLEC response to Qwest question for clarification about the LSR.</li> <li>• Included in the interval is time required for efforts by Qwest to work with the CLEC to avoid the necessity of rejecting the LSR.</li> <li>• With hours: minutes reporting, hours counted are (1) business hours for manual rejects (involving human intervention) and (2) published Gateway Availability hours for auto-rejects (involving no human intervention). Business hours are defined as time during normal business hours of the Wholesale Delivery Service Centers, except for PO-3C in which hours counted are workweek clock hours. Gateway Availability hours are based on the currently published hours of availability found on the following website: <a href="http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ossHours.html">http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ossHours.html</a>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> PO-3A-1, PO-3B-1 & PO-3C - Hrs: Mins. PO-3A-2 & PO-3B-2 – Mins: Secs.
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate and individual CLEC results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Results for this indicator are reported according to the gateway interface used to submit the LSR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PO-3A-1, LSRs received via IMA-GUI and rejected manually: Statewide</li> <li>• PO-3A -2, LSRs received via IMA-GUI and auto-rejected: Region wide</li> <li>• PO-3B-1, LSRs received via IMA-EDI and rejected manually: Statewide</li> <li>• PO-3B -2, LSRs received via IMA-EDI and auto-rejected: Region wide</li> <li>• PO-3C, LSRs received via facsimile: Statewide</li> </ul>
<b>Formula:</b> $\Sigma [(Date\ and\ time\ of\ Rejection\ Notice\ transmittal) - (Date\ and\ time\ of\ LSR\ receipt)] \div (Total\ number\ of\ LSR\ Rejection\ Notifications)$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> <li>• Duplicate LSR numbers. (Exclusion to be eliminated upon implementation of IMA capability to disallow duplicate LSR #'s.)</li> <li>• Invalid start/stop dates/times.</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> Not applicable (reported by ordering interface).	<b>Standards:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PO-3A-1 and -3B-1: ≤ 12 business hours</li> <li>• PO-3A -2 and -3B -2: ≤ 18 seconds</li> <li>• PO-3C: ≤ 24 work week clock hours</li> </ul>
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b>

## PO-4 – LSRs Rejected

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Monitors the extent LSRs are rejected as a percentage of all LSRs to provide information to help address potential issues that might be raised by the indicator of LSR rejection notice intervals.</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> Measures the percentage of LSRs rejected (returned to the CLEC) for standard categories of errors/reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all LSRs submitted through the specified interface that are rejected or FOC'd during the reporting period.</li> <li>• Standard reasons for rejections are: missing/incomplete/mismatching/unintelligible information; duplicate request or LSR/PON (purchase order number); no separate LSR for each account telephone number affected; no valid contract; no valid end user verification; account not working in Qwest territory; service-affecting order pending; request is outside established parameters for service; and lack of CLEC response to Qwest question for clarification about the LSR.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent of LSRs</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate and individual CLEC results</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Results for this indicator are reported according to the gateway interface used to submit the LSR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PO-4A-1 LSRs received via IMA-GUI and rejected manually – Region wide</li> <li>PO-4A -2 LSRs received via IMA-GUI and auto-rejected – Region wide</li> <li>PO-4B-1 LSRs received via IMA-EDI and rejected manually – Region wide</li> <li>PO-4B -2 LSRs received via IMA-EDI and auto-rejected – Region wide</li> <li>PO-4C LSRs received via facsimile – Statewide</li> </ul>
<p><b>Formula:</b>  <math display="block">\left[ \frac{\text{Total number of LSRs rejected via the specified method in the reporting period}}{\text{Total of all LSRs that are received via the specified interface that were rejected or FOC'd in the reporting period}} \right] \times 100</math> </p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> <li>• Duplicate LSR numbers. (Exclusion to be eliminated upon implementation of IMA capability to disallow duplicate LSR #'s.)</li> <li>• Invalid start/stop dates/times.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Product Reporting:</b> Not applicable (reported by ordering interface).</p>	<p><b>Standard:</b> Diagnostic</p>
<p><b>Availability:</b> Available</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p>

## PO-5 – Firm Order Confirmations (FOCs) On Time

### Purpose:

Monitors the timeliness with which Qwest returns Firm Order Confirmations (FOCs) to CLECs in response to LSRs/ASRs received from CLECs, focusing on the degree to which FOCs are provided within specified intervals.

### Description:

Measures the percentage of Firm Order Confirmations (FOCs) that are provided to CLECs within the intervals specified under “Standards” below for FOC notifications.

- Includes all LSRs/ASRs that are submitted through the specified interface or in the specified manner (i.e., facsimile) that receive an FOC during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below. (Acknowledgments sent separately from an FOC (e.g., EDI 997 transactions are not included.)
- For PO-5A, the interval measured is the period between the LSR received date/time (based on scheduled up time) and Qwest’s response with a FOC notification (notification date and time).
- For PO-5B, 5C, and 5D, the interval measured is the period between the application date and time, as defined herein, and Qwest’s response with a FOC notification (notification date and time).
- “Fully electronic” LSRs are those (1) that are received via IMA-GUI or IMA-EDI, (2) that involve no manual intervention, and (3) for which FOCs are provided mechanically to the CLEC. <sup>NOTE 2</sup>
- “Electronic/manual” LSRs are received electronically via IMA-GUI or IMA-EDI and involve manual processing.
- “Manual” LSRs are received manually (via facsimile) and processed manually.
- ASRs are measured only in business days.
- LSRs will be evaluated according to the FOC interval categories shown in the “Standards” section below, based on the number of lines/services requested on the LSR or, where multiple LSRs from the same CLEC are related, based on the combined number of lines/services requested on the related LSRs.

**Reporting Period:** One month

**Unit of Measure:** Percent

### Reporting

**Comparisons:** CLEC aggregate and individual CLEC results

**Disaggregation Reporting:** Statewide level (per multi-state system serving the state).

Results for this indicator are reported as follows:

- PO-5A:\* FOCs provided for fully electronic LSRs received via:
  - PO-5A-1 IMA-GUI
  - PO-5A-2 IMA-EDI
- PO-5B:\* FOCs provided for electronic/manual LSRs received via:
  - PO-5B-1 IMA-GUI
  - PO-5B-2 IMA-EDI
- PO-5C:\* FOCs provided for manual LSRs received via Facsimile.
- PO-5D: FOCs provided for ASRs requesting LIS Trunks.

\* Each of the PO-5A, PO-5B and PO-5C measurements listed above will be further disaggregated as follows:

- (a) FOCs provided for Resale services and UNE-P
- (b) FOCs provided for Unbundled Loops and specified Unbundled Network Elements
- (c) FOCs provided for LNP

### Formula:

PO-5A =  $\{[\text{Count of LSRs for which the original FOC's "(FOC Notification Date \& Time) - (LSR received date/time (based on scheduled up time))" is within 20 minutes}] \div (\text{Total Number of original FOC Notifications transmitted for the service category in the reporting period})\} \times 100$

PO-5B, 5C, & 5D =  $\{[\text{Count of LSRs/ASRs for which the original FOC's "(FOC Notification Date \& Time) - (Application Date \& Time)" is within the intervals specified for the service category involved}] \div (\text{Total Number of original FOC Notifications transmitted for the service category in the reporting period})\} \times 100$

## PO-5 – Firm Order Confirmations (FOCs) On Time (continued)

### Exclusions:

- LSRs/ASRs involving individual case basis (ICB) handling based on quantities of lines, as specified in the "Standards" section below, or service/request types, deemed to be projects.
- Hours on Weekends and holidays. (Except for PO-5A which only excludes hours outside the scheduled up time).
- LSRs with CLEC-requested FOC arrangements different from standard FOC arrangements.
- Records with invalid product codes.
- Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.
- Duplicate LSR numbers. (Exclusion to be eliminated upon implementation of IMA capability to disallow duplicate LSR #'s.)
- Invalid start/stop dates/times.

### Additional PO-5D exclusion:

- Records with invalid application or confirmation dates.

Product Reporting:	Standards:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For PO-5A, -5B and -5C: (a) Resale services UNE-P (POTS) and UNE-P Centrex (b) Unbundled Loops and specified Unbundled Network Elements. (c) LNP</li> <li>• For PO-5D: LIS Trunks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For PO-5A (all):</li> </ul>	95% within 20 minutes <sup>NOTE 2</sup>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For PO-5B (all):</li> </ul>	90% within standard FOC intervals (specified below)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For PO-5C (manual):</li> </ul>	90% within standard FOC intervals specified below PLUS 24 hours <sup>NOTE 3</sup>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For PO-5D (LIS Trunks):</li> </ul>	85% within eight business days
<b><u>Standard FOC Intervals for PO-5B and PO-5C</u></b>		
<b>Product Group</b> <sup>NOTE 1</sup>		
<b>FOC Interval</b>		
<b>Resale</b>		
Residence and Business POTS	1-39 lines	<b>24 hours</b>
ISDN-Basic	1-10 lines	
– Conversion As Is		
– Adding/Changing features		
– Add primary directory listing to established loop		
– Add call appearance		
Centrex Non-Design	1-19 lines	
with no Common Block Configuration		
Centrex line feature changes/adds/removals (all)		
<b>LNP</b>	1-24 lines	
<b>Unbundled Loops</b>	1-24 loops	
2/4 Wire analog		
DS3 Capable		
<b>Sub-loop</b>	1-24 sub-loops	
[included in Product Reporting group (b)]		
<b>Line Sharing/Line Splitting/Loop Splitting</b>	1-24 shared loops	
[included in Product Reporting group (b)]		
<b>Unbundled Network Element-Platform (UNE-P POTS)</b>	1 – 39 lines	

**PO-5 – Firm Order Confirmations (FOCs) On Time (continued)**

	<b>Resale</b> ISDN-Basic 1-10 lines – Conversion As Specified – New Installs – Address Changes – Change to add Loop ISDN-PRI (Facility) 1-3 PBX 1-24 trunks DS0 or Voice Grade Equivalent 1-24 DS1 Facility 1-24 DS3 Facility 1-3	<b>48 hours</b>
	<b>LNP</b> 25-49 lines	
	<b>Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs)</b> [included in Product Reporting group (b)] <b>DS1</b> 1-24 circuits	
	<b>Resale</b> Centrex (including Centrex 21, Non-design, Centrex 21 Basic ISDN, Centrex-Plus, Centron, Centrex Primes) 1-10 lines – With Common Block Configuration required – Initial establishment of Centrex CMS services – Tie lines or NARs activity – Subsequent to initial Common Block – Station lines – Automatic Route Selection – Uniform Call Distribution – Additional numbers	
	<b>UNE-P Centrex</b> 1-10 lines	
	<b>UNE-P Centrex 21</b> 1-10 lines	
	<b>Unbundled Loops with Facility Check</b> <sup>(NOTE 2, 3)</sup> 1 – 24 loops 2/4 wire Non-loaded ADSL compatible ISDN capable XDSL-I capable DS1 capable	
	<b>Resale</b> ISDN-PRI (Trunks) 1-12 trunks	
	<b>For PO-5D:</b> LIS Trunks 1-240 trunk circuits	<b>8 business days</b>
	<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> 1. LSRs with quantities above the highest number specified for each product type are considered ICB. 2. Unbundled Loop with Facility Check can be processed electronically; however, because this category always carries a 72-hour FOC interval the FOC results for this product will appear in PO-5B if received electronically or PO-5C if received manually. 3. Unbundled Loop with Facility Check will not add an additional 24 hours to the 72-hour interval if the LSR is submitted manually.



## PO-6 – Work Completion Notification Timeliness

<p><b>Purpose:</b> To evaluate the timeliness of Qwest issuing electronic notification at an LSR level to CLECs that provisioning work on all service orders that comprise the CLEC LSR have been completed in the Service Order Processor and the service is available to the customer.</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> PO-6A &amp; 6B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all orders completed in the Qwest Service Order Processor that generate completion notifications in the reporting period, subject to exclusions shown below.</li> <li>• The start time is the date/time when the last of the service orders that comprise the CLEC LSR is posted as completed in the Service Order Processor.</li> <li>• The end time is when the electronic order completion notice is made available (IMA-GUI) <sup>NOTE 1</sup> or transmitted (IMA-EDI) to the CLEC via the ordering interface used to place the local service request. The notification is transmitted at an LSR level when all service orders that comprise the CLEC LSR are complete.</li> <li>• With hours: minutes reporting, hours counted are during the published Gateway Availability hours. Gateway Availability hours are based on the currently published hours of availability found on the following website: <a href="http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ossHours.html">http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ossHours.html</a>.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> PO-6A - 6B: Hrs:Mins</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate and individual CLEC results.</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PO-6A Notices transmitted via IMA-GUI</li> <li>• PO-6B Notices transmitted via IMA-EDI</li> </ul>
<p><b>Formula:</b> <u>For completion notifications generated from LSRs received via IMA-GUI:</u>  <math display="block">PO-6A = \Sigma((\text{Date and Time Completion Notification made available to CLEC}) - (\text{Date and Time the last of the service orders that comprise the CLEC LSR is completed in the Service Order Processor})) \div (\text{Number of completion notifications made available in reporting period})</math> <u>For completion notifications generated from LSRs received via IMA-EDI:</u>  <math display="block">PO-6B = \Sigma((\text{Date and Time Completion Notification transmitted to CLEC}) - (\text{Date and Time the last of the service orders that comprise the CLEC LSR is completed in the Service Order Processor.})) \div (\text{Number of completion notifications transmitted in reporting period})</math></p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b> PO – 6A &amp; 6B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records with invalid completion dates.</li> <li>• LSRs submitted manually (e.g., via facsimile).</li> <li>• ASRs submitted via EXACT.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Product Reporting:</b> PO – 6A &amp; 6B Aggregate reporting for all products ordered through IMA-GUI and, separately, IMA-EDI (see disaggregation reporting).</p>	<p><b>Standard:</b> 6 hours</p>
<p><b>Availability:</b> Available</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The time a notice is “made available” via the IMA-GUI is the time Qwest stores a status update related to the completion notice in the IMA Status Updates database. When this occurs, the notice can be immediately viewed by the CLEC using the Status Updates window or by using the LSR Notice Inquiry function.</li> </ol>

## PO-7 – Billing Completion Notification Timeliness

<p><b>Purpose:</b> To evaluate the timeliness with which electronic billing completion notifications are made available or transmitted to CLECs, focusing on the percentage of notifications that are made available or transmitted (for CLECs) or posted in the billing system (for Qwest retail) within five business days.</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> <u>PO-7A &amp; 7B:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This measurement includes all orders posted in the CRIS billing system for which billing completion notices are made available or transmitted in the reporting period, subject to exclusions shown below.</li> <li>Intervals used in this measurement are from the time a service order is completed in the SOP to the time billing completion for the order is made available or transmitted to the CLEC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The time a notice is "made available" via the IMA-GUI consists of the time Qwest stores the completion notice in the IMA Status Updates database. When this occurs, the notice can be immediately viewed by the CLEC using the Status Updates window.</li> <li>The time a notice is "transmitted" via IMA-EDI consists of the time Qwest actually transmits the completion notice via IMA-EDI. Applicable only to those CLECs who are certified and setup to receive the notices via IMA-EDI.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The start time is when the completion of the service order is posted in the Qwest SOP. The end time is when, confirming that the order has been posted in the CRIS billing system, the electronic billing completion notice is made available to the CLEC via the same ordering interface (IMA-GUI or IMA-EDI) as used to submit the LSR.</li> <li>Intervals counted in the numerator of these measurements are those that are five business days or less.</li> </ul> <p><u>PO-7C:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This measurement includes all retail orders posted in the CRIS Billing system in the reporting period, subject to exclusions shown below.</li> <li>Intervals used in this measurement are from the time an order is completed in the SOP to the time it is posted in the CRIS billing system.</li> <li>The start time is when the completion of the order is posted in the SOP. The end time is when the order is posted in the CRIS billing system.</li> <li>Intervals counted in the numerator of this measurement are those that are five business days or less.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> PO-7A and -7B: CLEC aggregate and individual CLEC results. PO-7C: Qwest retail results.</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PO-7A Notices made available via IMA-GUI</li> <li>PO-7B Notices transmitted via IMA-EDI</li> <li>PO-7C Billing system posting completions for Qwest Retail</li> </ul>
<p><b>Formula:</b> <u>For wholesale service orders Qwest generates for LSRs received via IMA:</u></p> <p>PO-7A = (Number of electronic billing completion notices in the reporting period made available within five business days of posting complete in the SOP) ÷ (Total Number of electronic billing completion notices made available during the reporting period)</p> <p>PO-7B = (Number of electronic billing completion notices in the reporting period transmitted within five business days of posting complete in the SOP) ÷ (Total Number of electronic billing completion notices transmitted during the reporting period)</p> <p><u>For service orders Qwest generates for retail customers (i.e., the retail analogue for PO-7A &amp; -7B):</u></p> <p>PO-7C = (Total number of retail service orders posted in the CRIS billing system in the reporting period that were posted within 5 business days) ÷ (Total number of retail service orders posted in the CRIS billing system in the reporting period)</p>	

## PO-7 – Billing Completion Notification Timeliness (continued)

<b>Exclusions:</b> PO-7A, 7B & 7C <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Services that are not billed through CRIS, e.g. Resale Frame Relay.</li><li>• Records with invalid completion dates.</li></ul> PO-7A & 7B <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LSRs submitted manually.</li><li>• ASRs submitted via EXACT.</li></ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> Aggregate reporting for all products ordered through IMA-GUI and, separately, IMA-EDI (see disaggregation reporting).	<b>Standard:</b> PO-7A and -7B: Parity with PO-7C
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b>

## PO-8 – Jeopardy Notice Interval

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the timeliness of jeopardy notifications, focusing on how far in advance of original due dates jeopardy notifications are provided to CLECs (regardless of whether the due date was actually missed).</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> Measures the average time lapsed between the date the customer is first notified of an order jeopardy event and the original due date of the order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes all orders completed in the reporting period that received jeopardy notifications.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Average <u>Business days</u> <sup>NOTE 1</sup></p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC and Qwest Retail results</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level. (This measure is reported by jeopardy notification process as used for the categories shown under Product Reporting.)</p>
<p><b>Formula:</b> [<math>\Sigma(\text{Date of the original due date of orders completed in the reporting period that received jeopardy notification} - \text{Date of the first jeopardy notification}) \div \text{Total orders completed in the reporting period that received jeopardy notification}</math>]</p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jeopardies done after the original due date is past.</li> <li>Records involving official company services.</li> <li>Records with invalid due dates or <u>application dates</u>.</li> <li>Records with invalid completion dates.</li> <li>Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Product Reporting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Non-Designed Services</li> <li>B Unbundled Loops (with or without Number Portability)</li> <li>C LIS Trunks</li> <li>D UNE-P (POTS)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Standards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Parity with Retail POTS</li> <li>B Parity with Retail POTS</li> <li>C Parity with Feature Group D (FGD) services</li> <li>D Parity with Retail POTS</li> </ul>
<p><b>Availability:</b> Available</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <p>1. For PO-8A and -D, Saturday is counted as a business day for all non-dispatched orders for Resale Residence, Resale Business, and UNE-P (POTS), as well as for the retail analogues specified above as standards. For dispatched orders for Resale Residence, Resale Business, and UNE-P (POTS) and for all other products reported under PO-8B and -8C, Saturday is counted as a business day when the service order is due on Saturday.</p>

## PO-9 – Timely Jeopardy Notices

<b>Purpose:</b> When original due dates are missed, measures the extent to which Qwest notifies customers in advance of jeopardized due dates.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the percentage of late orders for which advance jeopardy notification is provided. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes all inward orders (Change, New, and Transfer order types) assigned a due date by Qwest and which are completed/closed in the reporting period that missed the original due date. Change order types included in this measurement consist of all C orders representing <u>inward activity</u>.</li> <li>Missed due date orders with jeopardy notifications provided on or after the original due date is past will be counted in the denominator of the formula but will not be counted in the numerator.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC and Qwest Retail results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level. (This measure is reported by jeopardy notification process as used for the categories shown under Product Reporting.)
<b>Formula:</b> $\left[ \frac{\text{Total missed due date orders completed in the reporting period that received jeopardy notification in advance of original due date}}{\text{Total number of missed due date orders completed in the reporting period}} \right] \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orders missed for customer reasons.</li> <li>Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>Records involving official company services.</li> <li>Records with invalid due dates or <u>application dates</u>.</li> <li>Records with invalid completion dates.</li> <li>Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Non-Designed Services</li> <li>B Unbundled Loops (with or without Number Portability)</li> <li>C LIS Trunks</li> <li>D UNE-P (POTS)</li> </ul>	<b>Standards:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Parity with Retail POTS</li> <li>B Parity with Retail POTS</li> <li>C Parity with Feature Group D (FGD) Services</li> <li>D Parity with Retail POTS</li> </ul>
<b>Availability:</b> <p style="text-align: center;">Available</p>	<b>Notes:</b>

## PO-15 – Number of Due Date Changes per Order

<b>Purpose:</b> To evaluate the extent to which Qwest changes due dates on orders.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the average number of Qwest due date changes per order. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all inward orders (Change, New, and Transfer order types) that have been assigned a due date in the reporting period subject to the exclusions below. Change order types for additional lines consist of all "C" orders representing <u>inward activity</u>.</li> <li>• Counts all due date changes made for Qwest reasons following assignment of the original due date.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Average Number of Due Date Changes
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC, and Qwest retail results.	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.
<b>Formula:</b> $\Sigma(\text{Count of Qwest due date changes on all orders}) \div (\text{Total orders in reporting period})$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer requested due date changes.</li> <li>• Records involving official company services.</li> <li>• Records with invalid due dates or <u>application dates</u>.</li> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> <p style="text-align: center;">None</p>	<b>Standard:</b> <p style="text-align: center;">Diagnostic</p>
<b>Availability:</b> <p style="text-align: center;">Available</p>	<b>Notes:</b>

## PO-16 – Timely Release Notifications

### Purpose:

Measures the percent of release notifications for changes to specified OSS interfaces sent by Qwest to CLECs within the intervals and scope specified within the change management plan found on Qwest's Change Management Process, (CMP) website at <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/whatiscmp.html>.

### Description:

- Measures the percent of release notices that are sent by Qwest within the intervals/timeframes prescribed by the release notification procedure on Qwest's CMP website. <sup>NOTE 1</sup>
  - Release notices measured are:
    - Draft Technical Specifications (for App to App interfaces only);
    - Final Technical Specifications (for App to App interfaces only);
    - Draft Release Notices (for IMA-GUI interfaces only);
    - Final Release Notices (for IMA-GUI interfaces only); and
    - OSS Interface Retirement Notices. <sup>NOTE 2</sup>
    - For the following OSS interfaces:
      - IMA-GUI, IMA-EDI;
      - CEMR;
      - Exchange Access, Control, & Tracking (EXACT); <sup>NOTE 3</sup>
      - Electronic Bonding - Trouble Administration (EB -TA); <sup>NOTE 4</sup>
      - IABS and CRIS Summary Bill Outputs; <sup>NOTE 5</sup>
      - Loss and Completion Records; <sup>NOTE 5</sup>
      - New OSS interfaces (for introduction notices only.) <sup>NOTE 6</sup>
  - Also included are notifications for connectivity or system function changes to Resale Product Database.
  - Includes OSS interface release notifications by Qwest relating to the following products and service categories: LIS/Interconnection, Collocation, Unbundled Network Elements (UNE), Ancillary, and Resale Products and Services.
  - Includes OSS interface release notifications by Qwest to CLECs for the following OSS functions: Pre-Ordering, Ordering, Provisioning, Repair and Maintenance, and Billing.
  - Includes Types of Changes as specified in the "Qwest Wholesale Change Management Process Document" (Section 4 – Types of Changes).
  - Includes all OSS interface release notifications pertaining to the above OSS systems, subject to the exclusions specified below.
- Release Notifications sent on or before the date required by the CMP are considered timely. A release notification "sent date" is determined by the date of the e-mail sent by Qwest that provides the Release Notification. <sup>NOTE 7</sup>
- Release Notifications sent after the date required by the (CMP) are considered untimely. Release Notifications required but not sent are considered untimely.

**Reporting Period:** One month

**Unit of Measure:** Percent

**Reporting Comparisons:** CLEC Aggregate

**Disaggregation Reporting:** Region-wide level.

### Formula:

$$\left[ \left( \frac{\text{Number of required release notifications for specified OSS interface changes made within the reporting period that are sent on or before the date required by the change management plan (CMP)}}{\text{Total number of required release notifications for specified OSS interface changes within reporting period}} \right) \right] \times 100$$

### Exclusions:

- Changes to be implemented on an expedited basis (exception to OSS notification intervals) as mutually agreed upon by CLECs and Qwest through the CMP.
- Changes where Qwest and CLECs agree, through the CMP, that notification is unnecessary.

**PO-16 Timely Release Notifications (continued)**

<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standards:</b> Vol. 1-10: No more than one untimely notification Vol. > 10: 92.5% timely notifications
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Qwest Wholesale Change Management Process Document specifies the intervals for release notifications by type of notification. These intervals are documented in the change management plan.</li> <li>2. The documents described in section "9.0 – Retirement of Existing OSS Interfaces" of the "Qwest Wholesale Change Management Process Document" as "Initial Retirement Notice" and "Final Retirement Notice."</li> <li>3. EXACT is a Telecordia system. Only release notifications for changes initiated by Qwest for hardware or connectivity will be included in this measurement.</li> <li>4. EB-TA is the same system as MEDIACC.</li> <li>5. CRIS, IABS, and Loss and Completions will adhere to the notification intervals documented in section 8.1 – Changes to Existing Application to Application Interface.</li> <li>6. The documents described in section "7.0 – Introduction of New OSS Interface" of the "Qwest Wholesale Change Management Process Document" as "Initial Release Announcement and Preliminary Implementation Plan" (new App to App only), "Initial Interface Technical Specification" (new App to App only), "Final Interface Technical Specifications (new App to App only), "Release Notification" (new GUI only). CMP notices for "Introduction of a New OSS" are to be included in this measurement even though the new system is not explicitly listed in the "Description" section of this PID. However, once implemented, the system will not be added to the measurement for purposes of measuring release, change and retirement notifications unless specifically incorporated as an authorized change to the PID.</li> <li>7. The intervals used to determine timeliness are based on CMP guidelines.</li> </ol>



**PO-19 – Stand-Alone Test Environment (SATE) Accuracy**

**Purpose:**

Evaluates Qwest's ability to provide accurate production-like tests to CLECs for testing new releases in the SATE and production environments and testing between releases in the SATE environment.

**Description:**

**PO-19A**

- Measures the percentage of test transactions that conform to the test scenarios published in the *IMA EDI Data Document – for the Stand Alone Test Environment (SATE)* that are successfully executed in SATE at the time a new IMA Release is deployed to SATE. In months where no release activity occurs, measures the percentage of test transactions that conform to the test scenarios published in the current IMA EDI Data Document-for the Stand Alone Test Environment (SATE) that are successfully executed in SATE during the between-releases monthly performance test.
- Includes one test transaction for each test scenario published in the *IMA EDI Data Document – for the Stand Alone Test Environment (SATE)*.
- Test transactions will be executed for each of the IMA releases supported in SATE utilizing all test scenarios for each of the current versions of the *IMA EDI Data Document – for the Stand Alone Test Environment (SATE)*.
- The successful execution of a transaction is determined by the Qwest Test Engineer according to:
  - The expected results of the test scenario as described in the *IMA EDI Data Document – for the Stand Alone Test Environment (SATE)* and the EDI disclosure document.
  - The transactions strict adherence to business rules published in Qwest's most current IMA EDI Disclosure Documentation for each release and the associated Addenda. <sup>NOTE 1</sup>
- For this measurement, Qwest will execute the test transactions in the Stand-Alone Test Environment.
  - Release related test transactions will be executed when a full or point release of IMA is installed in SATE. These transactions will be executed within five business days of the numbered release being originally installed in SATE. This five-business day period will be referred to as the "Testing Window."
  - Mid-release monthly performance test transactions will be executed in the months when no Testing Window for a release is completed. These transactions will be executed on the 15<sup>th</sup>, or the nearest working day to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, in the months when no release related test transactions are executed.
- Test transaction results will be reported by release and included in the Reporting Period during which the release transactions or mid-release test transactions are completed.

**PO-19B**

- Validates the extent that SATE mirrors production by measuring the percentage of IMA EDI test transactions that produce comparable results in SATE and in production.
  - Transactions counted as producing comparable results are those that return correctly formatted data and fields as specified in the release's EDI disclosure document and developer worksheets related to the IMA release being tested.
  - Comparability will be determined by evaluating the data and fields in each EDI message for the test transactions against the same data and fields for Preorder queries, LSRs, and Supplementals, and returned as Query Responses, Acknowledgements, Firm Order Confirmations (FOCs) for flow-through eligible products, and rejects.
- Test transactions are executed one time for each new major IMA release within 7 days after the IMA release.
  - Test transactions consist of a defined suite of Product/Activity combinations. Qwest's three regions will be represented. <sup>NOTE 2</sup>
  - Pre-order, Order, and Post-order transactions (FOCs for flow-through products) are included.
- With respect to the comparability of the structure and content of results from SATE and production environments, this measurement focuses only on the validity of the structure and the validity of the content, per developer worksheets and EID mapping examples distributed as part of release notifications. <sup>NOTE 3</sup>

<p><b>Reporting Period:</b>                  PO-19A -- One month                  PO-19B: -- One month (for those months in</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b>      Percent</p>
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**PO-19 Stand-Alone Test Environment (SATE) Accuracy (continued)**

which release-related test transactions are completed)	
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> None	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> PO-19A – Reported separately for each release tested in the reporting period PO-19B -- None
<p><b>Formula:</b></p> <p>PO-19A  <math display="block">\frac{[(\text{Total number of successfully completed SATE test transactions executed for a Software Release or between-releases performance test completed in the Reporting Period}) \div (\text{Total number of SATE test transactions executed for each Software Release or between-releases performance test completed in the Reporting Period})] \times 100}{}</math></p> <p>PO-19B  <math display="block">\frac{[(\text{Total number of completed IMA EDI test transactions executed in SATE and production that produce comparable results for each new major IMA Software Release completed in the Reporting Period}) \div (\text{Total number of completed IMA EDI test transactions executed in SATE and production for each new major IMA Software Release completed in the Reporting Period})] \times 100}{}</math></p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <p>For PO-19B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transactions that fail due to the unavailability of a content item (e.g., TN exhaustion in SATE or the production environment) or a function in the SATE or production environments (e.g., address validation query or CSR query) that is unsuccessful due to an outage in systems that interface with IMA-EDI (e.g., PREMIS or SIA).</li> <li>• Transactions that fail because of differences between the production and SATE results caused when an IMA candidate is implemented into IMA and not SATE (i.e., where CMP decides not to implement an IMA candidate in a SATE release: e.g., the Reject Duplicate LSR candidate in IMA 12.0). This exclusion does not apply during reporting periods in which there are no differences between production IMA and SATE caused by SATE releases packaged pursuant to CMP decisions.</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standard:</b> PO-19A – 95% for each release tested PO-19B – 95%
<b>Availability:</b>  Available	<b>Notes:</b> 1. Transactions that are executed and found to have inconsistencies with the data and format rules will be corrected and rerun. Rerun volumes will not be counted in the denominator for PO-19. Such corrections and re-executions are intended to enforce strict adherence to business rules published in Qwest's most current IMA EDI Data and Disclosure Documents. 2. The product and activity combinations that make up the test decks for PO-19B will be updated after each major IMA software release and provided to CLECs with the publication of IMA EDI Draft Interface Technical Specifications for the next major IMA software release as defined in the CMP process. All combinations with EDI transaction volumes > 100 in the previous 12-month period will be included in the test deck. 75 days prior to the execution of the test, Qwest will run a query against IMA to determine which combinations meet the criteria for inclusion (i.e., volumes > 100).

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	<p>3. The intent of this provision is to avoid including the effects of circumstances beyond the SATE environment that could cause differences in SATE and production results that are not due to problems in mirroring production. For example, because of real-time data manipulation in production, an appointment availability query transaction in SATE will not return the same list of available appointments as in production. Available appointments in production are fully dependent on real-time activities that occur there, whereas available appointments in SATE are based on a pre-defined list that is representative of production.</p>
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## PO-20 (Expanded) – Manual Service Order Accuracy

### Purpose:

Evaluates the degree to which Qwest accurately processes CLECs' Local Service Requests (LSRs), which are electronically-submitted and manually processed by Qwest, into Qwest Service Orders, based on mechanized comparisons of specified LSR-Service Order fields and focusing on the percentage of manually-processed Service Orders that are accurate/error-free.

### Description:

Measures the percentage of manually-processed Qwest Service Orders that are populated correctly, in specified data fields, with information obtained from CLEC LSRs.

- Includes only Service Orders created from CLEC LSRs that Qwest receives <sup>NOTE 1</sup> electronically (via IMA-GUI or IMA-EDI) and manually processes in the creation of Service Orders, regardless of flow through eligibility, subject to exclusions specified below.
- Includes only Service Orders, from the product reporting categories specified below, that request inward line or feature activity (Change, New, and Transfer order types), are assigned a due date by Qwest, and are completed/closed in the reporting period. Change Service Order types included in this measurement consist of all C orders with "I" and "T" action-coded line or feature USOCs.
- All Service Orders satisfying the above criteria and as specified in the Availability section below are evaluated in this measurement.
- An inward line Service Order will be classified as "accurate" and thus counted in the numerator in the formula below when the mechanized comparisons of this measurement determine that the fields specified in the Service Order Fields Evaluated section below (when the source fields have been properly populated on the LSR) are all accurate on the Service Order. An inward feature Service Order will be classified as "accurate" if the fields specified in the Service Order Fields Evaluated section below (when the source fields have been properly populated on the LSR) are all accurate on the Service Order and if no CLEC notifications to the call center have generated call center tickets coded to LSR/SO mismatch for that order.
  - Service Orders will be counted as being accurate if the contents of the relevant fields, as recorded in the completed Service Orders involved in provisioning the service, properly match or correspond to the information from the specified fields as provided in the latest version of associated LSRs.
  - Service orders generated from LSRs receiving a PIA (Provider Initiated Activity value will be counted as being accurate if each and every mismatch has a correct and corresponding PIA value.
  - Service Orders, including those otherwise considered accurate under the above-described mechanized field comparison, will not be counted as accurate if Qwest corrects errors in its Service Order(s) as a result of contacts received from CLECs no earlier than one business day prior to the original due date.

<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month, reported in arrears (i.e., results first appear in reports one month later than results for measurements that are not reported in arrears), in order to exclude Service Orders that are the subject of call center tickets counted in OP-5B and OP-5T, as having new service problems attributed to Service Order errors.	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC Aggregate and individual CLEC	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide Level
<b>Formula:</b> $\left[ \frac{\text{(Number of accurate, evaluated Service Orders)}}{\text{(Number of evaluated Service Orders completed in the reporting period)}} \right] \times 100$	

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<b>Exclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service Orders that are the subject of call center tickets counted in OP-5B and OP-5T as having new service problems attributed to Service Order errors.</li> <li>• Cancelled Service Orders.</li> <li>• Service Orders that cannot be matched to a corresponding LSR</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>							
<b>Product Reporting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resale and UNE-P (POTS and Centrex 21)</li> <li>• Unbundled Loops (Analog and Non-Loaded 2/4-wire, DS1 Capable, DS3 and higher Capable, ADSL Compatible, XDSL-I Capable, ISDN-BRI Capable)</li> </ul>	<b>Standard:</b> Benchmarks, as follows:						
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Phase 1</b></td> <td>97%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Phase 2</b></td> <td>96%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Phase 3 &amp; beyond</b></td> <td>95%</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Phase 1</b>	97%	<b>Phase 2</b>	96%	<b>Phase 3 &amp; beyond</b>	95%
	<b>Phase 1</b>	97%					
<b>Phase 2</b>	96%						
<b>Phase 3 &amp; beyond</b>	95%						
<b>Availability:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 0 – PO-20 (Old) (the first version using sampling of limited fields). (Available now)</li> <li>• Phase 1<sup>NOTE 2</sup> – PO-20 (Expanded) Mechanized version (as defined herein). All qualifying orders associated with initial LSRs received via IMA version 15.0 or higher beginning with May 2004 data reported in Jul 04.</li> <li>• Phase 2 – Additional fields added. No later than Sep 04 results reported in Nov 04</li> <li>• Phase 3– Additional fields added. Targeted for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 05</li> <li>• Phase 4 – Additional fields added. (Date TBD).</li> </ul>	<b>Notes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To be included in the measurement, Service Orders created from CLEC LSRs must be received and completed in the same version of IMA-GUI or IMA-EDI.</li> <li>2. Phase 1: Consists of all manually-processed, qualifying Service Orders per product reporting category specified above, from throughout Qwest's 14-state local service region.</li> </ol>						

<b>LSR-Service Order Fields Evaluated</b>			
<b>Phase 1 – (Effective with LSRs received beginning May 2004)</b>			
<b>Mechanized comparison of the fields from the Service Order to the LSR:</b>			
<b>Form</b>	<b>LSR Field Code</b>	<b>LSR Field Name</b>	<b>Remarks/Service Order Field:</b>
<b>LSR</b>	CCNA	Customer Carrier Name Abbreviation	CCNA field of LSR form compared to the RSID/ZCID field identifier in the Extended ID section of the Service Order.
	PON	Purchase Order Number	PON field of LSR form compared to the PON field in Bill Section of the Service Order.
	D/TSENT	Date and time sent	The D/TSENT field of LSR form from the Firm Order Manager, using applied business day cut-off rules and business typing rules, and compare to the APP (Application Date) used on the Service Order.
	CHC	Coordinated Hot Cut Requested	Applies only to Unbundled Loop. Validate that the installation USOC used on the Service Order matches the Coordinated Cut request. (Evaluated in conjunction with the TEST field to determine correct USOC.)
	TEST	Testing required	Applies only to Unbundled Loop. Validate that the installation USOC used on the Service Order matches the TEST request. (Evaluated in conjunction with the CHC field to determine correct USOC.)
	NC	Network Channel Code	Applies only to Unbundled Loop. NC field on the LSR form compared to provisioning USOC for CKL1 on the Service Order.

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<b>LSR-Service Order Fields Evaluated</b>			
<b>Phase 1 – (Effective with LSRs received beginning May 2004)</b>			
<b>Mechanized comparison of the fields from the Service Order to the LSR:</b>			
<b>Form</b>	<b>LSR Field Code</b>	<b>LSR Field Name</b>	<b>Remarks/Service Order Field:</b>
	NCI	Network Channel Interface Code	Applies only to Unbundled Loop NCI field on the LSR form compared to provisioning USOC for CKL1 on the Service Order.
	SECNCI	Secondary Network Channel Interface Code	Applies only to Unbundled Loop orders. SECNCI field on the LSR form compared to the provisioning USOC for CKL2 on the Service Order.
<b>Resale or Centrex</b>	PIC	InterLATA Pre-subscription Indicator Code	PIC field on Resale or Centrex form compared to PIC populated on the "I" or "T" action lines in the Service and Equipment section of the Service Order. <i>Note:</i> LSR PIC = None; S.O. PIC = None
	LPIC	IntraLATA Pre-subscription Indicator Code	LPIC field on Resale or Centrex form compared to LPIC populated on the "I" or "T" action lines in the Service and Equipment section of the Service Order. <i>Note:</i> LSR LPIC = None; S.O. LPIC = 9199 LSR LPIC = DFLT; S.O. LPIC = 5123
<b>Resale or Centrex</b>	TNS	Telephone Numbers	Validate that all telephone numbers in the TNS fields in the Service Details section on the Resale or Centrex form requiring inward activity are addressed on the Service Order.
	FA/ FEATURE	Feature Activity/Feature Codes	When the FA = N, T, V Validate line and feature USOCs provided in the FEATURE field on the Resale or Centrex form are addressed with "I" and/or "T" action lines on the Service Order. <i>Note:</i> Comparison will be based on the USOCs associated with line and feature activity listed in the PO-20 USOC List posted on Qwest's public website, on the web page containing the current PID <a href="http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/results">www.qwest.com/wholesale/results</a> ). Qwest may add USOCs to the list, delete grand-fathered/ discontinued or obsolete USOCs, or update USOCs assigned to listed descriptions by providing notice in the monthly Summary of Notes and updating the list.

PO-20 (Expanded) – Manual Service Order Accuracy (continued)

<b>LSR-Service Order Fields Evaluated</b>			
<b>Phase 1 – (Effective with LSRs received beginning May 2004)</b>			
<b>Mechanized comparison of the fields from the Service Order to the LSR:</b>			
<b>Form</b>	<b>LSR Field Code</b>	<b>LSR Field Name</b>	<b>Remarks/Service Order Field:</b>
<b>LS</b>	ECCKT	Exchange Company Circuit ID	Applies to LSRs with ACT = C (only when NC code has not changed, M, or T.  ECCKT field on the LS form compared to the CLS field in the Service and Equipment section of the Service Order.
<b>LS/ LSNP</b>	CFA	Connecting Facility Assignment	CFA field on the LS or LSNP forms compared to the CFA field used in CKL1 of the Service Order. (Verbal acceptance of CFA changes will be FOC'd and PIA'd, which will account for the mismatch and eliminate it as an error in the PO-20 calculation.
<b>DL – Directory Listings form (Evaluated only for Local Main Listings)</b>	LTY	Listing Type	LTY = 1 (Listed – appears in DA and the directory.) Validate that there is a LN in the List section of the Service Order. LTY = 2 (Non Listed – appears only in DA.) Validate that there is non listing instructions in the LN field in the List section of the Service Order. <b>Central/Western Region:</b> Validate that the left handed field is NLST and (NON-LIST) is contained in the NLST data field in the List section of the Service order. <b>Eastern Region:</b> Validate that the left handed field is NL and (NON LIST) is contained in the NL data field in the List section of the Service Order. LTY = 3 (Non Pub - does not appear in the directory and telephone number does not appear in DA.) Validate that there is non published instructions in the LN field in the List section of the Service Order. <b>Central/Western Regions:</b> Validate that the left handed field is NP and (NON-PUB) is contained in the NP data field in the List section of the Service Order. <b>Eastern Region:</b> Validate that the left handed field is NP and (NP LODA) or (NP NODA) is contained in the NP data field in the List section of the Service Order.
	TOA	Type of Account	Validate TOA entries (only reviewed when BRO field on DL form is not populated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOA valid entries are B or RP Validate that there is a semi colon (;) within the LN in the List section of the Service Order.</li> <li>• TOA valid entries are R or BP Validate that there is a comma (,) within the LN in the List section of the Service Order.</li> </ul> <b>Exception:</b> When LSR-TOS = 3, TOA review is Not Applicable. Handled by Complex Listing Group. Requires separate Service Order.
	DML	Direct Mail List	DML field = O on DL form; Service Order LN contains (OCLS).
	NOSL	No Solicitation Indicator	<b>Arizona Only</b> NOSL field = Y on DL form; Service Order LN contains (NSOL) (OCLS).

**PO-20 (Expanded) – Manual Service Order Accuracy (continued)**

<b>LSR-Service Order Fields Evaluated</b>			
<b>Phase 1 – (Effective with LSRs received beginning May 2004)</b>			
<b>Mechanized comparison of the fields from the Service Order to the LSR:</b>			
<b>Form</b>	<b>LSR Field Code</b>	<b>LSR Field Name</b>	<b>Remarks/Service Order Field:</b>
	TMKT	Telemarketing	<b>Colorado Only</b> TMKT field = O on DL form; Service Order LN contains (OATD). When both the DML and the TMKT fields are populated, DML validation applies.
	LNLN and LNFN	Listed Name	LNLN and LNFN fields on DL form compared to the LN field in the List section of the Service Order.
	ADI	Address Indicator	ADI = O on DL form; Service Order LA contains (OAD).
	LAPR	Listed Address Number Prefix	LAPR field of the Listing form compared to LA in the List section of the Service Order.
	LANO	Listed Address Number	LANO field of the Listing form compared to LA in the List section of the Service Order.
	LASF	Listed Address Number Suffix	LASF field of the Listing form compared to LA in the List section of the Service Order.
	LASD	Listed Address Street Directional	LASD field of the Listing form compared to LA in the List section of the Service Order.
	LASN	Listed Address Street Name	LASN field of the Listing form compared to LA in the List section of the Service Order.
	LATH	Listed Address Street Type	LATH field of the Listing form compared to LA in the List section of the Service Order.
	LASS	Listed Address Street Directional Suffix	LASS field of the Listing form compared to LA in the List section of the Service Order.
	LALOC	Listed Address Locality	LALOC field of the Listing form compared to LA in the List section of the Service Order.

<b>Phase 2 – No later than Sep 04 results</b>			
<b>LSR-Service Order Fields Evaluated</b>			
<b>Mechanized comparison of the fields from the Service Order to the LSR:</b>			
<b>Form</b>	<b>LSR Field Code</b>	<b>LSR Field Name</b>	<b>Remarks/Service Order Field:</b>
<b>LSR</b>	DSPTCH	Dispatch	Limited to Unbundled Loops where ACT = Z or V only. If DSPTCH field on the LSR form = Y, validate dispatch USOC in the Service and Equipment section of the Service Order.
<b>Centrex</b>	LTC	Line Treatment Code	Applies only to Centrex 21 LTC field numeric value on the Centrex form compared to the data following the CAT field for the Line USOC on the Service Order.
	COS	Class of Service – Qwest Specific	Applies only to Centrex 21. COS field of the Centrex form compared to the CS field in the ID section of the Service Order.



**PO-20 (Expanded) – Manual Service Order Accuracy (continued)**

<b>Phase 2 – No later than Sep 04 results</b>			
<b>LSR-Service Order Fields Evaluated</b>			
<b>Mechanized comparison of the fields from the Service Order to the LSR:</b>			
<b>Form</b>	<b>LSR Field Code</b>	<b>LSR Field Name</b>	<b>Remarks/Service Order Field:</b>
<b>Resale or Centrex</b>	<b>FEATURE DETAILS</b>	Feature Details	As specified in Appendix A of the 14 State Working PID. Comparison would be based on the fields associated with the USOC list referenced under Feature Activity in Phase 1 above.
<b>Phase 3 – Targeted for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 05</b>			
<b>LSR-Service Order Fields Evaluated</b>			
<b>Mechanized comparison of the fields from the Service Order to the LSR:</b>			
<b>Form</b>	<b>LSR Field Code</b>	<b>LSR Field Name</b>	<b>Remarks/Service Order Field:</b>
<b>Resale or Centrex</b>	<b>BLOCK (Stage 1)</b>	Blocking Type	<p>For each LNUM provided in the Service Detail section of the Resale or Centrex form when BA = E:</p> <p>Note: The BLOCK field may have one or more alpha and/or numeric values per LNUM. This review will only validate based on BA/BLOCK fields and will not address blocking information provided in the “Remark” section on the LSR or the Feature Detail section of the LSR. The values listed below will be considered as follows:</p> <p>If BLOCK contains A, validate FID TBE A is present on the service order floated behind line USOC associated with the TNS for that LNUM.</p> <p>If BLOCK contains B, validate FID TBE B is present on the service order floated behind line USOC associated with the TNS for that LNUM.</p> <p>If BLOCK contains C, validate FID TBE C is present on the service order floated behind line USOC associated with the TNS for that LNUM.</p> <p>If BLOCK contains H, validate FID BLKD is present on the service order floated behind line USOC associated with the TNS for that LNUM.</p>

**PO-20 (Expanded) – Manual Service Order Accuracy (continued)**

<b>Phase 4 – Date TBD</b>			
<b>LSR-Service Order Fields Evaluated</b>			
<b>Mechanized comparison of the fields from the Service Order to the LSR:</b>			
<b>Form</b>	<b>LSR Field Code</b>	<b>LSR Field Name</b>	<b>Remarks/Service Order Field:</b>
<b>LSR</b>	DFDT	Desired Frame Due Time	Applicable only to orders for Resale and UNE-P (POTS and Centrex 21) DFDT field on the LSR form compared to the FDT field in the Extended ID section of the Service Order.
	DDD	Desired Due Date	DDD field from the last FOC'd LSR compared to the original or last subsequent due date in the Extended ID section on the Service Order when no CFLAG/PIA is present on the FOC. (i.e. Evaluation includes recognition of valid differences between DDD and Service Order based on population of the CFLAG/PIA field on the LSRC (FOC))
<b>DL – Directory Listings form (Evaluated only for Local Main Listings)</b>	LTN	Listed Telephone Number	For Resale and UNE-P (POTS and Centrex 21): LTN field on the Listing form compared to the Main Account Number of the Service Order.  For Unbundled Loop: LTN field on the Listing form compared to the TN floated after the LN in the Listing section of the Service Order.
	LNPL	Letter Name Placement	LNPL field on the Listing form = L, validate that LN on the Service Order follows letter placement versus word placement.
<b>Resale or Centrex</b>	FEATURE DETAILS	Feature Details	If CLECs propose additional FIDs for review, Qwest will undertake a feasibility evaluation.
	BLOCK (Stage 2)	Blocking Type	If CLECs identify value in additional Blocking review, Qwest will undertake development. [Requirements to be developed]

## Ordering and Provisioning

### OP-2 – Calls Answered within Twenty Seconds – Interconnect Provisioning Center

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the timeliness of CLEC access to Qwest's interconnection provisioning center(s) and retail customer access to the Business Office, focusing on the extent calls are answered within 20 seconds.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the percentage of (Interconnection Provisioning Center or Retail Business Office) calls that are answered by an agent within 20 seconds of the first ring. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all calls to the Interconnect Provisioning Center/Retail Business Office during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below.</li> <li>• Abandoned calls and busy calls are counted as calls which are not answered within 20 seconds.</li> <li>• First ring is defined as when the customer's call is first placed in queue by the ACD (Automatic Call Distributor).</li> <li>• Answer is defined as when the call is first picked up by the Qwest agent.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate and Qwest Retail results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Region-wide level.
<b>Formula:</b> $[(\text{Total Calls Answered by Center within 20 seconds}) \div (\text{Total Calls received by Center})] \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> Time spent in the VRU Voice Response Unit is not counted.	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> Not applicable	<b>Standard:</b> Parity
<b>Availability:</b> <div style="text-align: center;">Available</div>	<b>Notes:</b>

## OP-3 – Installation Commitments Met

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the extent to which Qwest installs services for Customers by the scheduled due date.</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> Measures the percentage of orders for which the scheduled due date is met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All inward orders (Change, New, and Transfer order types) assigned a due date by Qwest and which are completed/closed during the reporting period are measured, subject to exclusions specified below. Change order types included in this measurement consist of all C orders representing <u>inward activity</u>. Also included are orders with customer-requested due dates longer than the standard interval.</li> <li>Completion date on or before the Applicable Due Date recorded by Qwest is counted as a met due date. The Applicable Due Date is the original due date or, if changed or delayed by the customer, the most recently revised due date, subject to the following: If Qwest changes a due date for Qwest reasons, the Applicable Due Date is the customer-initiated due date, if any, that is (a) subsequent to the original due date and (b) prior to a Qwest-initiated, changed due date, if any.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC and Qwest Retail results</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results for product/services listed in Product Reporting under "<u>MSA-Type Disaggregation</u>" will be reported according to orders involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OP-3A Dispatches within MSAs;</li> <li>OP-3B Dispatches outside MSAs; and</li> <li>OP-3C No dispatches.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Results for products/services listed in Product Reporting under "<u>Zone-type Disaggregation</u>" will be disaggregated according to installations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OP-3D In <u>Interval Zone 1</u> areas; and</li> <li>OP-3E In <u>Interval Zone 2</u> areas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Formula:</b>  <math display="block">\left[ \frac{\text{Total Orders completed in the reporting period on or before the Applicable Due Date}}{\text{Total Orders Completed in the Reporting Period}} \right] \times 100</math> </p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disconnect, From (another form of disconnect) and Record order types.</li> <li>Due dates missed for standard categories of customer and non-Qwest reasons. Standard categories of customer reasons are: previous service at the location did not have a customer-requested disconnect order issued, no access to customer premises, and customer hold for payment. Standard categories of non-Qwest reasons are: Weather, Disaster, and Work Stoppage.</li> <li>Records involving official company services.</li> <li>Records with invalid due dates or <u>application dates</u>.</li> <li>Records with invalid completion dates.</li> <li>Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	

### OP – 3 Installation Commitments Met (continued)

Product Reporting:	Standards:
<b>MSA-Type Disaggregation -</b>	
• Resale	
Residential single line service	Parity with retail service
Business single line service	Parity with retail service
Centrex	Parity with retail service
Centrex 21	Parity with retail service
DS0 (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
PBX Trunks (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Primary ISDN (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Basic ISDN (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Qwest DSL (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (POTS)	Parity with like retail service
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex 21 )	Parity with retail Centrex 21
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex )	Parity with retail Centrex
• Line Splitting	95%
• Loop Splitting <sup>NOTE 1</sup>	Diagnostic
• Line Sharing	95%
• Sub-Loop Unbundling	<b>CO: 90%</b> <b>All Other States: Diagnostic</b>
<b>Zone-Type Disaggregation -</b>	
• Resale	
Primary ISDN (designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Basic ISDN (designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
DS0 (designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
DS1	Parity with retail service
PBX Trunks (designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Qwest DSL (designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate)	Parity with retail service
Frame Relay	Parity with retail service
• LIS Trunks	Parity with Feature Group D (aggregate)
• Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)	
UDIT – DS1 level	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
UDIT – Above DS1 level	Parity with retail Private Lines above DS1 level
Dark Fiber – IOF	Diagnostic
• Unbundled Loops:	
Analog Loop	90%
Non-loaded Loop (2-wire)	90%
Non-loaded Loop (4-wire)	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
DS1-capable Loop	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
xDSL-I capable Loop	90%
ISDN-capable Loop	Parity with retail ISDN BRI
ADSL-qualified Loop	90%
Loop types of DS3 and higher bit-rates (aggregate)	Parity with retail DS3 and higher bit-rate Private Line services (aggregate)
Dark Fiber – Loop	Diagnostic
Loops with Conditioning	90%
• E911/911 Trunks	Parity with retail E911/911 Trunks

**OP – 3 Installation Commitments Met (continued)**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS0 level)</li> </ul>	<b>WA:</b> 90%
	<b>All Other States:</b> Diagnostic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS1 level)</li> </ul>	90%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS3 level)</li> </ul>	<b>WA:</b> 90%
	<b>All Other States:</b> Diagnostic
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> 1. Reporting will begin at the time CLECs order the product, in any quantity, for three consecutive months.

## OP-4 – Installation Interval

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the timeliness of Qwest's installation of services for customers, focusing on the average time to install service.</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> Measures the average interval (in <u>business days</u>)<sup>NOTE 1</sup> between the <u>application date</u> and the completion date for service orders accepted and implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all inward orders (Change, New, and Transfer order types) assigned a due date by Qwest and which are completed/closed during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below. Change order types for additional lines consist of all C orders representing <u>inward activity</u>.</li> <li>• Intervals for each measured event are counted in whole days: the application date is day zero (0); the day following the application date is day one (1).</li> <li>• The Applicable Due Date is the original due date or, if changed or delayed by the customer, the most recently revised due date, subject to the following: If Qwest changes a due date for Qwest reasons, the Applicable Due Date is the customer-initiated due date, if any, that is (a) subsequent to the original due date and (b) prior to a Qwest-initiated, changed due date, if any.<sup>NOTE 2</sup></li> <li>• Time intervals associated with customer-initiated due date changes or delays occurring after the Applicable Due Date, as applied in the formula below, are calculated by subtracting the latest Qwest-initiated due date, if any, following the Applicable Due Date, from the subsequent customer-initiated due date, if any.<sup>NOTE 2</sup></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Average Business Days</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC and Qwest Retail results</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results for product/services listed in Product Reporting under "<u>MSA-Type Disaggregation</u>" will be reported according to orders involving: OP-4A Dispatches within MSAs; OP-4B Dispatches outside MSAs; and OP-4C No dispatches.</li> <li>• Results for products/services listed in Product Reporting under "<u>Zone-type Disaggregation</u>" will be disaggregated according to installations: OP-4D In <u>Interval Zone 1</u> areas; and OP-4E In <u>Interval Zone 2</u> areas.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Formula:</b>  <math display="block">\Sigma[(\text{Order Completion Date}) - (\text{Order Application Date}) - (\text{Time interval between the Original Due Date and the Applicable Date}) - (\text{Time intervals associated with customer-initiated due date changes or delays occurring after the Applicable Due Date})] \div \text{Total Number of Orders Completed in the reporting period}</math> </p>	
<p><b>Explanation:</b> The average installation interval is derived by dividing the sum of installation intervals for all orders (in business days)<sup>NOTE 1</sup> by total number of service orders completed in the reporting period.</p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orders with customer requested due dates greater than the current standard interval.</li> <li>• Disconnect, From (another form of disconnect) and Record order types.</li> <li>• Records involving official company services.</li> <li>• Records with invalid due dates or application dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid completion dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	

## OP-4 – Installation Interval (continued)

Product Reporting:	Standards:
<b>MSA-Type Disaggregation -</b>	
• Resale	
Residential single line service	Parity with retail service
Business single line service	Parity with retail service
Centrex	Parity with retail service
Centrex 21	Parity with retail service
DS0 (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
PBX Trunks (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Primary ISDN (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Basic ISDN (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Qwest DSL (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (POTS)	Parity with like retail service
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex 21 )	Parity with retail Centrex 21
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex)	Parity with retail Centrex
• Line Splitting	3.3 days
• Loop Splitting <sup>NOTE 3</sup>	Diagnostic
• Line Sharing	3.3 days
• Sub-Loop Unbundling	CO: 6 days
	<b>All Other States: Diagnostic</b>
<b>Zone-Type Disaggregation -</b>	
• Resale	
Primary ISDN (designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Basic ISDN(designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
DS0 (designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
DS1	Parity with retail service
PBX Trunks (designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Qwest DSL (designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate)	Parity with retail service
Frame Relay	Parity with retail service
• LIS Trunks	Parity with Feature Group D (aggregate)
• Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)	
UDIT – DS1 level	Parity with DS1 Private Line Service
UDIT – Above DS1 level	Parity with Private Lines above DS1 level
Dark Fiber – IOF	Diagnostic
• Unbundled Loops:	
Analog Loop	6 days
Non-loaded Loop (2-wire)	6 days
Non-loaded Loop (4-wire)	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
DS1-capable Loop	<b>Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, Wyoming:</b> Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
	<b>Arizona, Colorado, Minnesota, New Mexico, South Dakota, Utah, Washington:</b> 5.5 days
xDSL-I capable Loop	6 days
ISDN-capable Loop	Parity with retail ISDN BRI
ADSL-qualified Loop	6 days
Loop types of DS3 and higher bit-rates (aggregate)	Parity with retail DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate)



## OP-4 – Installation Interval (continued)

Dark Fiber – Loop	Diagnostic
Loops with Conditioning	15 days
• E911/911 Trunks	Parity with retail E911/911 Trunks
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS0 level)	Diagnostic
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS1 level)	6 days
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS3 level)	Diagnostic
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For OP-4C, Saturday is counted as a business day for all orders for Resale Residence, Resale Business, and UNE-P (POTS), as well as for the retail analogues specified above as standards. For all other products under OP-4C and for all products under OP-4A, -4B, -4D, and -4E. Saturday is counted as a business day when the service order is due or completed on Saturday.</li> <li>2. According to this definition, the Applicable Due Date can change, per successive customer-initiated due date changes or delays, up to the point when a Qwest-initiated due date change occurs. At that point, the Applicable Due Date becomes fixed (i.e., with no further changes) as the date on which it was set prior to the first Qwest-initiated due date change, if any. Following the first Qwest-initiated due date change, any further customer-initiated due date changes or delays are measured as time intervals that are subtracted as indicated in the formula. These delay time intervals are calculated as stated in the description. (Though infrequent, in cases where multiple Qwest-initiated due date changes occur, the stated method for calculating delay intervals is applied to each pair of Qwest-initiated due date change and subsequent customer-initiated due date change or delay. The intervals thus calculated from each pairing of Qwest and customer-initiated due dates are summed and then subtracted as indicated in the formula.) The result of this approach is that Qwest-initiated impacts on intervals are counted in the reported interval, and customer-initiated impacts on intervals are not counted in the reported interval.</li> <li>3. Reporting will begin at the time CLECs order the product, in any quantity, for three consecutive months.</li> </ol>

## OP-5 – New Service Quality

### **Purpose:**

Evaluates the quality of ordering and installing new services (inward line service orders), focusing on the percentage of newly-installed service orders that are free of CLEC/customer-initiated trouble reports during the provisioning process and within 30 calendar days following installation completion, and focusing on the quality of Qwest's resolution of such conditions with respect to multiple reports.

### **Description:**

Measures two components of new service provisioning quality (OP-5A and -5B) and also reports a combined result (OP-5T), as described below, each as a percentage of all inward line service orders completed in the reporting period that are free of CLEC/customer-reported provisioning and repair trouble reports, as described below. Also measures the percentage of all provisioning and repair trouble reports that constitute multiple trouble reports for the affected service orders. (OP-5R)

- Orders for new services considered in calculating all components of this performance indicator are all inward line service orders completed in the reporting period, including Change (C-type) orders for additional lines/circuits, subject to exclusions shown below. Change order types considered in these measurements consist of all C orders representing inward activity.<sup>NOTE 1</sup>
- Orders for new service installations include conversions (Retail to CLEC, CLEC to CLEC, and same CLEC converting between products).
- Provisioning or repair trouble reports include both out of service and other service affecting conditions, such as features on a line that are missing or do not function properly upon conversion, subject to exclusions shown below.

### **OP-5A: New Service Installation Quality Reported to Repair**

- Measures the percentage of inward line service orders that are free of repair trouble reports<sup>NOTE 2</sup> within 30 calendar days of installation completion, subject to exclusions below.
- Repair trouble reports are defined as CLEC/customer notifications to Qwest of out-of-service and other service affecting conditions for which Qwest opens repair tickets in its maintenance and repair management and tracking systems<sup>NOTE 3</sup> that are closed in the reporting period or the following month,<sup>NOTE 4</sup> subject to exclusions shown below.<sup>NOTE 5</sup>
- Qwest is able to open repair tickets for repair trouble reports received from CLECs/customers once the service order is completed in Qwest's systems.

### **OP-5B: New Service Provisioning Quality**

- Measures the percentage of inward line service orders that are free of provisioning trouble reports during the provisioning process and within 30 calendar days of installation completion, subject to exclusions shown below.
- Provisioning trouble reports are defined as CLEC notifications to Qwest of out of service or other service affecting conditions that are attributable to provisioning activities, including but not limited to LSR/service order mismatches and conversion outages. For provisioning trouble reports, Qwest creates call center tickets in its call center database. Subject to exclusions shown below, call center tickets closed in the reporting period or the following month<sup>NOTE 4</sup> are captured in this measurement. Call center tickets closed to Network reasons will not be counted in OP-5B when a repair trouble report for that order is captured in OP-5A.<sup>NOTE 5, 6</sup>

### **OP-5T: New Service Installation Quality Total**

- Measures the percentage of inward line service orders that are free of repair or provisioning trouble reports during the provisioning process and within 30 calendar days of installation completion, subject to exclusion shown below.

### **OP-5R: New Service Quality Multiple Report Rate**

- Evaluates the quality of Qwest's responses to repair and provisioning trouble reports for inward line service orders completed in the reporting period. This measurement reports, for those service orders that were *not* free of repair or provisioning trouble reports in OP-5A or OP-5B, the percentage of trouble reports affecting the same service orders that were followed by additional repair and provisioning trouble reports, as specified below.
- Measures the percentage of all repair and provisioning trouble reports considered in OP-5A and OP-5B that are additional repair or provisioning trouble reports received by Qwest for the same service order during the provisioning process or within 30 calendar days following installation

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<p>completion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional repair or provisioning trouble reports are defined as all such reports that are received following the first report (whether the first report is represented by a call center ticket or a repair ticket) relating to the same service order during the provisioning process or within 30 calendar days following installation completion. In all cases, the trouble reports counted are those that are defined for OP-5A and OP-5B above. <sup>NOTE 7</sup></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month, reported in arrears (i.e., results first appear in reports one month later than results for measurements that are not reported in arrears), in order to cover the 30-day period following installation.</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC and Qwest Retail results</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level</p>
<p><b>Formulas:</b></p> <p><b>OP-5A</b> = (Number inward line service orders completed in the reporting period – Number of inward line service orders with any <u>repair trouble reports</u> as specified above) ÷ (Number of inward line service orders completed in the reporting period) x 100</p> <p><b>OP-5B</b> = (Number of inward line service orders completed in the reporting period – Number of inward line service orders with any <u>provisioning trouble reports</u> as specified above) ÷ (Number of inward line service orders completed in the reporting period) x 100</p> <p><b>OP-5T</b> = ((Number of inward line service orders completed in the reporting period] – Number of inward line service orders with <u>repair or provisioning trouble reports</u> as defined above under OP-5A or OP-5B, as applicable) ÷ (Number of inward line service orders completed in the reporting period) x 100</p> <p><b>OP-5R</b> = (Number of all repair and provisioning trouble reports, relating to inward line service orders closed in the reporting period as defined above under OP-5A or OP-5B, that constitute additional repair and provisioning trouble reports, within 30 calendar days following the installation date ÷ Number of all repair and provisioning trouble reports relating to inward line service orders closed In the reporting period, as defined above under OP-5A or OP-5B) x 100</p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <p><u>Applicable to OP-5A, OP-5T and OP-5R:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair trouble reports attributable to CLEC or coded to non-Qwest reasons as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For products measured from MTAS data, repair trouble reports coded to disposition codes for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customer Action; Non-Telco Plant; Trouble Beyond the Network Interface; and Miscellaneous – Non-Dispatch, non-Qwest (includes CPE, Customer Instruction, Carrier, Alternate Provider); and Reports from other than the CLEC/customer that result in a charge if dispatched.</li> </ul> </li> <li>For products measured from WFA (Workforce Administration) data, repair reports coded to codes for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carrier Action (IEC); Customer Provided Equipment (CPE); Commercial power failure; Customer requested service order activity; and Other non-Qwest.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Repair reports coded to disposition codes for referral to another department (i.e., for non-repair ticket resolutions of non-installation-related problems, except cable cuts, which are not excluded).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Applicable to OP-5B, OP-5T and OP-5R only:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provisioning trouble reports attributable to CLEC or non-Qwest causes.</li> <li>Call center tickets relating to activities that occur as part of the normal process of conversion (i.e., while Qwest is actively and properly engaged in process of converting or installing the service). Provisioning trouble reports involving service orders that, at the time of the calls, have fallen out for manual handling and been disassociated from the related service order, as applicable, will be considered as not in the normal process of conversion and will not be excluded.</li> </ul> <p><u>Applicable to OP-5A, OP-5B, OP-5T and OP-5R:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair or provisioning trouble reports related to service orders captured as misses under measurements OP-13 (Coordinated Cuts Timeliness) or OP-17 (LNP Timeliness).</li> <li>Subsequent repair or provisioning trouble reports of any trouble on the installed service before the original repair or provisioning trouble report is closed.</li> <li>Service orders closed in the reporting period with App Dates earlier than eight months prior to the</li> </ul>	

## OP- 5 – New Service Quality (continued)

beginning of the reporting period.

- Information tickets generated for internal Qwest system/network monitoring purposes.
- Disconnect, From (another form of disconnect) and Record order types. When out of service or service affecting problems are reported to the call center on conversion and move requests, the resulting call center ticket will be included in the calculation of the numerator in association with the related inward order type even when the call center ticket reflects the problem was caused by the Disconnect or From order.
- Records involving official Qwest company services.

Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement as defined herein.

### Product Reporting Categories:

- As specified below – one percentage result reported for each bulleted category under the sub-measurements shown.

### Standards:

- OP-5A:** Parity with retail service
- OP-5B:** Diagnostic for six months following first reporting. After six months Benchmark (TBD)
- OP-5T:** Diagnostic
- OP-5R:** Diagnostic for six months following first reporting. Possible standard (TBD)

(Where parity comparisons involve multiple service varieties in a product category, weighting based on the retail analogue volumes may be used if necessary to create a comparison that is not affected by different proportions of wholesale and retail analogue volumes in the same reporting category.)

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Product Reporting:		Standards:		
<b>Reported under OP-5A, OP-5B, OP-5T and OP-5R:</b> (Product categories may be combined as agreed upon by the parties in Long-Term PID Administration.)				
		<u>OP-5A</u>	<u>OP-5B</u>	<u>OP-5T &amp; OP-5R</u>
Resale				
	Residential single line service	Parity with retail service	96.5%	Diagnostic
	Business single line service	Parity with retail service	96.5%	Diagnostic
	Centrex	Parity with retail service	96.5%	Diagnostic
	Centrex 21	Parity with retail service	96.5%	Diagnostic
	PBX Trunks	Parity with retail service	96.5%	Diagnostic
	Basic ISDN	Parity with retail service	96.5%	Diagnostic
	Qwest DSL	Parity with retail service	96.5%	Diagnostic
	Primary ISDN	Parity with retail service	96.5%	Diagnostic
	DS0	Parity with retail service	96.5%	Diagnostic
	DS1	Parity with retail service	96.5%	Diagnostic
	DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate)	Parity with retail service	96.5%	Diagnostic
	Frame Relay	Parity with retail service	Diagnostic	Diagnostic
	• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (POTS)	Parity with like retail service	96.5%	Diagnostic
	• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex 21 )	Parity with retail Centrex 21	96.5%	Diagnostic
	• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex)	Parity with retail Centrex	96.5%	Diagnostic
	Line Splitting	Parity with retail Qwest DSL	96.5%	Diagnostic
	Loop Splitting <sup>NOTE 8</sup>	Diagnostic	Diagnostic	Diagnostic
	Line Sharing	Parity with retail RES & BUS POTS	96.5%	Diagnostic
	Sub-Loop Unbundling	Diagnostic	Diagnostic	Diagnostic
Unbundled Loops:				
	Analog Loop	Parity with retail Res & Bus POTS with dispatch	96.5%	Diagnostic
	Non-loaded Loop (2-wire)	Parity with retail ISDN BRI	96.5%	Diagnostic
	Non-loaded Loop (4-wire)	Parity with retail DS1	96.5%	Diagnostic
	DS1-capable Loop	Parity with retail DS1	96.5%	Diagnostic
	xDSL-I capable Loop	Parity with retail Qwest DSL	96.5%	Diagnostic
	ISDN-capable Loop	Parity with retail ISDN BRI	96.5%	Diagnostic
	ADSL-qualified Loop	Parity with retail Qwest DSL with dispatch	96.5%	Diagnostic
	Loop types of DS3 and higher bit-rates (aggregate)	Parity with retail DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate)	96.5%	Diagnostic
	Dark Fiber - Loop	Diagnostic	Diagnostic	Diagnostic

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• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS0 level)	Diagnostic until volume criteria are met	96.5%	Diagnostic
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS1 level)	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line	96.5%	Diagnostic
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (above DS1 level)	Diagnostic until volume criteria are met	96.5%	Diagnostic
<b>Reported under OP-5A and under OP-5R (per OP-5A specifications):</b>			
	<b>OP-5A</b>	<b>OP-5R</b>	
• LIS Trunks	Parity with Feature Group D (aggregate)	Diagnostic	
<b>Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)</b>			
UDIT (DS1 Level )	Parity with Retail Private Lines (DS1)	Diagnostic	
UDIT (Above DS1 Level)	Parity with Retail Private Lines (Above DS1 level)	Diagnostic	
Dark Fiber - IOF	Diagnostic	Diagnostic	
• E911/911 Trunks	Parity with Retail E911/911 Trunks	Diagnostic	
<b>Availability:</b>  Available	<b>Notes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The specified Change order types representing inward activity exclude Change orders that do not involve installation of lines (in both wholesale and retail results). Specifically this measurement does not include changes to existing lines, such as number changes and PIC changes.</li> <li>2. Including consideration of repeat repair trouble reports (i.e., additional reports of trouble related to the same newly-installed line/circuit that are received after the preceding repair report is closed and within 30 days following installation completion) to complete the determination of whether the newly-installed line/circuit was trouble free within 30 days of installation.</li> <li>3. Qwest's repair management and tracking systems consist of WFA (Work Force Administration), MTAS (Maintenance Tracking and Administration System), and successor repair systems, if any, as applicable to obtain the repair report data for this measurement. Not included are Call Center Database systems supporting call centers in logging calls from customers regarding problems or other inquiries (see OP-5B and OP-5T).</li> <li>4. The "following month" includes also the period of a few <u>business days</u> (typically four or five) afterward, up to the time when Qwest pulls the repair data to begin processing results for this measurement.</li> <li>5. Includes repair and provisioning trouble reports generated by new processes that supersede or supplement existing processes for submitting repair and provisioning trouble reports as specified in Qwest's documented or agreed upon procedures.</li> <li>6. For purposes of calculating OP-5B, a call center ticket for multiple orders with provisioning trouble reports will result in all orders reporting trouble counting as a miss in OP-5B. If a repair trouble report(s) is received for the same orders, the number of orders counted as a miss in OP-5B for Network reasons will be reduced by the number of orders with repair troubles counted as a miss in OP-5A.</li> <li>7. OP-5R will be counted on a per ticket basis.</li> <li>8. Reporting will begin at the time CLECs order the product, in any quantity, for three consecutive months.</li> </ol>		

## OP-6 – Delayed Days

### Purpose:

Evaluates the extent Qwest is late in installing services for customers, focusing on the average number of days that late orders are completed beyond the committed due date.

### Description:

OP-6A – Measures the average number of business days<sup>NOTE 1</sup> that service is delayed beyond the Applicable Due Date for non-facility reasons attributed to Qwest.

- Includes all inward orders (Change, New, and Transfer order types) that are completed/closed during the reporting period, later, due to non-facility reasons, than the Applicable Due Date recorded by Qwest, subject to exclusions specified below.

OP-6B – Measures the average number of business days<sup>NOTE 1</sup> that service is delayed beyond the Applicable Due Date for facility reasons attributed to Qwest.

- Includes all inward orders (Change, New, and Transfer order types) that are completed/closed during the reporting period later due to facility reasons than the original due date recorded by Qwest, subject to exclusions specified below.

### For both OP-6A and OP-6B:

- Change order types for additional lines consist of “C” orders representing inward activity.
- The Applicable Due Date is the original due date or, if changed or delayed by the customer, the most recently revised due date, subject to the following: If Qwest changes a due date for Qwest reasons, the Applicable Due Date is the customer-initiated due date, if any, that is (a) subsequent to the original due date and (b) prior to a Qwest-initiated, changed due date, if any.<sup>NOTE 2</sup>
- Time intervals associated with customer-initiated due date changes or delays occurring after the Applicable Due Date, as applied in the formula below, are calculated by subtracting the latest Qwest-initiated due date, if any, following the Applicable Due Date, from the subsequent customer-initiated due date, if any.<sup>NOTE 2</sup>

**Reporting Period:** One month

**Unit of Measure:** Average Business Days

### Reporting

**Comparisons:**  
CLEC aggregate,  
individual CLEC  
and Qwest Retail  
results

### Disaggregation Reporting: Statewide level.

- Results for products/services listed under Product Reporting under “MSA-type Disaggregation” will be reported for OP-6A and OP-6B according to orders involving:
  1. Dispatches within MSAs;
  2. Dispatches outside MSAs; and
  3. No dispatches.
- Results for products/services listed in Product Reporting under “Zone-type Disaggregation” will be disaggregated according to installations:
  4. In Interval Zone 1 areas; and
  5. In Interval Zone 2 areas.

### Formula:

OP-6A =  $\frac{\sum[(\text{Actual Completion Date of late order for non-facility reasons}) - (\text{Applicable Due Date of late order}) - (\text{Time intervals associated with customer-initiated due date changes or delays occurring after the Applicable Due Date})]}{(\text{Total Number of Late Orders for non-facility reasons completed in the reporting period})}$

OP-6B =  $\frac{\sum[(\text{Actual Completion Date of late order for facility reasons}) - (\text{Applicable Due Date of late order}) - (\text{Time intervals associated with customer-initiated due date changes or delays occurring after the Applicable Due Date})]}{(\text{Total Number of Late Orders for facility reasons completed in the reporting period})}$

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<b>Exclusions:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orders affected only by delays that are solely for customer and/or CLEC reasons.</li> <li>• Disconnect, From (another form of disconnect) and Record order types.</li> <li>• Records involving official company services.</li> <li>• Records with invalid due dates or <u>application dates</u>.</li> <li>• Records with invalid completion dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b>	<b>Standards:</b>
<b>MSA-Type Disaggregation -</b>	
• Resale	
Residential single line service	Parity with retail service
Business single line service	Parity with retail service
Centrex	Parity with retail service
Centrex 21	Parity with retail service
DS0 (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
PBX Trunks (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Primary ISDN (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Basic ISDN (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Qwest DSL (non-designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (POTS)	Parity with like retail service
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex 21)	Parity with retail Centrex 21
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex)	Parity with retail Centrex
• Line Splitting	Parity with retail Qwest DSL
• Loop Splitting <sup>NOTE 3</sup>	Diagnostic
• Line Sharing	Parity with retail Qwest DSL
• Sub-Loop Unbundling	Diagnostic
<b>Zone-type Disaggregation -</b>	
• Resale	
Primary ISDN (designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Basic ISDN (designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
DS0 (designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
DS1	Parity with retail service
PBX Trunks (designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
Qwest DSL (designed provisioning)	Parity with retail service
DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate)	Parity with retail service
Frame Relay	Parity with retail service
• LIS Trunks	Parity with Feature Group D (aggregate)
• Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)	
UDIT – DS1 level	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line- Service
UDIT – Above DS1 level	Parity with retail Private Line- Services above DS1 level
Dark Fiber – IOF	Diagnostic
• Unbundled Loops:	
Analog Loop	Parity with retail Res and Bus POTS with dispatch
Non-loaded Loop (2-wire)	Parity with retail ISDN BRI
Non-loaded Loop (4-wire)	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
DS1-capable Loop	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
xDSL-I capable Loop	Parity with retail Qwest DSL, with dispatch
ISDN-capable Loop	Parity with retail ISDN BRI
ADSL-qualified Loop	Parity with retail Qwest DSL, with dispatch



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Loop types of DS3 and higher bit-rates (aggregate)	Parity with retail DS3 and higher bit-rate Private Line services (aggregate)
Dark Fiber – Loop	Diagnostic
• E911/911 Trunks	Parity with retail E911/911 Trunks
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS0 level)	Diagnostic
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS1 level)	OP-6A: Parity with retail DS1 Private Line OP-6B: Diagnostic
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS3 level)	Diagnostic
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For OP-6A-3 and OP-6B-3, Saturday is counted as a business day for all orders for Resale Residence, Resale Business, and UNE-P (POTS), as well as for the retail analogues specified above as standards. For all other products under OP-6A-3 and OP-6B-3, and for all products under OP-6A-1, -6A-2, -6A-4, -6A-5, -6B-1, -6B-2, -6B-4, and -6B-5, Saturday is counted as a business day when the service order is due or completed on Saturday.</li> <li>2. According to this definition, the Applicable Due Date can change, per successive customer-initiated due date changes or delays, up to the point when a Qwest-initiated due date change occurs. At that point, the Applicable Due Date becomes fixed (i.e., with no further changes) as the date on which it was set prior to the first Qwest-initiated due date change, if any. Following the first Qwest-initiated due date change, any further customer-initiated due date changes or delays are measured as time intervals that are subtracted as indicated in the formula. These delay time intervals are calculated as stated in the description. (Though infrequent, in cases where multiple Qwest-initiated due date changes occur, the stated method for calculating delay intervals is applied to each pair of Qwest-initiated due date change and subsequent customer-initiated due date change or delay. The intervals thus calculated from each pairing of Qwest and customer-initiated due dates are summed and then subtracted as indicated in the formula.) The result of this approach is that Qwest-initiated impacts on intervals are counted in the reported interval, and customer-initiated impacts on intervals are not counted in the reported interval.</li> <li>3. Reporting will begin at the time CLECs order the product, in any quantity, for three consecutive months.</li> </ol>

## OP-7 – Coordinated “Hot Cut” Interval – Unbundled Loop

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the duration of completing coordinated “hot cuts” of unbundled loops, focusing on the time actually involved in disconnecting the loop from the Qwest network and connecting/testing the loop.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the average time to complete coordinated “hot cuts” for unbundled loops, based on intervals beginning with the “lift” time and ending with the completion time of Qwest’s applicable tests for the loop. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all coordinated hot cuts of unbundled loops that are completed/closed during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below.</li> <li>• “Hot cut” refers to moving the service of existing customers from Qwest’s switch/frames to the CLEC’s equipment, via unbundled loops, that will serve the customers.</li> <li>• “Lift” time is defined as when Qwest disconnects the existing loop.</li> <li>• “Completion time” is defined as when Qwest completes the applicable tests after connecting the loop to the CLEC.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Hours and Minutes
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate and individual CLEC results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.
<b>Formula:</b> $\frac{\sum[\text{Completion time} - \text{Lift time}]}{\text{(Total Number of unbundled loops with coordinated cutovers completed in the reporting period)}}$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time intervals associated with CLEC-caused delays.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> <li>• Invalid start/stop dates/times or invalid scheduled date/times.</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> Coordinated Unbundled Loops – Reported separately for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analog Loops</li> <li>• All other Loop Types</li> </ul>	<b>Standard:</b> <b>CO:</b> 1 hour <b>All Other States:</b> Diagnostic in light of OP-13 (Coordinated Cuts On Time)
<b>Availability:</b> <p style="text-align: center;">Available</p>	<b>Notes:</b>

## OP-8 – Number Portability Timeliness

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the timeliness of cutovers of local number portability (LNP).	
<b>Description:</b> OP-8B – LNP Timeliness with Loop Coordination (percent): Measures the percentage of coordinated LNP triggers set prior to the scheduled start time for the loop. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All orders for LNP coordinated with unbundled loops that are completed/closed during the reporting period are measured, subject to exclusions specified below.</li> </ul> OP-8C – LNP Timeliness without Loop Coordination (percent): Measures the percentage of LNP triggers set prior to the Frame Due Time or scheduled start time for the LNP cutover as applicable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All orders for LNP for which coordination with a loop was not requested that are completed/closed during the reporting period are measured (including standalone LNP coordinated with other than Qwest-provided Unbundled Loops and non-coordinated, standalone LNP), subject to exclusions specified below.</li> <li>For purposes of these measurements (OP-8B and -8C), “trigger” refers to the “10-digit unconditional trigger” or Line Side Attribute (LSA) that is set or translated by Qwest.</li> <li>“Scheduled start time” is defined as the confirmed appointment time (as stated on the FOC), or a newly negotiated time. In the case of LNP cutovers coordinated with loops, the scheduled time used in this measurement will be no later than the “lay” time for the loop.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent of triggers set on time
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate and individual CLEC results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.
<b>Formula:</b> OP-8B = $[(\text{Number of LNP triggers set before the scheduled time for the coordinated loop cutover}) \div (\text{Total Number of LNP activations coordinated with unbundled loops completed})] \times 100$  OP-8C = $[(\text{Number of LNP triggers set before the Frame Due Time or Scheduled Start Time}) \div (\text{Total Number of LNP activations without loop cutovers completed})] \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CLEC-caused delays in trigger setting.</li> <li>LNP requests that do not involve automatic triggers (e.g., DID lines without separate, unique telephone numbers and Centrex 21).</li> <li>LNP requests for which the records used as sources of data for these measurements have the following types of errors:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Records with no PON (purchase order number) or STATE.</li> <li>Records where triggers cannot be set due to switch capabilities.</li> <li>Records with invalid due dates, <u>application dates</u>, or start dates.</li> <li>Records with invalid completion dates.</li> <li>Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> <li>Invalid start/stop dates/times or invalid frame due or scheduled date/times.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standard:</b> 95%
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b>

## OP-13 – Coordinated Cuts On Time – Unbundled Loop

### Purpose:

Evaluates the percentage of coordinated cuts of unbundled loops that are completed on time, focusing on cuts completed within one hour of the committed order due time and the percent that were started without CLEC approval.

### Description:

- Includes all LSRs for coordinated cuts of unbundled loops that are completed/closed during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below.
- OP-13A – Measures the percentage of LSRs (CLEC orders) for all coordinated cuts of unbundled loops that are started and completed on time. For coordinated loop cuts to be counted as “on time” in this measurement, the CLEC must agree to the start time, and Qwest must (1) receive verbal CLEC approval before starting the cut or lifting the loop, (2) complete the physical work and appropriate tests, (3) complete the Qwest portion of any associated LNP orders and (4) call the CLEC with completion information, all within one hour of the time interval defined by the committed order due time.
- OP-13B – Measures the percentage of all LSRs for coordinated cuts of unbundled loops that are actually started without CLEC approval.
- “Scheduled start time” is defined as the confirmed appointment time (as stated on the FOC), or a newly negotiated appointment time.
- The “committed order due time” is based on the number and type of loops involved in the cut and is calculated by adding the applicable time interval from the following list to the scheduled start time:
  - Analog unbundled loops:
    - 1 to 16 lines: 1 Hour
    - 17 to 24 lines: 2 Hours
    - 25+ lines: Project\*
  - All other unbundled loops:
    - 1 to 5 lines: 1 Hour
    - 6 to 8 lines: 2 Hours
    - 9 to 11 lines: 3 Hours
    - 12 to 24 lines: 4 Hours
    - 25+ lines: Project\*
- \*For Projects scheduled due dates and scheduled start times will be negotiated between CLEC and Qwest, but no committed order due time is established. Therefore, projects are not included in OP-13A (see exclusion below).
- “Stop” time is defined as when Qwest notifies the CLEC that the Qwest physical work and the appropriate tests have been successfully accomplished, including the Qwest portion of any coordinated LNP orders.
- Time intervals following the scheduled start time or during the cutover process associated with customer-caused delays are subtracted from the actual cutover duration.
- Where Qwest’s records of completed coordinated cut transactions are missing evidence of CLEC approval of the cutover, the cut will be counted as a miss under both OP-13A and OP-13B.

**Reporting Period:** One month

**Unit of Measure:** Percent

**Reporting Comparisons:** CLEC aggregate and individual CLEC results

**Disaggregation Reporting:** Statewide level.  
Results for this measurement will be reported according to:  
OP-13A Cuts Completed On Time  
OP-13B Cuts Started Without CLEC Approval

## OP-13 – Coordinated Cuts On Time – Unbundled Loop (continued)

<p><b>Formula:</b></p> <p>OP-13A = <math>\left[ \frac{\text{Count of LSRs for Coordinated Unbundled Loop cuts completed "On Time"}}{\text{Total Number of LSRs for Coordinated Unbundled Loop Cuts completed in the reporting period}} \right] \times 100</math></p> <p>OP-13B = <math>\left[ \frac{\text{Count of LSRs for Coordinated Unbundled Loop cuts whose actual start time occurs without CLEC approval}}{\text{Total Number of LSRs for Coordinated Unbundled Loop Cuts completed in the reporting period}} \right] \times 100</math></p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <p>Applicable to OP-13A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loop cuts that involve CLEC-requested non-standard methodologies, processes, or timelines.</li> </ul> <p>OP-13A &amp; OP-13B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records with invalid completion dates.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID which are not otherwise designated to be "counted as a miss".</li> <li>• Invalid start/stop dates/times or invalid scheduled date/times.</li> <li>• Projects involving 25 or more lines.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Product Reporting:</b> Coordinated Unbundled Loops – Reported separately for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analog Loops</li> <li>• All Other Loops</li> </ul>	<p><b>Standards:</b></p> <p><b>OP-13A:</b></p> <p><b>AZ:</b> 90 Percent or more</p> <p><b>All Other States:</b> 95 Percent or more</p> <p><b>OP-13B:</b> Diagnostic</p>
<p><b>Availability:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Available</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p>

## OP-15 – Interval for Pending Orders Delayed Past Due Date

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the extent to which Qwest's pending orders are late, focusing on the average number of days the pending orders are delayed past the Applicable Due Date, as of the end of the reporting period.</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> OP-15A – Measures the average number of <u>business days</u> that pending orders are delayed beyond the Applicable Due Date for reasons attributed to Qwest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Includes all pending inward orders (Change, New, and Transfer order types) for which the Applicable Due Date recorded by Qwest has been missed, subject to exclusions specified below. Change order types included in this measurement consist of all "C" orders representing <u>inward activity</u>.</li> <li>▪ The Applicable Due Date is the original due date or, if changed or delayed by the customer, the most recently revised due date, subject to the following: If Qwest changes a due date for Qwest reasons, the Applicable Due Date is the customer-initiated due date, if any, that is (a) subsequent to the original due date and (b) prior to a Qwest-initiated, changed due date, if any. <sup>NOTE 1</sup></li> <li>▪ Time intervals associated with customer-initiated due date changes or delays occurring after the Applicable Due Date, as applied in the formula below, are calculated by subtracting the latest Qwest-initiated due date, if any, following the Applicable Due Date, from the subsequent customer-initiated due date, if any. <sup>NOTE 1</sup></li> </ul> <p>OP-15B – Reports the number of pending orders measured in the numerator of OP-15A that were delayed for Qwest facility reasons.</p>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> OP-15A – Average Business Days <sup>NOTE 2</sup> OP-15B – Number of orders pending facilities</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC, Qwest retail</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide</p>
<p><b>Formula:</b> OP-15A = <math>\frac{\sum[(\text{Last Day of Reporting Period}) - (\text{Applicable Due Date of Late Pending Order}) - (\text{Time intervals associated with customer-initiated due date changes or delays occurring after the Applicable Due Date})]}{(\text{Total Number of Pending Orders Delayed for Qwest reasons as of the last day of Reporting Period})}</math></p> <p>OP-15B = Count of pending orders measured in numerator of OP-15A that were delayed for Qwest facility reasons</p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disconnect, From (another form of disconnect) and Record order types.</li> <li>• Records involving official company services.</li> <li>• Records with invalid due dates or <u>application dates</u>.</li> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	

## OP-15 – Interval for Pending Orders Delayed Past Due Date (continued)

Product Reporting:	Standards: OP-15B = diagnostic only For OP-15A:
• Resale	
Residential single line service	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail service)
Business single line service	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail service)
Centrex	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail service)
Centrex 21	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail service)
PBX Trunk	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail service)
Basic ISDN	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail service)
Qwest DSL	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail service)
Primary ISDN	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail service)
DS0	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail service)
DS1	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail service)
DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate)	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail service)
Frame Relay	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail service)
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (POTS)	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail service)
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex 21 )	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail Centrex 21)
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex )	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail Centrex)
• Line Splitting	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail Qwest DSL)
• Loop Splitting <sup>NOTE 3</sup>	Diagnostic
• Line Sharing	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail Qwest DSL)
• Sub-Loop Unbundling	Diagnostic
• LIS Trunks	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with Feature Group D (aggregate)) (separately reported)
• Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)	
UDIT – DS1 level	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with DS1 Private Line- Service)
UDIT – Above DS1 level	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with Private Line- Services above DS1 level)
Dark Fiber – IOF	Diagnostic
• Unbundled Loops:	
Analog Loop	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail Res and Bus POTS with dispatch)
Non-loaded Loop (2-wire)	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail ISDN BRI)
Non-loaded Loop (4-wire)	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail DS1)
DS1-capable Loop	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail DS1)
ISDN-capable Loop	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with ISDN-BRI)
ADSL-qualified Loop	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail Qwest DSL with dispatch)
Loop types of DS3 or higher bit rate (aggregate)	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate))
Dark Fiber – Loop	Diagnostic
• E911/911 Trunks	Diagnostic (Expectation: Parity with retail E911/911 Trunks)
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs)	Diagnostic

**OP-15 – Interval for Pending Orders Delayed Past Due Date (continued)**

<p><b>Availability:</b> Available</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. According to this definition, the Applicable Due Date can change, per successive customer-initiated due date changes or delays, up to the point when a Qwest-initiated due date change occurs. At that point, the Applicable Due Date becomes fixed (i.e., with no further changes) as the date on which it was set prior to the first Qwest-initiated due date change, if any. Following the first Qwest-initiated due date change, any further customer-initiated due date changes or delays are measured as time intervals that are subtracted as indicated in the formula. These delay time intervals are calculated as stated in the description. (Though infrequent, in cases where multiple Qwest-initiated due date changes occur, the stated method for calculating delay intervals is applied to each pair of Qwest-initiated due date change and subsequent customer-initiated due date change or delay. The intervals thus calculated from each pairing of Qwest and customer-initiated due dates are summed and then subtracted as indicated in the formula.) The result of this approach is that Qwest-initiated impacts on intervals are counted in the reported interval, and customer-initiated impacts on intervals are not counted in the reported interval.</li><li>2. For OP-15A, Saturday is counted as a business day for all non-dispatched orders for Resale Residence, Resale Business, and UNE-P (POTS), as well as for non-dispatched orders in the retail analogues specified above as standards. For all other non-dispatched products and for all dispatched products under OP-15A, Saturday is not counted as a business day.</li><li>3. Reporting will begin at the time CLECs order the product, in any quantity, for three consecutive months.</li></ol>
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## OP-17 – Timeliness of Disconnects associated with LNP Orders

**Purpose:**

Evaluates the quality of Qwest completing LNP telephone number porting, focusing on the degree to which porting occurs without implementing associated disconnects before the scheduled time/date.

**Description:**

**OP-17A**

- Measures the percentage of all LNP telephone numbers (TNs), both stand alone and associated with loops, that are ported without the incidence of disconnects being made by Qwest before the scheduled time/date, as identified by associated qualifying trouble reports.
  - Focuses on disconnects associated with timely CLEC requests for delaying the disconnects or no requests for delays.
  - The scheduled time/date is defined as 11:59 p.m. on (1) the due date of the LNP order recorded by Qwest or (2) the delayed disconnect date requested by the CLEC, where the CLEC submits a timely request for delay of disconnection.
  - A CLEC request for delay of disconnection is considered timely if received by Qwest before 8:00 p.m. MT on the current due date of the LNP order recorded by Qwest.

**OP-17B**

- Measures the percentage of all LNP telephone numbers (TNs), both stand alone and associated with loops, that are ported without the incidence of disconnects being made by Qwest before the scheduled time/date, as identified by associated qualifying trouble reports.
  - Includes only disconnects associated with untimely CLEC requests for delaying the disconnects.
  - A CLEC request for delay of disconnection is considered "untimely" if received by Qwest after 8:00 p.m. MT on the current due date of the LNP order recorded by Qwest and before 12:00 p.m. MT (noon) on the day after the current due date.
- Disconnects are defined as the removal of switch translations, including the 10-digit trigger.
- Disconnects that are implemented early, and thus counted as a "miss" under this measurement, are those that the CLEC identifies as such to Qwest via trouble reports, within four calendar days of the actual disconnect date, that are confirmed to be caused by disconnects being made before the scheduled time.
- Includes all CLEC orders for LNP TNs completed in the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below.

<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC Aggregate and Individual CLEC	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide
<p><b>Formula:</b>                  [(Total number of LNP TNs ported pursuant to orders completed in the reporting period – Number of TNs with qualifying trouble reports notifying Qwest that disconnection before the scheduled time has occurred) ÷ Total Number of LNP TNs ported pursuant to orders completed in the reporting period] x 100</p>	

**OP-17 – Timeliness of Disconnects associated with LNP Orders (continued)**

<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <p><b>OP-17A only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trouble reports notifying Qwest of early disconnects associated with situations for which the CLEC has failed to submit timely requests to have disconnects held for later implementation.</li> </ul> <p><b>OP-17A &amp; B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trouble reports not related to valid requests (LSRs) for LNP and associated disconnects.</li> <li>• LNP requests that do not involve automatic triggers (e.g., DID lines without separate, unique TNs, and Centrex 21).</li> <li>• Records with invalid trouble receipt dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid cleared, closed or due dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul> <p><b>OP-17B only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trouble reports notifying Qwest of early disconnects associated with situations for which the CLEC did not submit its untimely requests by 12:00 p.m. MT (noon) on the day after the LNP due date to have disconnects held for later implementation.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Product Reporting:</b> LNP</p>	<p><b>Standards:</b>                  OP-17A – 98.25%                  OP-17B – Diagnostic only, in light of its measuring only requests for delay of disconnect that are defined as untimely.</p>
<p><b>Availability:</b>                  Available</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p>

## Maintenance and Repair

### MR-2 – Calls Answered within 20 Seconds – Interconnect Repair Center

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates Customer access to Qwest's Interconnection and/or Retail Repair Center(s), focusing on the number of calls answered within 20 seconds.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the percentage of Interconnection and/or Retail Repair Center calls answered within 20 seconds of the first ring. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all calls to the Interconnect Repair Center during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below.</li> <li>• First ring is defined as when the customer's call is first placed in queue by the ACD (Automatic Call Distributor).</li> <li>• Answer is defined as when the call is first picked up by the Qwest agent.</li> <li>• Abandoned calls and busy calls are counted as calls which are not answered within 20 seconds.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate and Qwest Retail levels.	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Region-wide level.
<b>Formula:</b> $[(\text{Total Calls Answered by Center within 20 seconds}) \div (\text{Total Calls received by Center})] \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> Time spent in the VRU (Voice Response Unit) is not counted.	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standard:</b> Parity
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b>

### MR-3 – Out of Service Cleared within 24 Hours

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates timeliness of repair for specified services, focusing on trouble reports where the out-of-service trouble reports were cleared within the standard estimate for specified services (i.e., 24 hours for out-of-service conditions).</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> Measures the percentage of out of service trouble reports, involving specified services, that are cleared within 24 hours of receipt of trouble reports from CLECs or from retail customers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all trouble reports, closed during the reporting period, which involve a specified service that is out-of-service (i.e., unable to place or receive calls), subject to exclusions specified below.</li> <li>• Time measured is from date and time that Qwest is first notified of the trouble by CLEC to date and time trouble is cleared.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC and Qwest Retail results</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results for product/services listed in Product Reporting under “<u>MSA-Type Disaggregation</u>” will be disaggregated and reported according to trouble reports involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MR-3A Dispatches within MSAs;</li> <li>MR-3B Dispatches outside MSAs; and</li> <li>MR-3C No dispatches.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Results for products/services listed in Product Reporting under “<u>Zone-type Disaggregation</u>” will be disaggregated according to trouble reports involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MR-3D In <u>Interval Zone 1</u> areas; and</li> <li>MR-3E In <u>Interval Zone 2</u> areas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Formula:</b> [(Number of Out of Service Trouble Reports closed in the reporting period that are cleared within 24 hours) ÷ (Total Number of Out of Service Trouble Reports closed in the reporting period)] x 100</p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trouble reports coded as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– For products measured from MTAS data (products listed for MSA-type disaggregation), trouble reports coded to disposition codes for: Customer Action; Non-Telco Plant; Trouble Beyond the Network Interface; and Miscellaneous – Non-Dispatch, non-Qwest (includes CPE, Customer Instruction, Carrier, Alternate Provider).</li> <li>– For products measured from WFA (Workforce Administration) data (products listed for Zone-type disaggregation) trouble reports coded to trouble codes for Carrier Action (IEC) and Customer Provided Equipment (CPE).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Subsequent trouble reports of any trouble before the original trouble report is closed.</li> <li>• Information tickets generated for internal Qwest system/network monitoring purposes.</li> <li>• Time delays due to “no access” are excluded from repair time for products/services listed in Product Reporting under “Zone-type Disaggregation”.</li> <li>• For products measured from MTAS data (products listed for MSA-type disaggregation), trouble reports involving a “no access” delay.</li> <li>• Trouble reports on the day of installation before the installation work is reported by the technician/installer as complete.</li> <li>• Records involving official company services.</li> <li>• Records with invalid trouble receipt dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid cleared or closed dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	

### MR-3 – Out of Service Cleared within 24 Hours (Continued)

Product Reporting:	Standards:
<b>MSA-Type Disaggregation -</b>	
• Resale	
Residential single line service	Parity with retail service
Business single line service	Parity with retail service
Centrex	Parity with retail service
Centrex 21	Parity with retail service
PBX Trunks	Parity with retail service
Basic ISDN	Parity with retail service
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (POTS)	Parity with appropriate retail service
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex 21 )	Parity with retail Centrex 21
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex)	Parity with retail Centrex
• Line Splitting	Parity with retail Qwest DSL
• Loop Splitting <sup>NOTE 1</sup>	Diagnostic
• Line Sharing	CO: Parity with Qwest DSL
	All Other States: Parity with RES and BUS POTS
• Sub-Loop Unbundling	CO: Parity with retail ISDN-BRI
	All Other States: Diagnostic
<b>Zone-type Disaggregation -</b>	
• Resale	
Qwest DSL	Parity with retail service
• Unbundled Loops	
Analog Loop	Parity with retail Res and Bus POTS
Non-loaded Loop (2 wire)	Parity with retail ISDN-BRI
xDSL-I capable Loop	Parity with retail Qwest IDSL
ISDN-capable Loop	Parity with ISDN-BRI
ADSL-qualified Loop	Parity with retail Qwest DSL
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> 1. Reporting will begin at the time CLECs order the product, in any quantity, for three consecutive months.

## MR-4 – All Troubles Cleared within 48 hours

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates timeliness of repair for specified services, focusing on trouble reports of all types (both out of service and service affecting) and on the number of such trouble reports cleared within the standard estimate for specified services (i.e., 48 hours for service-affecting conditions).</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> Measures the percentage of trouble reports, for specified services, that are cleared within 48 hours of receipt of trouble reports from CLECs or from retail customers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all trouble reports, closed during the reporting period, which involve a specified service, subject to exclusions specified below.</li> <li>• Time measured is from date and time that Qwest is first notified of the trouble by CLEC to date and time trouble is cleared.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC and Qwest Retail results</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results for product/services listed in Product Reporting under “MSA-Type Disaggregation” will be disaggregated and reported according to trouble reports involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MR-4A Dispatches within MSAs;</li> <li>MR-4B Dispatches outside MSAs; and</li> <li>MR-4C No dispatches.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Results for products/services listed in Product Reporting under “Zone-type Disaggregation” will be disaggregated according to trouble reports involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MR-4D In <u>Interval Zone 1</u> areas; and</li> <li>MR-4E In <u>Interval Zone 2</u> areas</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Formula:</b>  <math display="block">\left[ \frac{\text{Total Trouble Reports closed in the reporting period that are cleared within 48 hours}}{\text{Total Trouble Reports closed in the reporting period}} \right] \times 100</math></p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trouble reports coded as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– For products measured from MTAS data (products listed for MSA-type disaggregation), trouble reports coded to disposition codes for: Customer Action; Non-Telco Plant; Trouble Beyond the Network Interface; and Miscellaneous – Non-Dispatch, non-Qwest (includes CPE, Customer Instruction, Carrier, Alternate Provider).</li> <li>– For products measured from WFA (Workforce Administration) data (products listed for Zone-type disaggregation) trouble reports coded to trouble codes for Carrier Action (IEC) and Customer Provided Equipment (CPE).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Subsequent trouble reports of any trouble before the original trouble report is closed.</li> <li>• Information tickets generated for internal Qwest system/network monitoring purposes.</li> <li>• Time delays due to “no access” are excluded from repair time for products/services listed in Product Reporting under “Zone-type Disaggregation”.</li> <li>• For products measured from MTAS data (products listed for MSA-type disaggregation), trouble reports involving a “no access” delay.</li> <li>• Trouble reports on the day of installation before the installation work is reported by the technician/installer as complete.</li> <li>• Records involving official company services.</li> <li>• Records with invalid trouble receipt dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid cleared or closed dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	

## MR-4 – All Troubles Cleared within 48 Hours (Continued)

<b>Product Reporting:</b>	<b>Standards:</b>
<b>MSA-Type Disaggregation -</b>	
• Resale	
Residential single line service	Parity with retail service
Business single line service	Parity with retail service
Centrex	Parity with retail service
Centrex 21	Parity with retail service
PBX Trunks	Parity with retail service
Basic ISDN	Parity with retail service
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (POTS)	Parity with appropriate retail service
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex 21 )	Parity with retail Centrex 21
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex)	Parity with retail Centrex
• Line Splitting	Parity with retail Qwest DSL
• Loop Splitting <sup>NOTE 1</sup>	Diagnostic
• Line Sharing	Parity with RES and BUS POTS
• Sub-Loop Unbundling	Diagnostic
<b>Zone-Type Disaggregation -</b>	
• Resale	
Qwest DSL	Parity with retail service
• Unbundled Loops:	
Analog Loop	Parity with retail Res and Bus POTS
Non-loaded Loop (2 wire)	Parity with retail ISDN-BRI
xDSL-I capable Loop	Parity with retail Qwest IDSL
ISDN-capable Loop	Parity with retail ISDN-BRI
ADSL-qualified Loop	Parity with retail Qwest DSL
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> 1. Reporting will begin at the time CLECs order the product, in any quantity, for three consecutive months.

## MR-5 – All Troubles Cleared within 4 hours

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates timeliness of repair for specified services, focusing on all trouble reports of all types (including out of service and service affecting troubles) and on the number of such trouble reports cleared within the standard estimate for specified services (i.e., 4 hours).</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> Measures the percentage of trouble reports for specified services that are cleared within 4 hours of receipt of trouble reports from CLECs or from retail customers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all trouble reports, closed during the reporting period, which involve a specified service, subject to exclusions specified below.</li> <li>• Time measured is from date and time that Qwest is first notified of the trouble by CLEC to date and time trouble is cleared.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC and Qwest Retail results</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level. Results for listed products will be disaggregated according to trouble reports:</p> <p>MR-5A     In <u>Interval Zone 1</u> areas; and MR-5B     In <u>Interval Zone 2</u> areas.</p>
<p><b>Formula:</b>  <math display="block">\left[ \frac{\text{Number of Trouble Reports closed in the reporting period that are cleared within 4 hours}}{\text{Total Trouble Reports closed in the reporting period}} \right] \times 100</math></p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trouble reports coded as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– For products measured using WFA (Workforce Administration) data (products listed for Zone-type disaggregation) trouble reports coded to trouble codes for Carrier Action (IEC) and Customer Provided Equipment (CPE).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Subsequent trouble reports of any trouble before the original trouble report is closed.</li> <li>• Information tickets generated for internal Qwest system/network monitoring purposes.</li> <li>• Time delays due to “no access” are excluded from repair time.</li> <li>• Trouble reports on the day of installation before the installation work is reported by the technician/installer as complete.</li> <li>• Records involving official company services.</li> <li>• Records with invalid trouble receipt dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid cleared or closed dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	



## MR-5 – All Troubles Cleared within 4 hours (continued)

Product Reporting:	Standards:
<b>Zone-Type Disaggregation -</b>	
• Resale	
Primary ISDN	Parity with retail service
DS0	Parity with retail service
DS1	Parity with retail service
DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate)	Parity with retail service
Frame Relay	Parity with retail service
• LIS Trunks	Parity with Feature Group D (aggregate)
• Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)	
UDIT – DS1 level	Parity with DS1 Private Line Service
UDIT – Above DS1 level	Parity with Private Line Services above DS1 level
• Unbundled Loops:	
Non-loaded Loop (4-wire)	Parity with retail DS1
DS1-capable Loop	Parity with retail DS1
Loop types of DS3 and higher bit-rates (aggregate)	Parity with retail DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate)
• E911/911 Trunks	Parity with retail E911/911 Trunks
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS0 level)	Diagnostic
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS1 level)	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS3 level)	Diagnostic
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b>

## MR-6 – Mean Time to Restore

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates timeliness of repair, focusing how long it takes to restore services to proper operation.</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> Measures the time actually taken to clear trouble reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all trouble reports closed during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below.</li> <li>• Includes customer direct reports, customer-relayed reports, and test assist reports that result in a trouble report.</li> <li>• Time measured is from date and time that Qwest is first notified of the trouble by CLEC to date and time trouble is cleared.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Hours and Minutes</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC and Qwest Retail results</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results for product/services listed in Product Reporting under “MSA-Type Disaggregation” will be reported according to trouble reports involving: MR-6A Dispatches within MSAs; MR-6B Dispatches outside MSAs; and MR-6C No dispatches.</li> <li>• Results for products/services listed in Product Reporting under “Zone-type Disaggregation” will be disaggregated according to trouble reports involving: MR-6D In <u>Interval Zone 1</u> areas; and MR-6E In <u>Interval Zone 2</u> areas.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Formula:</b>  <math display="block">\frac{\sum[(\text{Date \&amp; Time Trouble Report Cleared}) - (\text{Date \&amp; Time Trouble Report Opened})]}{(\text{Total number of Trouble Reports closed in the reporting period})}</math> </p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trouble reports coded as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– For products measured from MTAS data (products listed for MSA-type disaggregation), trouble reports coded to disposition codes for: Customer Action; Non-Telco Plant; Trouble Beyond the Network Interface; and Miscellaneous – Non-Dispatch, non-Qwest (includes CPE, Customer Instruction, Carrier, Alternate Provider).</li> <li>– For products measured from WFA (Workforce Administration) data (products listed for Zone-type disaggregation) trouble reports coded to trouble codes for Carrier Action (IEC) and Customer Provided Equipment (CPE).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Subsequent trouble reports of any trouble before the original trouble report is closed.</li> <li>• Information tickets generated for internal Qwest system/network monitoring purposes.</li> <li>• Time delays due to “no access” are excluded from repair time for products/services listed in Product Reporting under “Zone-type Disaggregation”.</li> <li>• For products measured from MTAS data (products listed for MSA-type disaggregation), trouble reports involving a “no access” delay.</li> <li>• Trouble reports on the day of installation before the installation work is reported by the technician/installer as complete.</li> <li>• Records involving official company services.</li> <li>• Records with invalid trouble receipt dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid cleared or closed dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	

## MR-6 – Mean Time to Restore (Continued)

<b>Product Reporting:</b>	<b>Standards:</b>
<b>MSA-Type Disaggregation -</b>	
• Resale	
Residential single line service	Parity with retail service
Business single line service	Parity with retail service
Centrex	Parity with retail service
Centrex 21	Parity with retail service
PBX Trunks	Parity with retail service
Basic ISDN	Parity with retail service
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (POTS)	Parity with like retail service
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex 21 )	Parity with retail Centrex 21
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex)	Parity with retail Centrex
• Line Splitting	Parity with retail Qwest DSL
• Loop Splitting <sup>NOTE 1</sup>	Diagnostic
• Line Sharing	<b>CO:</b> Parity with Qwest DSL <b>All Other States:</b> Parity with RES and BUS POTS
• Sub-Loop Unbundling	<b>CO:</b> Parity with retail ISDN-BRI <b>All Other States:</b> Diagnostic
<b>Zone-Type Disaggregation -</b>	
• Resale	
Qwest DSL	Parity with retail service
Primary ISDN	Parity with retail service
DS0	Parity with retail service
DS1	Parity with retail service
DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate)	Parity with retail service
Frame Relay	Parity with retail service
• LIS Trunks	Parity with Feature Group D (aggregate)
• Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)	
UDIT – DS1 level	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
UDIT – Above DS1 level	Parity with retail Private Lines above DS1 level
Dark Fiber – IOF	Diagnostic
• Unbundled Loops:	
Analog Loop	Parity with retail Res and Bus POTS
Non-loaded Loop (2-wire)	Parity with retail ISDN BRI
Non-loaded Loop (4-wire)	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
DS1-capable Loop	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
xDSL-I capable Loop	Parity with retail Qwest IDSL
ISDN-capable Loop	Parity with retail ISDN BRI
ADSL-qualified Loop	Parity with retail Qwest DSL
Loop types of DS3 and higher bit-rates (aggregate)	Parity with retail DS3 and higher bit-rate Private Line services (aggregate)
Dark Fiber – Loop	Diagnostic
• E911/911 Trunks	Parity with retail E911/911 Trunks
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS0 level)	Diagnostic
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS1 level)	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS3 level)	Diagnostic

**MR-6 – Mean Time to Restore (Continued)**

<p><b>Availability:</b> Available</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b> 1. Reporting will begin at the time CLECs order the product, in any quantity, for three consecutive months.</p>
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## MR-7 – Repair Repeat Report Rate

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the accuracy of repair actions, focusing on the number of <u>repeated trouble reports</u> received for the same line/circuit within a specified period (30 calendar days).</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> Measures the percentage of trouble reports that are repeated within 30 days on end user lines and circuits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all trouble reports closed during the reporting period that have a repeated trouble report received within thirty (30) days of the initial trouble report for the same service (regardless of whether the report is about the same type of trouble for that service), subject to exclusions specified below.</li> <li>• In determining same service Qwest will compare the end user telephone number or circuit access code of the initial trouble reports closed during the reporting period with reports received within 30 days of when the initial trouble report closed.</li> <li>• Includes reports due to Qwest network or system causes, customer-direct and customer-relayed reports.</li> <li>• The 30-day period applied in the numerator of the formula below is from the date and time that the initial trouble report is closed to the date and time that the next, or "repeat" trouble report is received (i.e., opened).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month, reported in arrears (i.e., results first appear in reports one month later than results for measurements that are not reported in arrears), in order to cover the 30-day period following the initial trouble report.</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC and Qwest Retail results</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results for product/services listed in Product Reporting under "MSA-Type Disaggregation" will be reported according to trouble reports involving: MR-7A Dispatches within MSAs; MR-7B Dispatches outside MSAs; and MR-7C No dispatches.</li> <li>• Results for products/services listed in Product Reporting under "Zone-type Disaggregation" will be disaggregated according to trouble reports involving: MR-7D In <u>Interval Zone 1</u> areas; and MR-7E In <u>Interval Zone 2</u> areas.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Formula:</b>  <math display="block">\left[ \frac{\text{Total trouble reports closed within the reporting period that had a repeated trouble report received within 30 calendar days of when the initial trouble report closed}}{\text{Total number of Trouble Reports Closed in the reporting period}} \right] \times 100</math></p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trouble reports coded as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– For products measured from MTAS data (products listed for MSA-type disaggregation), trouble reports coded to disposition codes for: Customer Action; Non-Telco Plant; Trouble Beyond the Network Interface; and Miscellaneous – Non-Dispatch, non-Qwest (includes CPE, Customer Instruction, Carrier, Alternate Provider).</li> <li>– For products measured from WFA (Workforce Administration) data (products listed for Zone-type disaggregation) trouble reports coded to trouble codes for Carrier Action (IEC) and Customer Provided Equipment (CPE).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Subsequent trouble reports of any trouble before the original trouble report is closed.</li> <li>• Information tickets generated for internal Qwest system/network monitoring purposes.</li> <li>• Trouble reports on the day of installation before the installation work is reported by the technician/installer as complete.</li> <li>• Records involving official company services.</li> <li>• Records with invalid trouble receipt dates.</li> </ul>	

## MR-7 – Repair Repeat Report Rate (Continued)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Records with invalid cleared or closed dates.</li> <li>Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b>	<b>Standards:</b>
<b>MSA-Type Disaggregation -</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resale</li> </ul>	
Residential single line service	Parity with retail service
Business single line service	Parity with retail service
Centrex	Parity with retail service
Centrex 21	Parity with retail service
PBX Trunks	Parity with retail service
Basic ISDN	Parity with retail service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (POTS)</li> </ul>	Parity with like retail service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex 21 )</li> </ul>	Parity with retail Centrex 21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex)</li> </ul>	Parity with retail Centrex
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Line Splitting</li> </ul>	Parity with Qwest Retail DSL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loop Splitting <sup>NOTE 1</sup></li> </ul>	Diagnostic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Line Sharing</li> </ul>	<b>AZ &amp; CO:</b> Parity with Qwest Retail DSL
	<b>All Other States:</b> Diagnostic Comparison with Qwest Retail DSL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sub-Loop Unbundling</li> </ul>	<b>CO:</b> Parity with Retail ISDN-BRI
	<b>All Other States:</b> Diagnostic
<b>Zone-Type Disaggregation -</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resale</li> </ul>	
Qwest DSL	Parity with retail service
Primary ISDN	Parity with retail service
DS0	Parity with retail service
DS1	Parity with retail service
DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate)	Parity with retail service
Frame Relay	Parity with retail service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIS Trunks</li> </ul>	Parity with Feature Group D (aggregate)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)</li> </ul>	
UDIT – DS1 level	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
UDIT – Above DS1 level	Parity with retail Private Lines above DS1 level
Dark Fiber – IOF	Diagnostic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unbundled Loops:</li> </ul>	
Analog Loop	Parity with retail Res and Bus POTS
Non-loaded Loop (2-wire)	Parity with retail ISDN BRI
Non-loaded Loop (4-wire)	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
DS1-capable Loop	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
xDSL-I capable Loop	Parity with retail Qwest IDSL
ISDN-capable Loop	Parity with retail ISDN BRI
ADSL-qualified Loop	Parity with retail Qwest DSL
Loop types of DS3 and higher bit-rates (aggregate)	Parity with retail DS3 and higher bit-rate Private Line services (aggregate)
Dark Fiber – Loop	Diagnostic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E911/911 Trunks</li> </ul>	Parity with retail E911/911 Trunks

### MR-7 – Repair Repeat Report Rate (Continued)

• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS0 level)	Diagnostic
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS1 level)	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS3 level)	Diagnostic
<b>Availability:</b> Targeted availability with July 2004 results reported in September 2004	<b>Notes:</b> 1. Reporting will begin at the time CLECs order the product, in any quantity, for three consecutive months.

## MR-8 – Trouble Rate

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the overall rate of trouble reports as a percentage of the total installed base of the service or element.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures trouble reports by product and compares them to the number of lines in service. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Includes all trouble reports closed during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below.</li><li>• Includes all applicable trouble reports, including those that are out of service and those that are only service-affecting.</li></ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC and Qwest Retail results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.
<b>Formula:</b> [(Total number of trouble reports closed in the reporting period involving the specified service grouping) ÷ (Total number of the specified services that are in service in the reporting period)] x 100	
<b>Exclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trouble reports coded as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– For products measured from MTAS data, trouble reports coded to disposition codes for: Customer Action; Non-Telco Plant; Trouble Beyond the Network Interface; and Miscellaneous – Non-Dispatch, non-Qwest (includes CPE, Customer Instruction, Carrier, Alternate Provider).</li><li>– For products measured from WFA data trouble reports coded to trouble codes for Carrier Action (IEC) and Customer Provided Equipment (CPE).</li></ul></li><li>• Subsequent trouble reports of any trouble before the original trouble report is closed.</li><li>• Information tickets generated for internal Qwest system/network monitoring purposes.</li><li>• Trouble reports on the day of installation before the installation work is reported by the technician/installer as complete.</li><li>• Records involving official company services.</li><li>• Records with invalid trouble receipt dates.</li><li>• Records with invalid cleared or closed dates.</li><li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li><li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li></ul>	



## MR-8 – Trouble Rate (continued)

Product Reporting:	Standards:
• Resale	
Residential single line service	Parity with retail service
Business single line service	Parity with retail service
Centrex	Parity with retail service
Centrex 21	Parity with retail service
PBX Trunks	Parity with retail service
Basic ISDN	Parity with retail service
Qwest DSL	Parity with Qwest DSL service
Primary ISDN	Parity with retail service
DS0	Parity with retail service
DS1	Parity with retail service
DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate)	Parity with retail service
Frame Relay	Parity with retail service
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (POTS)	Parity with like retail service
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex 21 )	Parity with retail Centrex 21
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform(UNE-P) (Centrex)	Parity with retail Centrex
• Line Splitting	Parity with retail Qwest DSL
• Loop Splitting <sup>NOTE 1</sup>	Diagnostic
• Line Sharing	<b>CO:</b> Parity with Qwest DSL <b>All Other States:</b> Parity with RES and BUS POTS
• Sub-Loop Unbundling	<b>CO:</b> Parity with retail ISDN-BRI <b>All Other States:</b> Diagnostic
• LIS Trunks	Parity with Feature Group D (aggregate)
• Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)	
UDIT – DS1 level	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line Service
UDIT – Above DS1 level	Parity with retail Private Lines above DS1 level
Dark Fiber – IOF	Diagnostic
• Unbundled Loops:	
Analog Loop	Parity with retail Res and Bus POTS
Non-loaded Loop (2-wire)	Parity with retail ISDN BRI
Non-loaded Loop (4-wire)	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
DS1-capable Loop	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
xDSL-I capable Loop	Parity with retail Qwest IDSL
ISDN-capable Loop	Parity with retail ISDN BRI
ADSL-qualified Loop	Parity with retail Qwest DSL
Loop types of DS3 and higher bit-rates (aggregate)	Parity with retail DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate)
Dark Fiber – Loop	Diagnostic
• E911/911 Trunks	Parity with retail E911/911 Trunks
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS0 level)	Diagnostic
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS1 level)	Parity with retail DS1 Private Line
• Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) – (DS3 level)	Diagnostic

**MR-8 – Trouble Rate (continued)**

<p><b>Availability:</b> Available</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b> 1. Reporting will begin at the time CLECs order the product, in any quantity, for three consecutive months.</p>
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## MR-9 – Repair Appointments Met

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the extent to which Qwest repairs services for Customers by the appointment date and time.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the percentage of trouble reports for which the appointment date and time is met. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all trouble reports closed during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below.</li> <li>• Time measured is from date and time that Qwest is first notified of the trouble by CLEC to date and time trouble is cleared.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC and Qwest Retail results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level. Results for listed services will be disaggregated and reported according to trouble reports involving: MR-9A Dispatches within <u>MSAs</u> ; MR-9B Dispatches outside MSAs; and MR-9C No dispatches.
<b>Formula:</b> $\left[ \frac{\text{Total Trouble Reports Cleared by appointment date and time}}{\text{Total Trouble Reports Closed in the Reporting Period}} \right] \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trouble reports coded as follows:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– For products measured from MTAS data, trouble reports coded to disposition codes for: Customer Action; Non-Telco Plant; Trouble Beyond the Network Interface; and Miscellaneous – Non-Dispatch, non-Qwest (includes CPE, Customer Instruction, Carrier, Alternate Provider).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Subsequent trouble reports of any trouble before the original trouble report is closed.</li> <li>• Information tickets generated for internal Qwest system/network monitoring purposes.</li> <li>• Time delays due to “no access” are excluded from repair time by using the rescheduled appointment time to determine if the repair appointment is met.</li> <li>• Trouble reports on the day of installation before the installation work is reported by the technician/installer as complete.</li> <li>• Records involving official company services.</li> <li>• Records with invalid trouble receipt dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid cleared or closed dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> Resale: Residential single line service Business single line service Centrex Centrex 21 PBX Trunks Basic ISDN Unbundled Elements – Platform (UNE-P) (POTS)	<b>Standard:</b> Parity
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b>

## MR-10 – Customer and Non-Qwest Related Trouble Reports

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the extent that trouble reports were customer related, and provides diagnostic information to help address potential issues that might be raised by the core maintenance and repair performance indicators.</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> Measures the percentage of all trouble reports that are attributed to the customer as a percentage of all trouble reports resolved during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below. Includes trouble reports closed during the reporting period coded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For products measured from MTAS data, trouble reports coded to disposition codes for: Customer Action; Non-Telco Plant, Trouble Beyond the Network Interface; and Miscellaneous – Non-Dispatch, non-Qwest (includes CPE, Customer Instruction, Carrier, Alternate Provider) and trouble reports involving a "no access" delay for <u>MSA</u> type disaggregated products.</li> <li>• For products measured from WFA (Workforce Administration) data trouble reports coded to trouble codes for Carrier Action (IEC) and Customer Provided Equipment (CPE).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC and Qwest Retail results</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.</p>
<p><b>Formula:</b>  <math display="block">\left[ \frac{\text{Number of Trouble Reports coded to disposition codes specified above}}{\text{Total Number of Trouble Reports Closed in the Reporting Period}} \right] \times 100</math> </p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subsequent trouble reports of any trouble before the original trouble report is closed</li> <li>• Information tickets generated for internal Qwest system/network monitoring purposes.</li> <li>• Records involving official company services.</li> <li>• Records with invalid trouble receipt dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid cleared or closed dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> <li>• Trouble reports on the day of installation before the installation work is reported by the technician/installer as complete.</li> </ul>	

## MR-10 Customer and Non-Qwest Related Trouble Reports (continued)

<b>Product Reporting:</b>	<b>Standards:</b>
• Resale	
Residential single line service	Diagnostic
Business single line service	Diagnostic
Centrex	Diagnostic
Centrex 21	Diagnostic
PBX Trunks	Diagnostic
Basic ISDN	Diagnostic
Qwest DSL	Diagnostic
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (POTS)	Diagnostic
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex 21 )	Diagnostic
• Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P) (Centrex)	Diagnostic
• Resale	
Primary ISDN	Diagnostic
DS0	Diagnostic
DS1	Diagnostic
DS3 and higher bit-rate services (aggregate)	Diagnostic
Frame Relay	Diagnostic
• LIS Trunks	Diagnostic
• Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)	
UDIT – DS1 level	Diagnostic
UDIT – Above DS1 level	Diagnostic
• Unbundled Loops:	
Analog Loop	Diagnostic
Non-loaded Loop (2-wire)	Diagnostic
Non-loaded Loop (4-wire)	Diagnostic
DS1-capable Loop	Diagnostic
xDSL-I capable Loop	Diagnostic
ISDN-capable Loop	Diagnostic
ADSL-qualified Loop	Diagnostic
Loop types of DS3 and higher bit-rates (aggregate)	Diagnostic
• E911/911 Trunks	Diagnostic
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b>

## MR-11 – LNP Trouble Reports Cleared within 24 Hours

**Purpose:**

Evaluates timeliness of clearing LNP trouble reports, focusing on the degree to which residence and business, disconnect-related, out-of-service trouble reports are cleared within four business hours and all LNP-related trouble reports are cleared within 48 hours.

**Description:**

MR-11A: Measures the percentage of specified LNP-only (i.e., not unbundled-loop), residence and business, out-of-service trouble reports that are cleared within four business hours of Qwest receiving these trouble reports from CLECs.

- Includes only trouble reports that are received on or before the currently-scheduled due date of the actual LNP-related disconnect time/date, or the next business day, that are confirmed to be caused by disconnects being made before the scheduled time, and that are closed during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below.

MR-11B: Measures the percentage of specified LNP-only trouble reports that are cleared within 48 hours of Qwest receiving these trouble reports from CLECs.

- Includes all LNP-only trouble reports, received within four calendar days of the actual LNP-related disconnect date and closed during the reporting period.

- The “currently-scheduled due date/time” is the original due date/time established by Qwest in response to CLEC/customer request for disconnection of service ported via LNP or, if CLEC submits to Qwest a timely or untimely request for delay of disconnection, it is the CLEC/customer-requested later date/time.
- A request for delay of disconnection is considered timely if received by Qwest before 8:00 p.m. MT on the due date that Qwest has on record at the time of the request.
- A request for delay of disconnection is considered untimely if received by Qwest after 8:00 p.m. MT on the due date and before 12:00 p.m. MT (noon) on the day after the due date
- Time measured is from the date and time Qwest receives the trouble report to the date and time trouble is cleared.

**Reporting Period:** One month

**Unit of Measure:** Percent

**Reporting Comparisons:** CLEC Aggregate and Individual CLEC

**Disaggregation Reporting:** Statewide level (all are “non-dispatched”).

**Formula:**

MR-11A =  $\left[ \frac{\text{(Number of specified out-of-service LNP-only Trouble Reports, for LNP-related troubles confirmed to be caused by disconnects, that Qwest executed before the currently-scheduled due date/time, that were closed in the reporting period and cleared within four business hours)}}{\text{(Total Number of specified out of service LNP-only Trouble Reports for LNP-related troubles confirmed to be caused by disconnects that Qwest executed before the currently-scheduled due date/time, that were closed in the reporting period)}} \right] \times 100$

MR-11B =  $\left[ \frac{\text{(Number of specified LNP-only Trouble Reports closed in the reporting period that were cleared within 48 hours)}}{\text{(Total Number of specified LNP-only Trouble Reports closed in the reporting period)}} \right] \times 100$

**MR-11 – LNP Trouble Reports Cleared within 24 Hours (Continued)**

<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trouble reports attributed to customer or non-Qwest reasons</li> <li>• Trouble reports not related to valid requests (LSRs) for LNP and associated disconnects.</li> <li>• Subsequent trouble reports of LNP trouble before the original trouble report is closed.</li> <li>• For MR-11B only: Trouble reports involving a “no access” delay.</li> <li>• Information tickets generated for internal Qwest system/network monitoring purposes.</li> <li>• Records involving official company services.</li> <li>• Records with invalid trouble receipt dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid cleared or closed dates.</li> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Product Reporting: LNP</b></p>	<p><b>Standards:</b></p> <p><u>MR-11A:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If OP-17 result meets its standard, the MR-11A standard is Diagnostic.</li> <li>• If OP-17 result does not meet its standard, the MR-11A standard is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– For 0-20 trouble reports*: No more than 1 ticket cleared in &gt; four business hours</li> <li>– For &gt; 20 trouble reports*: The lesser of 95% or Parity with MR-3C results for Retail Residence and Business</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>MR-11B:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For 0-20 trouble reports**: No more than 1 ticket cleared &gt; 48 hours</li> <li>• For &gt; 20 trouble reports**: The lesser of 95% or Parity with MR-4C results for Retail Residence and Business</li> </ul> <p>* Based on MR-11A denominator.</p> <p>** Based on MR-11B denominator.</p>
<p><b>Availability:</b> Available</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p>

## Billing

### BI-1 – Time to Provide Recorded Usage Records

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the timeliness with which Qwest provides recorded daily usage records to CLECs.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the average time interval from date of recorded daily usage to date usage records are transmitted or made available to CLECs as applicable. BI-1A – Measures recorded daily usage for UNEs and Resale and includes industry standard electronically transmitted usage records for feature group switched access, <sup>NOTE 1</sup> local measured usage, local message usage, toll usage, and local exchange service components priced on a per-use basis, subject to exclusions specified below. BI-1B – Measures the percent of recorded daily usage for Jointly provided switched access provided within four days. This includes usage created by the CLEC and Qwest or IXC providing access, usually via 2-way Feature Group X trunk groups for Feature Group A, Feature Group B, Feature Group D, Phone to Phone IP Telephony, 8XX access, and 900 access and their successors or similar Switched Access services. BI-1C – Provides separate reporting for two elements captured in BI-1A above, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BI-1C-1 – Measures recorded daily usage for UNEs and Resale and includes industry standard electronically transmitted usage records for feature group switched access,<sup>NOTE 1</sup> subject to exclusions specified below.</li> <li>• BI-1C-2 – Measures recorded daily usage for UNEs and Resale and includes industry standard electronically transmitted usage records for local measured usage, local message usage, toll usage, and local exchange service components priced on a per-use basis, subject to exclusions specified below.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> BI-1A, BI-1C-1, BI-1C-2: Average <u>Business Days</u> BI-1B: Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLECs, and Qwest Retail results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> State level.
<b>Formula:</b> BI-1A, BI-1C-1, BI-1C-2 (for specified products & records) = $\sum(\text{Date Record Transmitted or made available} - \text{Date Usage Recorded}) + (\text{Total number of records})$  BI-1B = $\frac{[(\# \text{ of daily usage records for Jointly provided switched access sent within four days}) + (\text{Total daily usage records for Jointly provided switched access in the report period})]}{\text{Total daily usage records for Jointly provided switched access in the report period}} \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instances where the CLEC requests other than daily usage transmission or availability.</li> <li>• Duplicate records.</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNEs and Resale</li> <li>• Jointly-provided Switched Access</li> </ul>	<b>Standards:</b> BI-1A: Parity with Qwest retail. BI-1B: 95% within 4 business days BI-1C-1, BI-1C-2: Diagnostic Comparison with the Qwest Retail results used in standard for BI-1A
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> 1. "Feature group switched access" includes all type 110XXX detail records for Feature Groups A, B, C, and D.



## BI-2 – Invoices Delivered within 10 Days

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the timeliness with which Qwest delivers industry standard electronically transmitted bills to CLECs, focusing on the percent delivered within ten calendar days.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the percentage of invoices that are delivered within ten days, based on the number of days between the bill date and bill delivery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes all industry standard electronically transmitted invoices for local exchange services and toll, subject to exclusions specified below.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> Combined Qwest Retail/CLEC results (Parity by design)	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> State level
<b>Formula:</b> $\left[ \frac{\text{Count of Invoices for which Bill Transmission Date to Bill Date is ten calendar days or less}}{\text{Total Number of Invoices}} \right] \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bills transmitted via paper, magnetic tape, CD-ROM, diskette.</li> <li>Records with missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNEs and Resale</li> </ul>	<b>Standard:</b> Parity by design.
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b>

### BI-3 – Billing Accuracy – Adjustments for Errors

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the accuracy with which Qwest bills CLECs, focusing on the percentage of billed revenue adjusted due to errors.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the billed revenue minus amounts adjusted off bills due to errors, as a percentage of total billed revenue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both the billed revenue and amounts adjusted off bills due to error are calculated from bills rendered in the reporting period.</li> <li>• “Amounts adjusted off bills due to errors” is the sum of all bill adjustments made in the reporting period that involve, either in part or in total, adjustment codes related to billing errors. (Each adjustment thus qualifying is added to the sum in its entirety.)</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLECs, and Qwest Retail results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> State level.
<b>Formula:</b> $\left[ \frac{\sum(\text{Total Billed Revenue Billed in Reporting Period} - \text{Amounts Adjusted Off Bills Due to Errors})}{\text{Total Billed Revenue billed in Reporting Period}} \right] \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BI-3A - UNEs and Resale – None</li> <li>• BI-3B - Reciprocal Compensation Minutes of Use – Billing adjustments as a result of CLEC-caused errors in return of minutes of use</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BI-3A - UNEs and Resale</li> <li>• BI-3B - Reciprocal Compensation Minutes of Use (MOU)</li> </ul>	<b>Standards:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BI-3A – UNEs and Resale: Parity with Qwest retail bills.</li> <li>• BI-3B – Reciprocal Compensation (MOU) – 95%</li> </ul>
<b>Availability:</b> <p style="text-align: center;">Available</p>	<b>Notes:</b>

## BI-4 – Billing Completeness

<b>Purpose:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNEs and Resale – Evaluates the completeness with which Qwest reflects non-recurring and recurring charges associated with completed service orders on the bills.</li> <li>• Reciprocal Compensation Minutes of Use (MOU) – Evaluates the completeness with which Qwest reflects the revenue for Local Minutes of Use associated with CLEC local traffic over Qwest's network on the bills.</li> </ul>	
<b>Description:</b>  BI-4A – UNEs and Resale: Measures the percentage of non-recurring and recurring charges associated with completed service orders appear on the correct bill.*  BI-4B – Reciprocal Compensation (MOU): Measures the percentage of revenue associated with local minutes of use appearing on the correct (current) bill.*  * Correct bill = next available bill	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLECs, and Qwest Retail results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.
<b>Formula:</b> BI-4A – UNEs and Resale = $\left[ \frac{\sum(\text{Count of service orders with non-recurring and recurring charges associated with completed service orders on the bills that are billed on the correct bill} \div \text{total count of service orders with non-recurring and recurring charges associated with completed service orders billed on the bill})}{1} \right] \times 100$  BI-4B – Reciprocal Compensation MOU = $\left[ \frac{\sum(\text{Revenue for Local Minutes of Use billed on the correct* bill} \div \text{Total revenue for Local Minutes of Use collected during the month})}{1} \right] \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> None	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNEs and Resale</li> <li>• Reciprocal Compensation (MOU)</li> </ul>	<b>Standards:</b> <b>BI-4A</b> - UNEs and Resale: Parity with Qwest Retail bills. <b>BI-4B</b> - Reciprocal Compensation (MOU): 95%
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b>

## Database Updates

### DB-1 – Time to Update Databases

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the time required for updates to the databases of E911, LIDB, and Directory Builder.	
<b>Description:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measures the average time required to update the databases of E911, LIDB, and Directory Builder.</li> <li>• Includes all database updates as specified under Disaggregation Reporting completed during the reporting period.</li> <li>• For DB-1A the time to update the E911 database is provided by the third party vendor that performs the update. The elapsed time is captured automatically by the database system. There are no "individual E911 database update records" provided with which to measure the database update process.</li> <li>• The numerator of DB-1A is calculated by multiplying the vendor-calculated results (Average Minutes in Process Time) by the denominator (Count of records Processed). This method produces a result from the vendor data that is the same as that which would be produced by totalling the update times from individual E911 database update records.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> E911 – Hrs: Mins. LIDB & Directory Listings – Seconds
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> DB-1A - E911: Combined results for Qwest Retail and Reseller CLEC Aggregate; DB-1B - LIDB: Combined results for all Qwest Retail, Reseller CLEC and Facilities Based CLEC updates; DB-1C-1 - Listings: Combined results for all Provider types including Qwest Retail, Reseller CLEC, and Facilities Based CLEC, ILEC and Unknown Provider, Electronically Submitted, Electronically Processed updates. <sup>NOTE 1</sup>	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> DB-1A: E911 for Qwest Retail and Reseller CLEC–State level DB-1B: LIDB for Qwest Retail, Reseller CLEC and Facilities Based CLEC – Multi state region-wide level DB-1C-1: Listings for all Provider types including Qwest Retail, Reseller CLEC, and Facilities Based CLEC, ILEC and Unknown Provider, Electronically Submitted, Electronically Processed–Sub-region applicable to state
<b>Formula:</b> $\frac{\sum[(\text{Date and Time of database update for each database update as specified under Disaggregation Reporting in the reporting period}) - (\text{Date and Time of submissions of data for entry into the database for each database update as specified under Disaggregation Reporting in the reporting period})]}{\text{Total database updates as specified under Disaggregation Reporting completed in the reporting period}}$	
<b>Exclusion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invalid start/stop dates/times.</li> </ul>	

**DB-1 – Time to Update Databases (continued)**

<b>Product Reporting:</b> Not applicable (Reported by database type)		<b>Standards:</b> DB-1A-E911: Parity by design DB-1B-LIDB: Parity by design DB-1C-1 - Listings: Parity by design
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> 1. Because they cannot be separated, results for Qwest Retail, Reseller CLEC, Facilities-based CLECs, ILEC and Unknown Provider updates are reported combined within these disaggregations.	

## DB-2 – Accurate Database Updates

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the accuracy of database updates completed without errors in the reporting period.	
<b>Description:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures the percentage of database updates completed without errors in the reporting period.</li> <li>Includes all database updates as specified under Disaggregation Reporting completed during the reporting period.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> DB-2C-1 Listings – Combined results for all Qwest Retail, Reseller CLEC and Facilities-Based CLEC Electronically Submitted, Electronically Processed updates	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> DB-2C-1, Listings for Qwest Retail, Reseller CLEC, and Facilities-Based CLEC Electronically Submitted, Electronically Processed updates: Statewide
<b>Formula:</b> $\left[ \frac{\text{Total database updates as specified under Disaggregation Reporting completed without errors in the reporting period}}{\text{Total database updates as specified under Disaggregation Reporting completed in the reporting period}} \right] \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> Invalid start/stop dates/times.	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> Not applicable (Reported by database type)	<b>Standards:</b> DB-2C-1 – Listings: Parity by design <sup>NOTE 1</sup>
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qwest retail and Reseller CLECs are parity by design. Because Facilities-based CLEC Electronically Submitted, Electronically Processed cannot be separated out from Reseller CLECs they are reported combined within this disaggregation.</li> </ol>

## Directory Assistance

### DA-1 – Speed of Answer – Directory Assistance

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates timeliness of customer access to Qwest's Directory Assistance operators, focusing on how long it takes for calls to be answered.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the average time following first ring until a call is first picked up by the Qwest agent/system to answer Directory Assistance calls. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all calls to Qwest directory assistance during the reporting period.</li> <li>• Because a system (electronic voice) prompts for city, state, and listing requested before the actual operator comes on the line, the first ring is defined as when the voice response unit places the call into queue.</li> <li>• Measurements are taken by sampling calls from the network queue at 10-second intervals. A count of calls in the queue is taken for every sampling event (10-second snapshot), and this count is multiplied by 10 to get a measurement of waiting intervals.</li> <li>• Using this method, calls that enter the queue after a sample is taken but exit before the next sample is taken are not counted, i.e., are effectively counted as a zero interval. However, this situation is offset by calls that enter just prior to a sampling time, but exit before the next sampling time, and which are counted as 10 seconds. The call intervals shorter than 10 seconds that are counted as 10 seconds are offset by those calls shorter than 10 seconds that are not counted.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Seconds
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> Results for Qwest and all CLECs are combined.	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Sub-region applicable to state
<b>Formula:</b> $\Sigma[(\text{Date and Time of Call Answer}) - (\text{Date and Time of First Ring})] \div (\text{Total Calls Answered by Center})$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> Abandoned Calls are not included in the total number of calls answered by the center.	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standard:</b> Parity by design
<b>Availability:</b> <div style="text-align: center;">Available</div>	<b>Notes:</b>

## Operator Services

### OS-1 – Speed of Answer – Operator Services

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates timeliness of customer access to Qwest's operators, focusing on how long it takes for calls to be answered.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the time following first ring until a call is answered by the Qwest agent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes all calls to Qwest's operator services during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below.</li> <li>• Measurements are taken by sampling calls from the network queue at 10-second intervals. A count of calls in the queue is taken for every sampling event (10-second snapshot), and this count is multiplied by 10 to get a measurement of waiting intervals.</li> <li>• Using this method, calls that enter the queue after a sample is taken but exit before the next sample is taken are not counted, i.e., are effectively counted as a zero interval. However, this situation is offset by calls that enter just prior to a sampling time, but exit before the next sampling time, and which are counted as 10 seconds. The call intervals shorter than 10 seconds that are counted as 10 seconds are offset by those calls shorter than 10 seconds that are not counted.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Seconds
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> Qwest and all CLECs are aggregated in a single measure.	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Sub-region applicable to state
<b>Formula:</b> $\Sigma[(\text{Date and Time of Call Answer}) - (\text{Date and Time of First Ring})] \div (\text{Total Calls Answered by Center})$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> Abandoned Calls are not included in the total number of calls answered by the center.	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standard:</b> Parity by design
<b>Availability:</b> <div style="text-align: center;">Available</div>	<b>Notes:</b>



# Network Performance

## NI-1 – Trunk Blocking

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates factors affecting completion of calls from Qwest end offices to CLEC end offices, compared with the completion of calls from Qwest end offices to other Qwest end offices, focusing on average busy-hour blocking percentages in interconnection or interoffice final trunks.</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b> Measures the percentage of trunks blocking in interconnection and interoffice final trunks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes blocking percentages on all direct final and alternate final interconnection and interoffice trunk groups that are in service during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent Blockage</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC, and Qwest Interoffice trunk blocking results.</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level. Reports the percentage of trunks blocking in interconnection final trunks, reported by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NI-1A Interconnection (LIS) trunks to Qwest tandem offices, with TGSR-related exclusions applied as specified below;</li> <li>NI-1B LIS trunks to Qwest end offices, with TGSR-related exclusions applied as specified below;</li> <li>NI-1C LIS trunks to Qwest tandem offices, without TGSR-related exclusions;</li> <li>NI-1D LIS trunks to other Qwest end offices, without TGSR-related exclusions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Formula:</b>  <math display="block">\left\{ \left[ \sum (\text{Blockage in Final Trunk Group of Specified Type}) \times (\text{Number of Circuits in Trunk Group}) \right] \div (\text{Total Number of Final Trunk Circuits in all Final Trunk Groups}) \right\} \times 100</math> </p> <p>Explanation: Actual average percentage of trunk blockage is calculated by dividing the equivalent average number of trunk circuits blocking by the total number of trunk circuits in final trunks of the type being measured.</p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b>  <u>For NI-1A and NI-1B only:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trunk groups, blocking in excess of one percent in the reporting period, for which:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A Trunk Group Service Request (TGSR)<sup>NOTES 1 &amp; 2</sup> has been issued in the reporting period; or</li> <li>– CLECs do not submit, within 20 calendar days of receiving a TGSR:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Responsive ASRs (or have ASRs pending that are delayed for CLEC reasons<sup>NOTE 3</sup>);</li> <li>b) Trouble Reports; or</li> <li>c) Notification of traffic re-routing (as described in Note 1 below).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>For NI-1A, NI-1B, NI-1C, and NI-1D:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trunk groups, blocking in excess of one percent in the reporting period, for which Qwest can identify, in time to incorporate in the regular reporting of this measurement, the cause as being attributable to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Trunk group out-of-service conditions arising from cable cuts, severe weather, or force majeure circumstances;</li> <li>– The CLEC placing trunks in a “busy” condition;</li> <li>– Lack of interconnection facilities to fulfill LIS requests for which the CLEC did not provide a timely forecast to Qwest. (This portion of the exclusion is limited to being applied in (a) the month the LIS requests could not be fulfilled, due to <u>lack of facilities</u>, and (b) each month thereafter up to the month following facility availability OR up to five months after the month the LIS requests could not be fulfilled, whichever is sooner<sup>NOTE 4</sup>); or</li> <li>– Isolated incidences of blocking, about which Qwest provides notification to the CLEC, that (a) are not recurring or persistent (affecting the same trunk groups), (b) do not warrant corrective action by CLEC or Qwest, and (c) thus, do not require an actionable TGSR.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

## NI-1 – Trunk Blocking (Continued)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trunk groups recently activated that have not been in service for a full “20-high-day, busy hour” review period.</li> <li>• Toll trunks, non-final trunks, and trunks that are not connected to the public switched network.</li> <li>• One-way trunks originating at CLEC end offices.</li> <li>• Qwest official services trunks, local interoffice operator and directory assistance trunks, and local interoffice 911/E911 trunks.</li> <li>• Records with invalid product codes.</li> <li>• Records missing data essential to the calculation of the measurement per the PID.</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> LIS Trunks	<b>Standards:</b> Where NI-1A ≤ 1%: 1 % Where NI-1A > 1%: Parity with Qwest Interoffice Trunks to tandems Where NI-1B ≤ 1%: 1 % Where NI-1B > 1%: Parity with Qwest Interoffice Trunks to end offices NI-1C and NI-1D: Diagnostic <sup>NOTE 5</sup>
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Qwest uses TGSRs to notify CLECs when trunk blocking exceeds standard thresholds or is determined to be persistent. To respond properly to TGSRs, a CLEC must (a) submit within 20 days ASRs to provide necessary trunk augmentations to avoid further blocking, (b) notify Qwest within 20 days that it is initiating a Trouble Report where Qwest traffic routing problems are causing the blocking referenced by the TGSR, or (c) notify Qwest that the CLEC will undertake its own re-routing of traffic within 20 days to alleviate the blocking.</li> <li>2. The TGSR-related exclusion is applied in the month in which the TGSR is issued and in the month in which the above-specified 20-day response period ends. Thus, any trunk group excluded in one month will not be excluded in the next month, unless there is (a) a 20-day period following a TGSR ends in that month, (b) there is another TGSR applicable to the next month for the same trunk group or (c) an exception documented, in lieu of issuing a subsequent TGSR, where the CLEC’s response to the previous TGSR indicated that, for its own reasons, it plans to take no action at any time to augment the trunk group.</li> <li>3. CLEC delays are reflected by CLEC-initiated order supplements that move the due date later.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Qwest-initiated due date delays, including supplements made pursuant to Qwest requests to delay due dates, shall not be counted as CLEC delays in this measurement.</li> <li>b) Qwest-initiated due date changes to earlier dates that the CLEC does not meet shall not be counted as a CLEC delay in this measurement unless the earlier dates were mutually agreed-upon.</li> <li>c) CLEC delays (e.g., “customer not ready” in advance of a due date) that do not contribute to a Qwest-established due date being missed shall not be counted as a CLEC delay in this measurement.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. The limitation on part (3) of this exclusion is intended to bound its applicability to a period of time that treats the unforecasted ASR as if it were, in effect, the first forecast for the facilities needed.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Given that forecast advance intervals are currently six months, this provision allows the exclusion to apply for no longer than that period of time.</li> <li>b) Nevertheless, this limitation to the exclusion also recognizes that facilities may become available sooner and, if so, reduces the limitation accordingly. In that context, this limitation recognizes that, absent a CLEC forecast, Qwest still retains a responsibility to provide facilities for the ASR, although in a longer timeframe than for ASRs covered by forecasts. NI-1C and NI-1D will be reported for information purposes only, with no standard to be applied.</li> <li>c) This limitation may change depending on the outcome of separate workshops dealing with issues of interconnection forecasting.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. NI-1C and NI-1D will be reported for information purposes only, with no standard to be applied.</li> </ol>

## NP-1 – NXX Code Activation

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the timeliness of Qwest's NXX code activation prior to the LERG effective date or by the "revised" effective date, as set forth herein.</p>	
<p><b>Description:</b>            NP-1A: Measures the percentage of NXX codes activated in the reporting period that are actually loaded and tested prior to the LERG effective date or the "revised" date, subject to exclusions shown below.            NP-1B: Measures the percentage of NXX codes activated in the reporting period that are delayed beyond the LERG date or "revised" date due to Qwest-caused Interconnection facility delays, subject to exclusions shown below. Included among activations counted as a Qwest delay in this sub-measurement are cases in which "2-6 codes" <sup>NOTE 1</sup> associated with the Qwest interconnection facilities are provided late by Qwest to the CLEC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qwest must receive complete and accurate routing information required for code activation, which includes but is not limited to "2-6 codes" for all interconnection trunk groups associated with the activation no less than 25 days prior to the LERG Due Date or Revised Due Date.</li> <li>• The "revised" date, for purposes of this measurement, is a CLEC-initiated renegotiation of the activation effective date that is no less than 25 days after Qwest receives complete and accurate routing information required for code activation, which includes but is not limited to "2-6 codes" for all interconnection trunk groups associated with the activation.</li> <li>• The NXX code activation notice is provided by the LERG (Local Exchange Routing Guide) to Qwest.</li> <li>• NXX code activation is defined as complete when all translations associated with the new NXX are complete by 11:59 p.m. of the day prior to the date identified in the LERG or the "revised" date (if different than the LERG date).</li> <li>• The NXX code activation completion process includes testing, including calls to the test number when provided.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reporting Period:</b> One month</p>	<p><b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent</p>
<p><b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate, individual CLEC and Qwest Retail results.</p>	<p><b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide.</p>
<p><b>Formula:</b>            NP-1A = [(Number of NXX codes loaded and tested in the reporting period prior to the LERG effective date or the "revised" date) ÷ (Number of NXX codes loaded and tested in the reporting period)] x 100             NP-1B = [(Number of NXX codes loaded and tested in the reporting period that were delayed past the LERG effective date or "revised" date affected by Qwest Interconnection Facility Delays) ÷ (Number of NXX codes loaded and tested in the reporting period, including NXX codes loaded and tested in the reporting period that were delayed past the LERG effective date or the "revised" date due to Interconnection Facility Delays)] x 100</p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b>            NP-1A:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NXX code activations completed after the LERG date or "revised" date due to delays in the installation of Qwest provided interconnection facilities associated with the activations. <sup>NOTE 2</sup></li> </ul>           NP-1A and NP-1B:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NXX codes with LERG dates or "revised" dates resulting in loading intervals shorter than industry standard (currently 45 calendar days).</li> <li>• NXX codes where QWEST received complete and accurate routing information required for code activations less than 25 days prior to the LERG due date or Revised due date.</li> </ul> </p>	

## NP-1 – NXX Code Activation (continued)

<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standards:</b> NP-1A: Parity NP-1B: Diagnostic
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> 1. "2-6 codes" are industry-standard designators for local interconnection trunk groups, consisting of 2 alpha letters and six numeric digits. 2. Only Qwest-provided interconnection facilities are noted in this exclusion, because delays related to facilities provided by CLECs or others are accounted for by revising the due date.

# Collocation

## CP-1 – Collocation Completion Interval

### Purpose:

Evaluates the timeliness of Qwest's installation of collocation arrangements for CLECs, focusing on the average time to complete such arrangements.

### Description:

Measures the interval between the Collocation Application Date and Qwest's completion of the collocation installation.

- Includes all collocations of types specified herein that are assigned a Ready for Service (RFS) date by Qwest and completed during the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below.
- Collocation types included are: physical cageless, physical caged, shared physical caged, physical-line sharing, cageless-line sharing, and virtual. <sup>NOTE 1</sup>
- The Collocation Application Date is the date Qwest receives from the CLEC a complete and valid application for collocation. In cases where the CLEC's collocation application is received by Qwest on a weekend or holiday, the Collocation Application Date is the next business day following the weekend or holiday.
- Major Infrastructure Modifications include conditioning the collocation space, obtaining permits, and installing DC power plant, standby generators, heating, venting or air conditioning equipment.
- Completion of the collocation installation is the date on which the requested collocation arrangement is "Ready For Service" as defined in the Definition of Terms section herein.
- Establishment of RFS Dates: RFS dates are established according to intervals specified in interconnection agreements. Where an interconnection agreement does not specify intervals, or where the CLEC requests, RFS dates are established as follows:
  - **Collocation Applications with Timely Quote Acceptance and, for Virtual Collocations, also with Timely Equipment Ready** – for collocation applications where the CLEC accepts the quote in seven or fewer calendar days after the quote date and, for virtual collocations, where the CLEC provides the equipment to be collocated to Qwest 53 calendar days or less after the Collocation Application Date, the RFS date shall be:
    - **Forecasted Collocations**: 90 calendar days after the Collocation Application Date for collocations for which the CLEC provides a complete forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
    - **Unforecasted Collocations**: 120 calendar days after the Collocation Application Date for collocations for which the CLEC does not provide a forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
  - **Collocation Applications with Late Quote Acceptance and, for Virtual Collocations, also with Timely Equipment Ready** – for collocation applications where the CLEC accepts the quote in eight or more calendar days after the quote date and, for virtual collocations, where the CLEC provides the equipment to be collocated to Qwest 53 calendar days or less after the Collocation Application Date, the RFS date shall be:
    - **Forecasted Collocations**: 90 calendar days after the quote acceptance date for collocations for which the CLEC provides a complete forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
    - **Unforecasted Collocations**: 120 calendar days after the quote acceptance date for collocations for which the CLEC does not provide a forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
  - **Virtual Collocation Applications with Timely Quote Acceptance and Late Equipment Ready** – for virtual collocation applications where the CLEC (1) accepts the quote in seven or fewer calendar days after the quote date and (2) provides the equipment to be collocated to Qwest more than 53 calendar days after the Collocation Application Date, the RFS date shall be:
    - **Forecasted Collocations**: 45 calendar days after the equipment is provided to Qwest, for collocations for which the CLEC provides a complete forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
    - **Unforecasted Collocations**: 75 calendar days after the equipment is provided to Qwest, for

## CP-1 – Collocation Completion Interval (continued)

collocations for which the CLEC does not provide a forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.

- **Virtual Collocation Applications with Late Quote Acceptance and Late Equipment Ready** – for virtual collocation applications where the CLEC (1) accepts the quote in eight or more calendar days after the quote date and (2) provides the equipment to be collocated to Qwest more than 53 calendar days after the Collocation Application Date, the RFS date shall be:
  - **Forecasted Collocations:** 45 calendar days after the equipment is provided to Qwest, for collocations for which the CLEC provides a complete forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
  - **Unforecasted Collocations:** 75 calendar days after the equipment is provided to Qwest, for collocations for which the CLEC does not provide a forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
- **All Collocations (physical, virtual, forecasted, or unforecasted) requiring Major Infrastructure Modifications:** the later of (1) up to 150 calendar days (as specified in the quote) after the Collocation Application Date, or (2) for virtual collocations, 45 days following the date equipment to be collocated is provided to Qwest for collocations in which Major Infrastructure Modifications are required. Qwest will provide to the CLEC, as part of the quotation, the need for, and the duration of, such extended intervals.
- When a CLEC submits six (6) or more Collocation applications in a one-week period in any state, completion intervals will be individually negotiated. These collocation arrangements will be included in CP-1A, -1B, or -1C according to the interval criteria specified below for these measurements.
  - Where there is a CLEC-caused delay, the RFS Date is rescheduled
- RFS dates may be extended beyond the above intervals for CLEC reasons, or for reasons beyond Qwest's control, but not for Qwest reasons.
- Where CLECs do not accept the quote within thirty days of the quote date, the application is considered expired.

**CP-1A** Measures collocation installations for which the scheduled interval from Collocation Application Date to RFS date is 90 calendar days or less.

**CP-1B** Measures collocation installations for which the scheduled interval from Collocation Application Date to RFS date is 91 to 120 calendar days.

**CP-1C** Measures collocation installations for which the scheduled interval from Collocation Application Date to RFS date is 121 to 150 calendar days.

**Reporting Period:** One month

**Unit of Measure:** Calendar Days

**Reporting Comparisons:** CLEC aggregate and individual CLEC results

**Disaggregation Reporting:** Statewide.

**Formula:** (for CP-1A, CP-1B and CP-1C)

$\Sigma[(\text{Collocation Completion Date}) - (\text{Complete Application Date})] \div (\text{Total Number of Collocations Completed in Reporting Period})$

## CP-1 – Collocation Completion Interval (continued)

<b>Exclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CP-1A: CLEC collocation applications with RFS dates yielding scheduled intervals longer than 90 calendar days from Collocation Application Date to RFS date.</li> <li>• CP-1B: CLEC collocation applications with RFS dates yielding scheduled intervals shorter than 91 calendar days or longer than 120 calendar days from Collocation Application Date to RFS date.</li> <li>• CP-1C: CLEC collocation applications with RFS dates yielding scheduled intervals shorter than 121 calendar days or longer than 150 calendar days from Collocation Application Date to RFS date.</li> <li>• Cancelled or expired applications.</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standards:</b> CP-1A: 90 calendar days CP-1B: 120 calendar days CP-1C: 150 calendar days
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> 1. Collocations covered by this measurement are central office related. As additional types of central office collocation are defined and offered, they will be included in this measurement. Non-central office-based types of collocation (such as remote collocation and field connection points) will be considered for either inclusion in this measurement, or in new, separate measurements, after the terms, conditions, and processes for such collocation types become finalized, accepted, mature (i.e., six months of experience from first installations), and ordered in volumes warranting reporting (i.e., consistently more than two per month in any state).

## CP-2 – Collocations Completed within Scheduled Intervals

### Purpose:

Evaluates the extent to which Qwest completes collocation arrangements for CLECs within the standard intervals or intervals established in interconnection agreements.

### Description:

Measures the percentage of collocation applications that are completed within standard intervals, including intervals set forth in interconnection agreements.

- Includes all collocations of types specified herein that are assigned a Ready for Service Date RFS date by Qwest and that are completed within the reporting period, including those with CLEC-requested RFS dates longer than the standard interval and those with extended RFS dates negotiated with the CLEC (including supplemented collocation orders that extend the RFS date) subject to exclusions specified below. Collocation types included are: physical cageless, physical caged, shared physical caged, physical-line sharing, cageless-line sharing, and virtual.<sup>NOTE 1</sup>
- The Collocation Application Date is the date Qwest receives from the CLEC a complete and valid application for collocation. In cases where the CLEC's collocation application is received by Qwest on a weekend or holiday, the Collocation Application Date is the next business day following the weekend or holiday.
- Major Infrastructure Modifications are defined as conditioning the collocation space, obtaining permits, and installing DC power plant, standby generators, heating, venting or air conditioning equipment.
- A collocation arrangement is counted as met under this measurement if its RFS date is met.
- Establishment of RFS Dates: RFS dates are established as follows, except where interconnection agreements require different intervals, in which case the intervals specified in the interconnection agreements apply:
  - **Collocation Applications with Timely Quote Acceptance and, for Virtual Collocations, also with Timely Equipment Ready** – for collocation applications where the CLEC accepts the quote in seven or fewer calendar days after the quote date and, for virtual collocations, where the CLEC provides the equipment to be collocated to Qwest 53 calendar days or less after the Collocation Application Date, the RFS date shall be:
    - **Forecasted Collocations**: 90 calendar days after the Collocation Application Date for physical collocations for which the CLEC provides a complete forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
    - **Unforecasted Collocations**: 120 calendar days after the Collocation Application Date for physical collocations for which the CLEC does not provide a forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
  - **Collocation Applications with Late Quote Acceptance and, for Virtual Collocations, also with Timely Equipment Ready** – for collocation applications where the CLEC accepts the quote in eight or more calendar days after the quote date and, for virtual collocations, where the CLEC provides the equipment to be collocated to Qwest 53 calendar days or less after the Collocation Application Date, the RFS date shall be:
    - **Forecasted Collocations**: 90 calendar days after the quote acceptance date for collocations for which the CLEC provides a complete forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
    - **Unforecasted Collocations**: 120 calendar days after the quote acceptance date for collocations for which the CLEC does not provide a forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
  - **Virtual Collocation Applications with Timely Quote Acceptance and Late Equipment Ready** – for virtual collocation applications where the CLEC (1) accepts the quote in seven or fewer calendar days after the quote date and (2) provides the equipment to be collocated to Qwest more than 53 calendar days after the Collocation Application Date, the RFS date shall be:
    - **Forecasted Collocations**: 45 calendar days after the equipment is provided to Qwest, for collocations for which the CLEC provides a complete forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
    - **Unforecasted Collocations**: 75 calendar days after the equipment is provided to Qwest, for collocations for which the CLEC does not provide a forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
- **Virtual Collocation Applications with Late Quote Acceptance and Late Equipment Ready** – for



**CP-2 – Collocations Completed within Scheduled Intervals (continued)**

<p>virtual collocation applications where the CLEC (1) accepts the quote in eight or more calendar days after the quote date and (2) provides the equipment to be collocated to Qwest more than 53 calendar days after the Collocation Application Date, the RFS date shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Forecasted Collocations:</b> 45 calendar days after the equipment is provided to Qwest, for collocations for which the CLEC provides a complete forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.</li> <li>- <b>Unforecasted Collocations:</b> 75 calendar days after the equipment is provided to Qwest, for collocations for which the CLEC does not provide a forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.</li> <li>• <b>All Collocations (physical, virtual, forecasted, or unforecasted) requiring Major Infrastructure Modifications:</b> the later of (1) up to 150 calendar days (as specified in the quote) after the Collocation Application Date, or (2) for virtual collocations, 45 calendar days following the date equipment to be collocated is provided to Qwest for collocations in which Major Infrastructure Modifications are required. Qwest will provide to the CLEC, as part of the quotation, the need for, and the duration of, such extended intervals.</li> <li>• When a CLEC submits six (6) or more Collocation applications in a one-week period in any state, completion intervals will be individually negotiated. These collocation arrangements will be included in CP-2A, -2B, or -2C according to the criteria specified below for these measurements.</li> <li>• Where there is a CLEC-caused delay, the RFS Date is rescheduled.</li> <li>• Where CLECs do not accept the quote within thirty calendar days of the quote date, the application is considered expired.</li> </ul>	
<b>CP-2A</b>	<b>Forecasted Collocations:</b> Measures collocation installations for which CLEC provides a forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
<b>CP-2B</b>	<b>Non-Forecasted and Late Forecasted Collocations:</b> Measures collocation installations for which CLEC does not provide a forecast to Qwest 60 or more calendar days in advance of the Collocation Application Date.
<b>CP-2C</b>	<b>All Collocations requiring Major Infrastructure Modifications and Collocations with intervals longer than 120 days:</b> Measures all collocation installations requiring Major Infrastructure Modifications and collocations for which the RFS date is more than 120 calendar days after the Collocation Application Date.
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	
<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent	
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate and individual CLEC results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.
<p><b>Formula:</b> (for CP-2A, CP-2B and CP-2C)  <math display="block">\left[ \frac{\text{Count of Collocations for which the RFS is met}}{\text{Total Number of Collocations Completed in the Reporting Period}} \right] \times 100</math></p>	
<p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFS dates missed for reasons beyond Qwest’s control.</li> <li>• Cancelled or expired requests.</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<p><b>Standards:</b></p> <p>CP-2A &amp; -2B: 90%</p> <p>CP-2C: 90%</p>

## CP-2 – Collocations Completed within Scheduled Intervals (continued)

<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> 1. Collocations covered by this measurement are central office related. As additional types of central office collocation are defined and offered, they will be included in this measurement. Non-central office-based types of collocation (such as remote collocation and field connection points) will be considered for either inclusion in this measurement, or in new, separate measurements, after the terms, conditions, and processes for such collocation types become finalized, accepted, mature (i.e., six months of experience from first installations), and ordered in volumes warranting reporting (i.e., consistently more than two per month in any state).
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### CP-3 – Collocation Feasibility Study Interval

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the timeliness of the Qwest sub-process function of providing a collocation feasibility study to the CLEC.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures average interval to respond to collocation studies for feasibility of installation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes feasibility studies, for collocations of types specified herein that are completed in the reporting period, subject to exclusions specified below. Collocation types included are: physical cageless, physical caged, shared physical caged, physical-line sharing, cageless-line sharing, and virtual.<sup>NOTE 1</sup></li> <li>Interval begins with the Collocation Application Date and ends with the date Qwest completes the Feasibility Study and provides it to the CLEC.</li> <li>The Collocation Application Date is the date Qwest receives from the CLEC a complete application for collocation. In cases where the CLEC's application for collocation is received by Qwest on a weekend or holiday, the Collocation Application Date is the next <u>business day</u> following the weekend or holiday.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Calendar Days
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate and individual CLEC results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.
<b>Formula:</b> $\frac{\Sigma[(\text{Date Feasibility Study provided to CLEC}) - (\text{Date Qwest receives CLEC request for Feasibility Study})]}{\text{(Total Feasibility Studies Completed in the Reporting Period)}}$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CLEC-caused delays of, or CLEC requests for feasibility study completions resulting in greater than ten calendar days from Collocation Application Date to scheduled feasibility study completion date.</li> </ul>	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standard:</b> 10 calendar days or less
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collocations covered by this measurement are central office related. As additional types of central office collocation are defined and offered, they will be included in this measurement. Non-central office-based types of collocation (such as remote collocation and field connection points) will be considered for either inclusion in this measurement, or in new, separate measurements, after the terms, conditions, and processes for such collocation types become finalized, accepted, mature (i.e., six months of experience from first installations), and ordered in volumes warranting reporting (i.e., consistently more than two per month in any state).</li> </ol>

## CP-4 – Collocation Feasibility Study Commitments Met

<b>Purpose:</b> Evaluates the degree that Qwest completes the sub-process function of providing a collocation feasibility study to the CLEC as committed.	
<b>Description:</b> Measures the percentage of collocation feasibility studies for installations that are completed within the Scheduled Interval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Scheduled Interval is ten calendar days from the Collocation Application Date or, if interconnection agreements call for different intervals, within intervals specified in the agreements, or if otherwise delayed by the CLEC, the interval resulting from the delay.</li> <li>• Includes all feasibility studies for collocations of types specified herein, that are completed in the reporting period. Collocation types included are: physical cageless, physical caged, shared physical caged, physical-line sharing, cageless-line sharing, and virtual. <sup>NOTE 1</sup></li> <li>• Considers the interval from the Collocation Application Date to the date Qwest completes the Feasibility Study and provides it to the CLEC.</li> <li>• The Collocation Application Date is the date Qwest receives from the CLEC a complete application for collocation. In cases where the CLEC's application for collocation is received by Qwest on a weekend or holiday, the Collocation Application Date is the next <u>business day</u> following the weekend or holiday.</li> <li>• Subject to superceding terms in the CLEC's interconnection agreement, when a CLEC submits six (6) or more Collocation applications in a one-week period in any state, feasibility study intervals will be individually negotiated and the resulting intervals used instead of ten calendar days in this measurement.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting Period:</b> One month	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Percent
<b>Reporting Comparisons:</b> CLEC aggregate and individual CLEC results	<b>Disaggregation Reporting:</b> Statewide level.
<b>Formula:</b> $\left[ \frac{\text{Total Applicable Collocation Feasibility studies completed within Scheduled Intervals}}{\text{Total applicable Collocation Feasibility studies completed in the reporting period}} \right] \times 100$	
<b>Exclusions:</b> None	
<b>Product Reporting:</b> None	<b>Standard:</b> 90 percent or more
<b>Availability:</b> Available	<b>Notes:</b> 1. Collocations covered by this measurement are central office related. As additional types of central office collocation are defined and offered, they will be included in this measurement. Non-central office-based types of collocation (such as remote collocation and field connection points) will be considered for either inclusion in this measurement, or in new, separate measurements, after the terms, conditions, and processes for such collocation types become finalized, accepted, mature (i.e., six months of experience from first installations), and ordered in volumes warranting reporting (i.e., consistently more than two per month in any state).

## DEFINITION OF TERMS

**Application Date (and Time)** – The date (and time) on which Qwest receives from the CLEC a complete and accurate local service request (LSR) or access service request (ASR) or retail order, subject to the following:

- For the following types of requests/orders, the application date (and time) is the start of the next business day:
  - (1) LSRs and ASRs received after 3:00PM MT for Designed Services and Local Number Portability (except non-designed, flow-through LNP).
  - (2) Retail orders received after 3:00 PM local time for Designed Services.
  - (3) LSRs received after 7:00PM MT for POTS Resale (Residence and Business), Non-Design Resale Centrex, non-designed UNE-P, Unbundled Loops, and non-designed, flow-through LNP.
  - (4) Retail orders for comparable non-designed services cannot be received after closing time, so the cutoff time is essentially the business office closing time.
- For all types of orders that are received from Friday at 7:00 PM MT through Sunday, or on holidays, and do not flow through, the application date (and time) is the next, non-weekend business day.

**Automatic Location Information (ALI)** – The feature of E911 that displays at the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) the street address of the calling telephone number. This feature requires a data storage and retrieval system for translating telephone numbers to the associated address. ALI may include Emergency Service Number (ESN), street address, room or floor, and names of the enforcement, fire and medical agencies with jurisdictional responsibility for the address. The Management System (E911) database is used to update the Automatic E911 Location Information databases.

**Bill Date** – The date shown at the top of the bill, representing the date on which Qwest begins to close the bill.

**Blocking** – Condition on a telecommunications network where, due to a maintenance problem or an traffic volumes exceeding trunking capacity in a part of the network, some or all originating or terminating calls cannot reach their final destinations. Depending on the condition and the part of the network affected, the network may make subsequent attempts to complete the call or the call may be completely blocked. If the call is completely blocked, the calling party will have to re-initiate the call attempt.

**Business Day** – Workdays that Qwest is normally open for business. Business Day = Monday through Friday, excluding weekends and Qwest published Holidays including New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Individual measurement definitions may modify (typically expanding) this definition as described in the Notes section of the measurement definition.

**Cleared Trouble Report** – A trouble report for which the trouble has been cleared, meaning the customer is "back in service".

**Closed Trouble Report** – A trouble report that has been closed out from a maintenance center perspective, meaning the ticket is closed in the trouble reporting system following repair of the trouble.

**Code Activation (Opening)** – Process by which new NPA/NXXs (area code/prefix) is defined, through software translations to network databases and switches, in telephone networks. Code activation (openings) allow for new groups of telephone numbers (usually in blocks of 10,000) to be made available for assignment to an ILEC's or CLEC's customers, and for calls to those numbers to be passed between carriers.

**Common Channel Signaling System 7 (CCSS7)** – A network architecture used to for the exchange of signaling information between telecommunications nodes and networks on an out-of-band basis. Information exchanged provides for call set-up and supports services and features such as CLASS and database query and response.

**Common Transport** – Trunk groups between tandem and end office switches that are shared by more than one carrier, often including the traffic of both the ILEC and several CLECs.

**Completion** – The time in the order process when the service has been provisioned and service is available.

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**Completion Notice** – A notification the ILEC provides to the CLEC to inform the CLEC that the requested service order activity is complete.

**Coordinated Customer Conversion** -- Orders that have a due date negotiated between the ILEC, the CLEC, and the customer so that work activities can be performed on a coordinated basis under the direction of the receiving carrier.

**Customer Requested Due Date** – A specific due date requested by the customer which is either shorter or longer than the standard interval or the interval offered by the ILEC.

**Customer Trouble Reports** – A report that the carrier providing the underlying service opens when notified that a customer has a problem with their service. Once resolved, the disposition of the trouble is changed to closed.

**Dedicated Transport** – A network facility reserved to the exclusive use of a single customer, carrier or pair of carriers used to exchange switched or special, local exchange, or exchange access traffic.

**Delayed Order** – An order which has been completed after the scheduled due date and/or time.

**Directory Assistance Database** – A database that contains subscriber records used to provide live or automated operator-assisted directory assistance. Including 411, 555-1212, NPA-555-1212.

**Directory Listings** – Subscriber information used for DA and/or telephone directory publishing, including name and telephone number, and optionally, the customer's address.

**DS-0** – Digital Service Level 0. Service provided at a digital signal speed commonly at 64 kbps, but occasionally at 56 kbps.

**DS-1** – Digital Service Level 1. Service provided at a digital signal speed of 1.544 Mbps.

**DS-3** – Digital Service Level 3. Service provided at a digital signal speed of 44.736 Mbps.

**Due Date** – The date provided on the Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) the ILEC sends the CLEC identifying the planned completion date for the order.

**End Office Switch** – A switch from which an end users' exchange services are directly connected and offered.

**Final Trunk Groups** – Interconnection and interoffice trunk groups that do not overflow traffic to other trunk groups when busy.

**Firm Order Confirmation (FOC)** – Notice the ILEC sends to the CLEC to notify the CLEC that it has received the CLECs service request, created a service order, and assigned it a due date.

**Flow-Through** – The term used to describe whether a LSR electronically is passed from the OSS interface system to the ILEC legacy system to automatically create a service order. LSRs that do not flow through require manual intervention for the service order to be created in the ILEC legacy system.

**Interval Zone 1/Zone 2** – Interval Zone 1 areas are wire centers for which Qwest specifies shorter standard service intervals than for Interval Zone 2 areas.

**Installation** – The activity performed to activate a service.

**Installation Troubles** – A trouble, which is identified after service order activity and installation, has completed on a customer's line. It is likely attributable to the service activity (within a defined time period).

**Interconnection Trunks** – A network facility that is used to interconnect two switches generally of different local exchange carriers

**Inward Activity** – Refers to all orders for new or additional lines/circuits. For change order types, additional lines/circuits consist of all C orders with "I" and "T" action coded line/circuit USOCs that represent new or additional lines/circuits, including conversions from retail to CLEC and CLEC to CLEC.

**Jeopardy** – A condition experienced in the service provisioning process which results potentially in the inability of a carrier to meet the committed due date on a service order

**Jeopardy Notice** – The actual notice that the ILEC sends to the CLEC when a jeopardy has been identified.

**Lack of Facilities** – A shortage of cable facilities identified after a due date has been committed to a customer, including the CLEC. The facilities shortage may be identified during the inventory assignment process or during the service installation process, and typically triggers a jeopardy.

**Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG)** – A Bellcore master file that is used by the telecom industry to identify NPA-NXX routing and homing information, as well as network element and equipment designations. The file also includes scheduled network changes associated with activity within the North American Numbering Plan (NANP).

**Local Exchange Traffic** – Traffic originated on the network of a LEC in a local calling area that terminates to another LEC in a local calling area.

## DEFINITION OF TERMS (continued)

**Local Number Portability (formerly defined under Permanent Number Portability and also known as – Long Term Number Portability)** – A network technology which allows end user customers to retain their telephone number when moving their service between local service providers. This technology does not employ remote call forwarding, but actually allows the customer's telephone number to be moved and redefined in the network of the new service provider. The activity to move the telephone number is called "porting."

**Local Service Request (LSR)** – Transaction sent from the CLEC to the ILEC to order services or to request a change(s) be made to existing services.

**MSA/Non-MSA** – Metropolitan Statistical Area is a government defined geographic area with a population of 50,000 or greater. Non-Metropolitan Statistical Area is a government defined geographic area with population of less than 50,000. Qwest depicts MSA Non-MSA based on NPA NXX. Where a wire center is predominantly within an MSA, all lines are counted within the MSA.

**Mechanized Bill** – A bill that is delivered via electronic transmission.

**NXX, NXX Code or Central Office Code** – The three digit switch entity indicator that is defined by the "D", "E", and "F" digits of a 10-digit telephone number within the NANP. Each NXX Code contains 10,000 station numbers.

**Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS)** – Refers to basic 2-wire, non-complex analog residential and business services. Can include feature capabilities (e.g., CLASS features).

**Projects** – Service requests that exceed the line size and/or level of complexity which would allow for the use of standard ordering and provisioning processes. Generally, due dates for projects are negotiated, coordination of service installations/changes is required and automated provisioning may not be practical.

**Query Types** – Pre-ordering information that is available to a CLEC that is categorized according to standards issued by OBF and/or the FCC.

**Ready For Service (RFS)** – The status achieved in the installation of a collocation arrangement when all "operational" work has been completed. Operational work consists of the following as applicable to the particular type of collocation:

- Cage enclosure complete;
- DC power is active (including fuses available, BDFB [Battery Distribution Fuse Board] in place, and cables between the CLEC and power terminated);
- Primary AC outlet in place;
- Cable racking and circuit terminations are complete (e.g. fiber jumpers placed between the Outside Plant Fiber Distribution Panel and the Central Office Fiber Distribution Panel serving the CLEC). and
- The following items complete, subject to the CLEC having made required payments to Qwest (e.g., final payment): (If the required CLEC payments have not been made, the following items are not required for RFS):
  - Key turnover made available to CLEC.
  - APOT/CFA complete, as defined/required in the CLEC's interconnection agreement and
  - Basic telephone service and other services and facilities complete, if ordered by CLEC in time to be provided on the scheduled RFS date (per Qwest's published standard installation intervals for such telephone service).

**Ready for Service Date (RFS date)** – The due date assigned to a collocation order (typically determined by regulatory rulings, contract terms, or negotiations with CLEC) to indicate when collocation installation is scheduled to be ready for service, as defined above.

**Reject** – A status that can occur to a CLEC submitted local service request (LSR) when it does not meet certain criteria. There are two types of rejects: (1) syntax, which occur if required fields are not included in the LSR; and (2) content, which occur if invalid data is provided in a field. A rejected service request must be corrected and re-submitted before provisioning can begin.

**Repeat Report** – Any trouble report that is a second (or greater) report on the same telephone number/circuit ID and at the same premises address within 30 days. The original report can be any category, including excluded reports, and can carry any disposition code.

**Service Group Type** – The designation used to identify a category of similar services, .e.g., UNE loops.

**Service Order** – The work order created and distributed in ILECs systems and to ILEC work groups in response to a complete, valid local service request.

## DEFINITION OF TERMS (continued)

**Service Order Type** – The designation used to identify the major types of provisioning activities associated with a local service request.

**Standard Interval** – The interval that the ILEC publishes as a guideline for establishing due dates for provisioning a service request. Typically, due dates will not be assigned with intervals shorter than the standard. These intervals are specified by service type and type of service modification requested. ILECs publish these standard intervals in documents used by their own service representatives as well as ordering instructions provided to CLECs in the Qwest Standard Interval Guidelines.

**Subsequent Reports** – A trouble report that is taken in relation to a previously-reported trouble prior to the date and time the initial report has a status of “closed.”

**Tandem Switch** – Switch used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among Central Office switches.

**Time to Restore** – The time interval from the receipt, by the ILEC, of a trouble report on a customer's service to the time service is fully restored to the customer.

**Unbundled Network Element – Platform (UNE-P)** – Combinations of network elements, including both new and conversions, involving POTS (i.e., basic services providing dial tone).

**Unbundled Loop** - The Unbundled Loop is a transmission path between a Qwest Central Office Distribution Frame, or equivalent, and the Loop Demarcation Point at an end user premises. Loop Demarcation Point is defined as the point where Qwest owned or controlled facilities cease, and CLEC, end user, owner or landlord ownership of facilities begins.

**Usage Data** – Data generated in network nodes to identify switched call data on a detailed or summarized basis. Usage data is used to create customer invoices for the calls.



## GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

ACRONYM	DESCRIPTION
ACD	Automatic Call Distributor
ADSL	Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line
ALI	Automatic Line Information (for 911/E911 systems)
ASR	Service Request (processed via Exact system)
BRI	Basic Rate Interface (type of ISDN service)
CABS	Carrier Access Billing System
CKT	Circuit
CLEC	Competitive Local Exchange Carrier
CO	Central Office
CPE	Customer Premises Equipment
CRIS	Customer Record Information System
CSR	Customer Service Record
DA	Directory Assistance
DB	Decibel
DB	Database
DS0	Digital Service 0
DS1	Digital Service 1
DS3	Digital Service 3
E911 MS	E911 Management System
EAS	Extended Area Service
EB-TA	Electronic Bonding – Trouble Administration
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EELS	Enhanced Extended Loops
ES	Emergency Services (for 911/E911)
FOC	Firm Order Confirmation
GUI	Graphical User Interface
HDSL	High-Bit-Rate Digital Subscriber Line
HICAP	High Capacity Digital Service
IEC	Interexchange Carrier
ILEC	Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier
INP	Interim Number Portability
IOF	Interoffice Facilities (refers to trunk facilities located between Qwest central offices)
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network
IMA	Interconnect Mediated Access
LATA	Local Access Transport Area
LERG	Local Exchange Routing Guide
LIDB	Line Identification Database
LIS	Local Interconnection Service Trunks
LNP	Long Term Number Portability
LSR	Local Service Request
N, T, C	Service Order Types - - N (new), T (to or transfer), C (change)
NANP	North American Numbering Plan
NDM	Network Data Mover
NPAC	Number Portability Administration Center
NXX	Telephone number prefix
OBF	Ordering and Billing Forum

**GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS (continued)**

<b>ACRONYM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
OOS	Out of service (type of trouble condition)
OSS	Operations Support Systems
PBX	Private Branch Exchange
PON	Purchase Order Number
POTS	Plain Old Telephone Service
PRI	Primary Rate Interface (type of ISDN service)
RFS	Ready for Service (refers to collocation installations)
SIA	SAAFE (Strategic Application Architecture Framework and Environment) Information Access
SOP	Service Order Processor
SOT	Service Order Type
SS7	Signaling System 7
STP	Signaling Transfer Point
TN	Telephone Number
UDIT	Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport
UNE	Unbundled Network Element
UNE-P	Unbundled Network Element – Platform
VRU	Voice Response Unit
WFA	Work Force Administration
XDSL	(x) Digital Subscriber Line. (The “x” prefix refers to DSL generically. An “x” replaced by an “A” refers to Asymmetric DSL, and by an “H” refers to High-bit-rate DSL.)

# APPENDIX A

## PO-20 Feature Detail Fields

### Feature Detail

#### **Resale and UNE-P (POTS and Centrex 21):**

##### ***CFN***

Validate the call forwarding TN

##### ***CFNB***

Validate the call forwarding TN

##### ***CFND***

Validate the call forwarding TN

##### ***RCYC***

FID associated with a call forwarding don't answer USOC that determines how many rings before the call forwards to the TN provided with the CFN or CFND FIDs.

##### ***HLN (HLA Hot Line)***

FID associated with the USOC HLA (which is on our USOC list to validate.) The Hot Line feature call forwards automatically to a pre-programmed number. This TN is provided following the HLN FID. The data provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR will be validated against the HLN FID on the service order to determine whether the FID is present and the TN provided on the LSR with the FID is correct on the service order.

##### ***LINK (HME CALL FORWARDING TO CELLULAR)***

FID associated with the USOC HME (which is on our USOC list to validate.) The HME feature call forwards a call from the landline telephone number to a cellular telephone number. The LINK FID, along with the PCS telephone number provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR, will be validated against the LINK FID on the service order to determine whether the FID is present and the telephone number provided on the LSR matches the telephone number on the service order.

##### ***DES on DID MBB***

If the CLEC requests a DID voice mailbox the DID number will follow the FID DES on the LSR in the Feature Detail section and on the service order. The DES FID along with the DID telephone number provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR will be validated against the DES FID on the service order to determine whether the FID is present and the DID telephone number provided on the matches the telephone number on the service order.

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### ***TN on Custom Ring USOC (RGG1A etc.)***

We currently have 9 custom ring USOCs on our PO-20 USOC list. Along with the custom ring USOC is the TN FID. The TN FID along with the custom ring telephone number provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR will be validated against the TN FID on the service order to determine whether the FID is present and the custom ring telephone provided on the LSR with the FID is correct on the service order. (The validation would only apply if the USOC and FID were present in the Feature Detail section of the LSR.)

### ***CAS (If provided on LSR for SEA)***

Call Screening Code Assignment is a FID associated with the selective class of call feature (which is on our USOC list to validate.) Along with the CAS FID is a two-digit number that indicates what type of screening is being requested. The CAS FID along with a two-digit number is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the two-digit number matches the two-digit number provided on the LSR.

### ***WW (if provided on LSR for TFM)***

Working With is a FID associated with the transfer mailbox feature (which is on our USOC list to validate.) Along with the WW FID is a ten-digit number that indicates where the voice mailbox is located. The WW FID along with the ten-digit number is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the ten-digit number matches the ten-digit number provided on the LSR.

### ***MBOA (if provided on LSR for VFN)***

Mailbox out-dial notification is a FID associated with the message notification feature (which is on our USOC list to validate.) Along with the MBOA FID is a two-digit alphanumeric combination that indicates where the notification will be sent (i.e., identifies pager type.) The MBOA FID along with the two-digit alphanumeric combination is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the two-digit alphanumeric matches the two-digit alphanumeric provided on the LSR.

### ***DES on VGT (if provided on LSR)***

Description is a FID associated with the scheduled greeting feature (which is on our USOC list to validate.) Along with the DES FID is a ten-digit telephone number that reflects the DID mailbox number. The DES FID along with the ten-digit telephone number is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the ten-digit telephone number matches the ten-digit telephone number provided on the LSR.

### ***WLT (WLS Warm Line)***

Warm line timeout is a FID associated with the warm line feature. Along with the WLT FID is a one or two numeric value that indicates the number of seconds that must elapse before the DMS-100 switch sets up the connection for a warm line service number. The WLT FID along with the one or two numeric value is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the one or two numeric value matches the one or two numeric value provided on the LSR.

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### FIDs associated with WFA (800 service line feature which is on our USOC list to validate):

#### ***SIT (if provided on LSR for WFA)***

Special identifying telephone number is a FID associated with the 800 service line feature. Along with the SIT FID is a ten-digit telephone number that reflects the 800, 888, 877, or 866 service line feature. The SIT FID along with the ten-digit telephone number is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the ten-digit telephone number matches the ten-digit telephone number provided on the LSR.

#### ***SIS (if provided on LSR for WFA)***

Special Identifying Telephone Number Supplemental is a FID associated with the 800 service line feature. The SIS FID along with a one-digit number is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the one-digit number matches the one-digit number provided on the LSR.

#### ***ELN (if provided on LSR for WFA)***

800 Service listed name is a FID associated with the 800 service line feature. Along with the ELN FID is a listed name, which follows the format of a business name. The ELN FID along with the name is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the name matches the name provided on the LSR.

#### ***ELA (if provided on LSR for WFA)***

800 listed address is a FID associated with the 800 service line feature. Along with the ELA FID is an address, which follows the format of a listed address plus LATA, State, and ZIP code. The ELA FID along with the address is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the address matches the address provided on the LSR.

#### ***AOS (if provided on LSR for WFA)***

Area of service is a FID associated with the 800 service line feature. Along with the AOS FID are one to two alphanumeric characters and three numeric characters which represents LATA and AC of the address. The AOS FID along with the additional characters are provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the additional characters match the additional characters provided on the LSR.

#### ***ALC (if provided on LSR for WFA)***

IntraLATA carrier is a FID associated with the 800 service line feature. It indicates the IntraLATA carrier for the 800 service. Along with the ALC FID is the three-digit code (OTC) for the IntraLATA carrier. The ALC FID along with the three-digit code is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the three-digit code matches the three-digit code provided on the LSR.

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FIDs associated with SO3, SO5, SFB, C2TAX (Electronic Business Set USOCs which are on our USOC list to validate):

***KEY (If provided on LSR for Electronic Business Set EBS USOCs)***

Key Designation (KEY number) is a FID associated with the Electronic Business Set feature. Along with the KEY FID is a numeric value that indicates the key designated for different features or lines on the EBS. The KEY FID along with the numeric value is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the numeric value matches the numeric value provided on the LSR.

***MADN (If provided on LSR for Electronic Business Set EBS USOCs)***

Multiple Appearance Directory Number Call Arrangement is a FID associated with the Electronic Business Set feature. Along with the MADN FID is a set of alpha values that indicate the type, appearance and ring status desired for different features or lines on the EBS. The KEY FID along with the alpha values is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the alpha values match the alpha values provided on the LSR.

***ROL (If provided on LSR for Electronic Business Set EBS USOCs)***

Ring On Line is a FID associated with the Electronic Business Set feature. Along with the ROL FID is an alpha value that indicates if the line will ring (Y or N). The ROL FID along with the alpha value is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the alpha value matches the alpha value provided on the LSR.

***TTYD (If provided on LSR for C2TAX)***

Terminal Type is a FID associated with the adjunct module feature. Along with the TTYD FID is a 4 character alpha value based on customer equipment. The TTYD FID along with the 4 character alpha value is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the 4 character alpha value matches the 4 character alpha value provided on the LSR.

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### FIDs associated with E3PPK (CALL PICK-UP feature which is on our USOC list to validate):

#### ***CPG (If provided on LSR for E3PPK)***

Call Pickup Group is a FID associated with the CALL PICK-UP feature. Along with the CPG FID is a 1-3 digit numeric value that identifies the call pickup group. The CPG FID along with the 1-3 digit numeric value is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the 1-3 digit numeric value matches the 1-3 digit numeric value provided on the LSR.

#### ***CPUO (If provided on LSR for E3PPK)***

Call Pickup-Originating is a FID associated with the CALL PICK-UP feature. Along with the CPUO FID is an alphanumeric value that identifies the call pickup group. The CPUO FID along with the alphanumeric value is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the alphanumeric value matches alphanumeric value provided on the LSR.

#### ***CPUT (If provided on LSR for E3PPK)***

Call Pickup-Terminating is a FID associated with the CALL PICK-UP feature. Along with the CPUT FID is an alphanumeric value that identifies the call pickup group. The CPUT FID along with the alphanumeric value is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the alphanumeric value matches alphanumeric value provided on the LSR.

### FIDs associated with GVJ, EZJ, GVZ, GV2, EVH, GVV (Speed Call feature USOCs that are on our USOC list to validate):

#### ***SCG (If provided on LSR for Speed call USOCs)***

Speed Call Group is a FID associated with the Speed call feature. Along with the SCG FID is a 7 digit numeric value that identifies the controller of the group. The SCG FID along with the 7 digit numeric value is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the 7 digit numeric value matches 7 digit numeric value provided on the LSR.

#### ***CSL (If provided on LSR for Speed call USOCs)***

Change Speed Calling Group List is a FID associated with the Speed call feature. Along with the CSL FID is a 2 digit numeric value that identifies the size of the group list. The CSL FID along with the 2 digit numeric value is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the 2 digit numeric value matches 2 digit numeric value provided on the LSR.

#### ***SCF (If provided on LSR for Speed call USOCs)***

Speed Calling Feature Name is a FID associated with the Speed call feature. Along with the SCF FID is an alphanumeric value that identifies the controller of the shared list. The SCF FID along with the alphanumeric value is provided in the Feature Detail section on the LSR. The PO-20 review will validate that the FID is floated on the service order behind the feature USOC and that the alphanumeric value matches alphanumeric value provided on the LSR.

## Exhibit C SERVICE INTERVAL TABLES

### 1.0 Unbundled Loops, Line Sharing and Line Splitting Service Interval Table:

(a) Established Service Intervals 2/4 Wire Analog (Voice Grade):

a)	1-8 lines	Five (5) business days
b)	9-16 lines	Six (6) business days
c)	17-24 lines	Seven (7) business days
d)	25 or more	ICB

(b) Established Service Intervals for 2/4 Wire Non-Loaded Loops, and ADSL Compatible Loops that do not require conditioning:

a)	1-8 lines	Five (5) business days
b)	9-16 lines	Six (6) business days
c)	17-24 lines	Seven (7) business days
d)	25 or more	ICB

(c) Established Service Intervals for xDSL-I/ BRI ISDN Capable Loops that do not require conditioning:

a)	1-8 lines	Five (5) business days
b)	9-16 lines	Six (6) business days
c)	17-24 lines	Seven (7) business days
d)	25 or more	ICB

(d) Established Service Intervals for existing DS-1 Capable Loops, DS1 Capable Feeder Loop:<sup>1</sup>

a)	1 – 8 lines	Five (5) business days
b)	9 -16 lines	Seven (7) business days
c)	17 – 24 lines	Nine (9) business days
d)	25 or more	ICB

(e) Established Service Intervals for existing DS3 Capable Loops:

a)	1-3 lines	Seven (7) business days
b)	4 or more	ICB

(f) Established Service Intervals for Line Sharing and Line Splitting that do not require conditioning:

a)	1-24 lines	Three (3) business days
b)	25 or More	Three (3) business days

(g) Conditioned Loops for 2/4 Wire Non-Loaded Loops, ADSL Compatible, Basic Rate ISDN Capable, xDSL-I Capable Loops, Line Sharing and Line Splitting:

a)	1-8 lines	Fifteen (15) business days
b)	9 or more	ICB

<sup>1</sup> PUC of South Dakota Findings Regarding Checklist Items 2, 4, 5, and 6, November 12, 2002, page 10, (“Standard Intervals for Unbundled Loops”).



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- (h) Established Repair Intervals for Basic 2-wire Analog Loops, Line Sharing, Line Splitting, and Shared Distribution Loop:

Twenty-four (24) hours OSS
Forty-eight (48) hours AS

- (i) Established Repair Intervals for 4-wire Analog Loops, 2/4 Wire Non-Loaded Loops, Basic Rate ISDN Capable Loops, and ADSL Compatible Loops, xDSL-I Capable Loops, DS1 Capable Loops, DS3 Capable Loops, and OCn Capable Loops:

Four (4) hours
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- (j) Quick Loop

a) 1 to 24 Lines	Three (3) business days
b) 25 or more Lines	ICB

Quick Loop with Number Portability

a) 1 to 8 Lines	Three (3) business days
b) 9 to 24 Lines	Four (4) business days
c) 25 or more Lines	ICB

- (k) OCn Loop

1 or more Lines	ICB
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- (l) Shared Distribution Loop

1 or more Lines	Five (5) business days
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- (M) Established Service Intervals for 2/4 wire Distribution and Non-loaded Distribution Loop

1 or more Lines	Two (2) business days or Appointment Scheduler

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2.0 Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT) Service Interval Table:

Product	Services Ordered	Installation Commitments	Repair Commitments
<b>UDIT, EUDIT, UCCRE</b>			
<b>DS0</b>	1 to 8	Zone 1: Five (5) business days	Four (4) hrs. Zone 1
		Zone 2: Six (6) business days	Four (4) hrs. Zone 2
	9 to 16	Zone 1: Six (6) business days	Four (4) hrs. Zone 1
		Zone 2: Seven (7) business days	Four (4) hrs. Zone 2
17 to 24	Zone 1: Seven (7) business days	Four (4) hrs. Zone 1	
	Zone 2: Eight (8) business days	Four (4) hrs. Zone 2	
	25 or more	ICB	ICB
<b>DS1</b>	1 to 8	Zone 1: Five (5) business days	Four (4) hrs Zone 1
		Zone 2: Eight (8) business days	Four (4) hrs Zone 2
	9 to 16	Zone 1: Six (6) business days	Four (4) hrs Zone 1
		Zone 2: Nine (9) business days	Four (4) hrs Zone 2
	17 to 24	Zone 1: Seven (7) business days	Four (4) hrs Zone 1
Zone 2: Ten (10) business days		Four (4) hrs Zone 2	
	25 or more	ICB	Four (4) hrs
<b>DS3</b>	1 to 3 Circuits	Zone 1: Seven (7) business days	Four (4) hrs Zone 1
		Zone 2: Nine (9) business days	Four (4) hrs Zone 2
	4 or more Circuits	ICB	Four (4) hrs
<b>OC3 and Higher</b>	1 or more Circuits	ICB	Four (4) hrs

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3.0 Unbundled Local Switching Service Interval Table:

Product	Services Ordered	Installation Commitments	Repair Commitments
<b>Unbundled Switching</b>			
<b>Unbundled Switching – Line Side Analog</b> With Line Class Code (LCC) already supported in requested switch.	1 to 8	Zone 1: Five (5) business days  Zone 2: Six (6) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 1  Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 2
	9 to 16	Zone 1: Six (6) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 1
		Zone 2: Seven (7) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 2
	17 to 24	Zone 1: Seven (7) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 1
		Zone 2: Eight (8) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 2
25 or more	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs.	
<b>Unbundled Switching – Line Side Analog – Existing – Vertical Feature(s)</b> (Features change without inward line activity and not impacting the design of the circuit.)	1 to 19	Two (2) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs. AS
	20 to 39	Four (4) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs. AS
	40 or more	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs. OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs. AS
<b>Unbundled Switching – New Line Class Code (LCC)</b> ordered through customized routing		ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
<b>Unbundled Switching – BRI-ISDN Line-side Port.</b> With a U S WEST standard configuration and Line Class Code (LCC) already supported in the requested switch	1 to 4 Lines	Zone 1: Seven (7) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 1
		Zone 2: ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 2
	5 or more	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
<b>Unbundled Switching – BRI-ISDN Line-side Port.</b> With non-standard configuration and Line Class Code (LCC) already supported in the requested switch	1 to 4 Lines	Zone 1: Seventeen (17) business days (includes 10 days for complex translations.)	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 1
		Zone 2: ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 2

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	5 or more	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
<b>Unbundled Switching – DS1 Trunk Port</b>	1 to 8 Ports	Zone 1: Five (5) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 1
		Zone 2: Six (6) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 2
	9 to 16 Ports	Zone 1: Six (6) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 1
		Zone 2: Seven (7) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 2
	17 to 24 Ports	Zone 1: Seven (7) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 1
Zone 2: Eight (8) business days		Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 2	
25 or more Ports	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs.	
<b>Unbundled Switching – Message Trunk Groups</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translation questionnaire required</li> <li>• Routing to trunks is ordered separately as Customized Routing</li> <li>• DS1 trunk port &amp; UDIT in place.</li> </ul>	Zone 1: 1 to 24	Seven (7) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
	25 to 48	Eight (8) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
	49 to 72	Ten (10) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
	73 to 96	Twelve (12) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
	97 to 120	Fourteen (14) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
	121 to 144	Fifteen (15) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
	145 to 168	Sixteen (16) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
	169 to 240	Eighteen (18) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
	241 or more	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
	Zone 2: 1 to 24	Eighteen (18) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
	25 to 72	Nineteen (19) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
	73 to 120	Twenty (20) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
	121 or more	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs.

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<b>Unbundled Switching – Two Way and DID Equivalent Group</b> (add/change/increase) DS1 trunk port in place	1 to 8 Trunks	Zone 1: Five (5) business days  Zone 2: Six (6) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 1  Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 2
	9 to 16 Trunks	Zone 1: Six (6) business days  Zone 2: Seven (7) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 1  Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 2
	17 to 24 Trunks	Zone 1: Seven (7) business days  Zone 2: Eight (8) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 1  Twenty-four (24) hrs. Zone 2
	25 or more Trunks	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs.
<b>Unbundled Switching – PRI-ISDN Capable Trunk-Side</b> DS1 Trunk port in place	1 to 8	Zone 1: Five (5) business days  Zone 2: Six (6) business days	4 hrs. Zone 1  4 hrs. Zone 2
	9 to 16	Zone 1: Six (6) business days  Zone 2: Seven (7) business days	4 hrs. Zone 1  4 hrs. Zone 2
	17 to 24	Zone 1: Seven (7) business days  Zone 2: Eight (8) business days	Four (4) hrs. Zone 1  Four (4) hrs. Zone 2
	25 or more	ICB	Four (4) hrs.

<b>Unbundled Packet Switching</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design changes – 8 Business days</li> <li>• Non-design changes – 5 Business days</li> <li>• Service changes – 5 Business days</li> </ul>	New service request – 10 Business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs
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### 4.0 Unbundled Dark Fiber Interval Table:

Installation Guidelines apply where facilities/network capacity is in place, on Qwest-owned, in region facilities. Where non-Qwest locations are involved, intervals are handled on an Individual Case Basis – (ICB).

Product	Activity/ Features	Services Ordered	FOC Guidelines	Installation Guidelines	Repair Guidelines
<b>Dark Fiber</b>					
Initial Records Inquiry (IRI) (simple & complex)			N/A	Ten (10) business days	N/A
Field Verification And Quote Preparation (FVQP)			N/A	Twenty (20) business days	N/A
Provisioning (non- FVQP requests)			N/A	Twenty (20) business days	

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### 5.0 Unbundled Network Elements Platform (UNE-P) Service Interval Table:

#### For UNE-P POTS, Saturday due dates are available under the following circumstances:

The Saturday Desired Due Date (DDD) must be at least the standard interval.

For dispatched orders, a Saturday appointment must be available and reserved in Appointment Scheduler.

For UNE-P POTS non-dispatched orders, Saturday is counted as part of the standard installation interval, even if a Saturday due date is not desired. For example: when the standard interval is 2 (two) business days, an LSR submitted on a Friday morning may have a due date as early as the following Monday.

Product	Services Ordered	Installation Commitments	Repair Commitments
<b>UNE-P POTS</b> New Installs, Address Changes, or Change Requests adding new lines. <b>Facility Check indicates "AVAILABLE (SDT)" and DISPATCH "NO"</b>		Three (3) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
			Forty-eight (48)
Addition, removal, or change of CO Features, PIC/LPIC change, number changes without inward line activity, or hunting changes without inward line activity		Three (3) Business Days	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>UNE-P POTS</b> Suspend/Restore	Customers with service placed on "vacation"	Next Business Day (includes Saturday)	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS 48 hrs AS
Deny/Restore	Treatment for Non-payment issues	Same Business Day if request received before noon MT, otherwise next business day (includes Saturday)	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>UNE-P POTS</b> New Installs, Address Changes, Changes with inward line activity <b>Facility Check indicates "AVAILABLE DISP. REQ" and DISPATCH "YES"</b>		Next available due date as indicated by Appointment Scheduler <b>Note:</b> Appointment Scheduler minimum default interval is 3 (Three) Business Days.	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>UNE-P POTS</b> Directory Listings Changes – • <b>Simple (Non-complex) Listings</b> - Simple Straight Line and/or		Same business day	

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Straight-Line Under (SLU) Listings			
<b>Conversion as Specified</b> Retail, Resale, or UNE-P POTS to UNE-P POTS		Depends on changes requested. For instance, addition of another line would follow New Installs guidelines.	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>Conversions to UNE-P POTS-</b> UNE-P POTS to UNE-P POTS - Conversion as Is	1 to 39 Lines	Same Business Day if received before noon MT, or Next Business Day if received later than noon MT.	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>UNE-P Line Splitting –</b> UNE-P POTS to UNE-P POTS with Line Splitting - Conversion As Specified		3 business days	24 hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>UNE-P Line Splitting –</b> POTS Residence or POTS Business with Line Sharing to UNE-P POTS with Line Splitting - Conversion as Specified		3 BUSINESS DAYS	
<b>UNE-P PBX</b> <b>New Install,</b>	1 to 8 Trunks	Zone 1: Five (5) Business Days Zone 2: Six (6) business days	Four (4) hrs
<b>Conversion As Specified,</b>	9 to 16 Trunks	Zone 1; Six (6) business days Zone 2: Seven (7) business days	Four (4) hrs
<b>Changes</b> (ex. PIC/LPIC or			



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feature changes, etc.), and <b>Suspend/Restore</b>	17 to 24 Trunks	Zone 1: Seven (7) business days ZONE 2: EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS	Four (4) hrs
	25 or more Trunks	ICB	Four (4) hrs
		business days	
		business days	
		business days	
<b>UNE-P DSS</b> T1 Facility Installation	1 to 3 Facilities	Nine (9) business days	Four (4) hrs
	4 to 6 Facilities	Twelve (12) business days	Four (4) hrs
	7 to 9 Facilities	Thirteen (13) business days	Four (4) hrs
	10 to 12 Facilities	Seventeen (17) business days	Four (4) hrs

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<b>Product</b>	<b>Services Ordered</b>	<b>Installation Commitments</b>	<b>Repair Commitments</b>
<b>UNE-P DSS</b> Trunk Installation when ordered with new T1 Facility (Note: The number of facilities ordered drives the due dates for both facilities and trunks.)	1 to 3 Facilities	Twelve (12) business days	Four (4) hrs
	4 to 6 Facilities	Sixteen (16) business days	Four (4) hrs
	7 to 9 Facilities	Twenty (20) business days	Four (4) hrs
	10 to 12 Facilities	Twenty four (24) business days	Four (4) hrs
<b>Conversions to UNE-P DSS-As Is</b>		Five (5) business Days	Four (4) hrs
		See intervals for type of change requested	Four (4) hrs
<b>Conversion As Specified</b>			
<b>UNE-P DSS-</b> Add/Change Trunks on existing facilities	1 to 8 Trunks	Five (5) business Days	Four (4) hrs
	9 to 16 Trunks	Six (6) business days	Four (4) hrs
	17 to 24 Trunks	Seven (7) business days	Four (4) hrs
	Each Additional 8 Trunks	One (1) business Day for each	Four (4) hrs
<b>UNE-P ISDN BRI</b> New Installs, Address Changes, Change to add Loop (N2Q)	1 to 10 Loops	Thirteen (13) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs
	11 or more Loops	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs
<b>UNE-P ISDN BRI</b> Add or Change Feature(s), Add Primary Directory Number (PDN ) to established Loop (N2Q), Add Call Appearance	1 to 10 Loops	Three (3) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs
	11 or more Loops	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs
<b>Conversion to UNE-P ISDN BRI-</b> Conversion As Is	1 to 10 Loops	Three (3) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs
	11 or more Loops	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs
<b>Conversion to UNE-P ISDN BRI-</b> Conversion As Specified	1 to 10 Loops	Three (3) business days if a Loop is not involved (or) Thirteen (13) business days if a Loop is added or changed	Twenty-four (24) hrs
	11 or more Loops	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs
<b>UNE-P ISDN PRI 'New'-</b>	1 to 3	Nine (9) business days	Four (4) hrs

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New Facility and Associated Trunks (With this activity, the number of facilities ordered drives the due dates for both facilities and trunks. See table below.)	4 to 6	Twelve (12) business days	Four (4) hrs
	7 to 9	Thirteen (13) business	
	10 to 12	Seventeen (17) business	
	Over 12	Add 4 business days for each additional 3 facilities (13-16=21 days, 17-20=25 days, etc.)	
<b>UNE-P ISDN PRI 'New'-</b> Trunks	1 to 3 Trunks	Twelve (12) business days	Four (4) hrs
	4 to 6 Trunks	Sixteen (16) business days	Four (4) hrs
	7 to 9 Trunks	Twenty (20) business days	Four (4) hrs
	10 to 12 Trunks	Twenty-four (24) business days	Four (4) hrs
	13 or more Trunks	Facility due date plus 5 days	Four (4) hrs

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<b>Conversion to UNE-P ISDN PRI- As Specified</b>  As Is		See intervals for type of change requested	Four (4) hrs
		Five (5) business days	Four (4) hrs
<b>UNE-P ISDN PRI- Add/Change Trunks on Existing Facility</b>	1 to 8	Five (5) business days business days	Four (4) hrs
	9 to 16	Six (6) business days	Four (4) hrs
	17 to 24	Seven (7) business days	Four (4) hrs
	Over 25	ICB	Four (4) hrs
<b>UNE-P Centrex 21 - Non Designed- Conversions as Specified</b>		Five (5) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>UNE-P Centrex 21 - Non Designed- New Installations, Address Changes, and Change Requests adding new lines</b>	[Facility check indicates "Available Dispatch Required" and Dispatch "Yes".]	Next available due date as indicated by Appointment Scheduler <b>Note:</b> Appointment Scheduler minimum default interval is 3 (Three) business days.	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>UNE-P Centrex Plus / UNE-P Centron</b> [Centron is MN only] <b>Common Block Configuration Required</b> - Establish Common Block	1 to 21 Lines - No Optional Features	Twenty (20) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
	1 to 21 Lines - w/ Optional Features (i.e., ARS, DFIs, SMDR, UCD, etc.)	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
	22 or more Lines with or without Optional Features	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>UNE-P Centrex Plus / UNE-P Centron</b> [Centron is MN only] <b>Common Block Configuration Required</b> - Feature Additions requiring Common Block activity per Common Block	1 to 10 Lines	Twenty (20) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
	11 or more Lines	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS

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<b>UNE-P Centrex Plus / UNE-P Centron</b> [Centron is MN only] <b>Common Block Configuration Required</b> - Line Class Codes (LCCs)/ CAT/NCOS/DPAT additions/changes requiring Common Block work.	Per Common Block (must be existing Line Class Codes(LCCs)/ CAT/NCOS/DPAT)	Five (5) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
	If new LCC/CAT/NCOS or DPAT	Twenty (20) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>UNE-P Centrex Plus / UNE-P Centron</b> [Centron is MN only] <b>Common Block Configuration Required</b> - Centrex Management System (CMS)	New Common Blocks & Cust ID's (lines installed at the same time the Common Block is installed)	Twenty (20) business days (after the initial Common Block & associated lines are installed)	N/A
<b>UNE-P Centrex Plus / UNE-P Centron</b> [Centron is MN only] <b>Common Block Configuration Required</b> - Designed Services subsequent to initial Common Block installation	Tie Lines/DFI/FX	Thirteen (13) business days (may be longer due to facility due date requirements)	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>UNE-P Centrex Plus / UNE-P Centron</b> [Centron is MN only] <b>No Common Block Configuration Required</b> - Centrex Management System (CMS) Network Access Registers (NARs)	Additional/New Station Lines to be added to CMS	Five (5) business days after line is installed	N/A
	Additions	Five (5) business days	N/A
	Change from Non Blocked to Blocked Service	ICB	N/A

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<b>UNE-P Centrex Plus / UNE-P Centron</b> [Centron is MN only] <b>No Common Block Configuration Required</b> - Station Lines (subsequent to the establishment of the Common Block) Includes: Conversions New Lines Moves <b>NOTE:</b> On conversions, numbers are "chipped" into the Common Block at the time of installation.	1 to 10 Lines per location	Five (5) business days or Next available due date thereafter as indicated by Appointment Scheduler.	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
	11 to 20 Lines per location	Ten (10) business days or Next available due date thereafter as indicated by Appointment Scheduler.	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
	21 or more Lines per location	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>UNE-P Centrex Plus / UNE-P Centron</b> [Centron is MN only] <b>No Common Block Configuration Required</b> Line Feature changes/additions/Removals	1 to 19 Lines	Three (3) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
	20 or more Lines	ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>UNE-P Centrex Plus / UNE-P Centron</b> [Centron is MN only] <b>No Common Block Configuration Required</b> Designed Services subsequent to initial Common Block installation	Tie Lines/DFI/FX	Thirteen (13) business days (may be longer due to facility due date requirements)	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>UNE-P Centrex Plus / UNE-P Centron</b> [Centron is MN only] <b>No Common Block Configuration Required</b> Automatic Route Selection (ARS)	Subsequent to Common Block Installation	Twenty (20) business days (may be longer if the activation of ARS is tied to a Private Line facility installation)	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
	Changes to Patterns: 1 to 25 changes 26 to 50 changes 51 or more changes	business days: Five (5) days Ten (10) days Twenty (20) days	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
	Adding new Patterns	Twenty (20) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS

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<b>UNE-P Centrex Plus / UNE-P Centron</b> [Centron is MN only] <b>No Common Block Configuration Required</b> Uniform Call Distribution (UCD)	Per Request	Thirteen (13) business days	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS
<b>UNE-P Centrex Plus / UNE-P Centron</b> [Centron is MN only] <b>No Common Block Configuration Required</b> Additional Numbers subsequent to initial Common Block installation  <b>NOTE:</b> Additional numbers are "chipped" into the Common Block at the time of request.	Blocks (No limit on amount of numbers.)	Five (5) business days	N/A

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**6.0 Enhanced Extended Loop Service Interval Table (EEL):**

<b>Product</b>	<b>Services Ordered</b>	<b>Installation Commitments</b>	<b>Repair Commitments</b>
<b>Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL)- DS0 or Voice Grade Equivalent</b>	1 to 8	Zone 1: Five (5) business days  Zone 2: Six (6) business days	Four (4) hrs Zone 1  Four (4) hrs Zone 2
	9 to 16	Zone 1: Six (6) business days  Zone 2: Seven (7) business days	Four (4) hrs Zone 1  Four (4) hrs Zone 2
	17 to 24	Zone 1: Seven (7) business days  Zone 2: Eight (8) business days	Four (4) hrs Zone 1  Four (4) hrs Zone 2
	25 or more	ICB	Four (4) hrs
<b>Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) – DS1</b>	1 to 8	Zone 1: Five (5) business days  Zone 2: Eight (8) business days	Four (4) hrs Zone 1  Four (4) hrs Zone 2
	9 to 16	Zone 1: Six (6) business days  Zone 2: Nine (9) business days	Four (4) hrs Zone 1  Four (4) hrs Zone 2
	17 to 24	Zone 1: Seven (7) business days  Zone 2: Ten (10) business days	Four (4) hrs Zone 1  Four (4) hrs Zone 2
	25 or more	ICB	Four (4) hrs
<b>Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) – DS3</b>	1 to 3 Circuits	Zone 1: Seven (7) business days  Zone 2: Nine (9) business days	Four (4) hrs Zone 1  Four (4) hrs Zone 2
	4 or more Circuits	ICB	Four (4) hrs
<b>Enhanced Extended Loop Conversions (EEL-C) – Private Line (PLTS) - Conversion as is</b>		ICB	Twenty-four (24) hrs OOS Forty-eight (48) hrs AS

\* Installation Guidelines apply where facilities/network capacity is in place. Where facilities/network capacity are not in place, intervals are handled on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).



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Date General Information Provided by Qwest: \_\_\_\_\_

General Agreement : \_\_\_\_\_

BAN Number(must be assigned before processing): \_\_\_\_\_

### REVISED QWEST RIGHT OF WAY, POLE ATTACHMENT, INNERDUCT OCCUPANCY GENERAL INFORMATION: EFFECTIVE 6/29/01

**1. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this General Information document is to share information and provide or deny permission to attach and maintain CLEC's facilities ("Facilities") to Qwest Corporation's ("Qwest") Poles, to place Facilities on or within Qwest's Innerduct (collectively "Poles/Innerduct") and to obtain access to Qwest's duct/conduit or ROW, including duct/conduit or ROW within a specific multiple tenant environment ("ROW"), to the extent Qwest has the right to grant such access. This General Information is necessary to determine if Qwest can meet the needs of the CLEC's request but does not guarantee that physical space or access is currently available. Permission will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis on the terms and conditions set forth in the appropriate agreement pertaining to "Poles/Innerduct".<sup>1</sup>

**2. PROCESS.** The Qwest process is designed to provide the CLEC the information so as to assist CLEC and Qwest to make Poles, Innerduct and ROW decisions in a cost-efficient manner. The Process has these distinct steps:

**2.1 Inquiry Review - Attachment 1.A (Database Search).** The CLEC is requested to review this document and return Attachment 1.A along with two copies of a map and the nonrefundable Inquiry Fee, calculated in accordance with Attachment 1.A hereto. These fees are intended to cover Qwest's expenses associated with performing an internal record (database) review, preparing a cost estimate for the required field survey, setting up an account, and determining time frames for completion of each task to meet the CLEC's Request. Be sure a BAN number is assigned by the Qwest Service Support Representative for each request before sending an Attachment 1.A. To request a BAN number send an email requesting one to: [wst@qwest.com](mailto:wst@qwest.com). Include your name, company, phone number, email address, city and state of our inquiry. A BAN number will be assigned to your inquiry and will be emailed to you along with other materials.

As indicated on Attachment 1.A, a copy of the signed Attachment and maps of the desired route must be emailed to [wst@qwest.com](mailto:wst@qwest.com) while the fee must be sent to the Qwest CLEC Joint Use Manager with the original signed Attachment 1.A. The map should clearly show street names and highways along the entire route, and specific locations of entry and exit of the ROW/duct/pole system. Area Maps should be legible and identify all significant geographic characteristics including, but not limited to, the following: Qwest central offices, streets, cities, states, lakes, rivers, mountains, etc. Qwest reserves the right to reject illegible or incomplete maps. If CLEC wishes to terminate at a particular manhole (such as a POI) it must be indicated on the maps. For ROW: Section, Range and Township, to the ¼ section must also be provided.

Qwest will complete the Inquiry review and prepare and return a Poles/Innerduct Verification/ROW Access Agreement Preparation Costs Quotation (Attachment 1.B) to the CLEC generally within ten (10) days of receipt of Attachment 1.A or the applicable federal or state law, rule or regulation that governs this Agreement in the state in which Innerduct attachment is requested. In the case of poles, Qwest will assign a Field Engineer and provide his/her name and phone number to the CLEC. The Field Engineer will check the local database and be available for a joint verification with the CLEC. The Poles/Innerduct Verification/ROW Access Agreement

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Preparation Costs Quotation will be valid for thirty (30) calendar days from the date of quotation. The Inquiry step results only in the location and mapping of Qwest facilities and does not indicate whether space is available. This information is provided with Attachment 1.B.<sup>2</sup>

In the case of ROW, Qwest will prepare and return a ROW Matrix and a copy of agreements listed in the ROW Matrix, within ten (10) days. The ROW Matrix will identify (a) the owner of the ROW as reflected in Qwest's records, (b) whether or not Qwest has a copy of the agreement between Qwest and the owner of the ROW, and (c) the nature of each ROW (i.e., publicly recorded and non-recorded). The ROW Matrix will also indicate whether or not Qwest has a copy of the ROW agreement in its possession. Qwest makes no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of its records, and CLEC acknowledges that, to the extent that real property rights run with the land, the original granting party may not be the current owner of the property.<sup>3</sup>

In the case of MTEs, Qwest will prepare and return an MTE Matrix, within ten (10) days, which will identify (a) the owner of the MTE as reflected in Qwest's records, (b) whether or not Qwest has a copy of the agreement between Qwest and the owner of a specific MTE that grants Qwest access to the MTE in its possession, and (c) the nature of each ROW (i.e., publicly recorded and non-recorded). Qwest makes no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of its records, and CLEC acknowledges that the original landowner may not be the current owner of the property.<sup>4</sup>

If Qwest has a copy of such ROW agreement (whether publicly recorded or not) and there is no specific provision affording the third party property owner confidentiality, Qwest will provide the agreement to the CLEC when it provides the MTE Matrix or ROW Matrix, as applicable, to CLEC. If Qwest has a copy of such ROW agreement, the agreement is not publicly recorded and the agreement contains a specific provision affording the third party property owner confidentiality, then at the time Qwest provides CLEC the MTE Matrix or ROW Matrix, as applicable, Qwest shall also provide a copy of the specific provision from such agreement affording the third party property owner confidentiality together with a written statement signed by a Qwest employee verifying that such employee knows such provision to be a true and correct copy from the agreement. If CLEC has already satisfied one of the conditions set forth in Section 10.8.2.27.2, Qwest will provide CLEC with the following information from such agreement at the time Qwest provides the MTE Matrix or ROW Matrix, as applicable, and confidentiality provision: (a) the ownership or control over ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way within the property described in the agreement, including provisions which define the scope of Qwest's ownership or control of the ducts, conduits or rights-of-way; (b) the ownership of wire within the property described in the agreement; (c) the demarcation point between Qwest facilities and the property owner's facilities in the property described in the agreement; (d) to the extent the agreement affects any property interest of a third-party owner, any provision(s) that describe the property, including any metes and bound or other legal description of the property; (e) the term of the agreement; and (f) the parties to the agreement. If CLEC has not already satisfied one of the conditions set forth in Section 10.8.2.27.2, Qwest will provide CLEC with the foregoing information (items (a) through

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(f), above) from such agreement within three (3) business days after CLEC satisfies one of the conditions.<sup>5</sup>

Qwest will provide to CLEC a copy of an agreement listed in the MTE Matrix or ROW Matrix, as applicable, that has not been publicly recorded and that contains a specific provision affording the third party property owner confidentiality, upon satisfaction by CLEC of any one of the following conditions: (1) CLEC obtains authorization for such disclosure from the third party owner(s) of the real property at issue by presenting to Qwest an executed version of the Consent to Disclosure form that is included in Attachment 4 to Exhibit D of this Agreement; (2) CLEC provides a legally binding and satisfactory agreement to indemnify Qwest in the event of any legal action arising out of Qwest's provision of such agreement to CLEC; or (3) CLEC agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of and executes the Form Protective Agreement set forth in Attachment 5 to Exhibit D of this Agreement. CLEC must satisfy only one of the conditions set forth in this section. CLEC's election of the specific condition to satisfy remains at all times within its sole discretion. CLEC may specify at the time it executes this Agreement its election of the means by which it chooses to satisfy the conditions of this Section for all agreements CLEC may request during the term of this Agreement.<sup>6</sup>

Without waiving any right it may have to confidentiality in an agreement that provides Qwest access to a MTE that Qwest provides to CLEC or that CLEC obtains from the MTE owner or operator, Qwest shall redact all dollar figures from copies of agreements that have not been publicly recorded that Qwest provides to CLEC and shall require that the MTE owner or operator make similar redaction's prior to disclosure of the agreement.<sup>7</sup>

If there is no other effective agreement (*i.e.*, an Interconnection Agreement) between CLEC and Qwest concerning access to Poles, Ducts and ROW, then Attachment 3 must be executed by both parties in order to start the Inquiry Review and in order for CLEC to obtain access to Poles, Ducts and/or ROW.

2.2 Attachment 1.B (Verification) & Attachment 4 (Access Agreement Preparation). With respect to Poles and Innerduct, upon review and acceptance of signed Attachment 1.B and payment of the estimated verification costs by the CLEC, Qwest will conduct facilities verification and provide the requested information which may or may not include the following: a review of public and/or internal Qwest right-of-ways records for restrictions, identification of additional rights-of-way required; a field survey and site investigation of the Innerduct, including the preparation of distances and drawings, to determine availability on existing Innerduct; identification of any make-ready costs required to be paid by the CLEC, if applicable, prior to installing its facilities. In the case of Poles, Attachment 1.B orders the field verification which may be done jointly. A copy of the signed Attachment 1.B should be emailed to [wsst@qwest.com](mailto:wsst@qwest.com) while the appropriate fees should be sent to the Qwest-CLEC Joint Use Manager with the original signed Attachment 1.B. Upon completion of the verification, Attachment 2 will be sent to the CLEC by Qwest.

With respect to ROW, upon review and acceptance of signed Attachment 1.B and payment of the ROW conveyance consideration, Qwest will deliver to the CLEC an executed and acknowledged

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Access Agreement to the CLEC in the form attached hereto as Attachment 4 (the "Access Agreement"). In the event that Qwest has a copy of the Right-of-Way Agreement in its files, a copy of the Right-of-Way Agreement, as defined in the Access Agreement, will be attached to the Access Agreement and provided to the CLEC at the time of delivery of the Access Agreement. If Qwest does not have a copy of the Right-of-Way Agreement in its possession, the Access Agreement will not have a copy of the Right-of-Way Agreement attached. If Qwest does not have a copy of the Right-of-Way Agreement in its possession, the CLEC must obtain a copy of the Right-of-Way Agreement or other suitable documentation reasonably satisfactory to Qwest to describe the real property involved and the underlying rights giving rise to the Access Agreement.

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Although Qwest will provide the identity of the original grantor of the ROW, as reflected in Qwest's records, the CLEC is responsible for determining the current owner of the property and obtaining the proper signature and acknowledgement to the Access Agreement. If Qwest does not have a copy of the Right-of-Way Agreement in its records, it is the responsibility of the CLEC to obtain a copy of the Right-of-Way Agreement. If the ROW was created by a publicly recorded document, the CLEC must record the Access Agreement (with the Right-of-Way Agreement attached) in the real property records of the county in which the property is located. If the ROW was created by a grant or agreement that is not publicly recorded, CLEC must provide Qwest with a copy of the properly executed and acknowledged Access Agreement.<sup>9</sup>

Qwest is required to respond to each Attachment 1.B. submitted by CLEC within 35 days of receiving the Attachment 1.B.<sup>10</sup>

2.3 Poles/Duct Order Attachment 2 (Access). In the case of Poles and Innerduct, upon completion of the inquiry and verification work described in Section 2.2 above, Qwest will provide the CLEC a Poles/Innerduct Order (Attachment 2) containing annual recurring charges, estimated Make-ready costs. Upon receipt of the executed Attachment 2 Order form from the CLEC and applicable payment for the Make-Ready Fees identified, Qwest will assign the CLEC's requested space; Qwest will also commence the Make-ready work within 30 days following payment of the Make-Ready Fees. Qwest will notify CLEC when Poles/Innerduct are ready for attachment or placement of Facilities. A copy of the signed Attachment 2 form should be emailed to [wsst@qwest.com](mailto:wsst@qwest.com) while the payment should go to the Joint Use Manager along with the original signed Attachment 2.

NOTE: Make-ready work performed by Qwest concerns labor only. For Poles it involves rearrangement to accommodate the new attachment. For Innerduct, it involves placing the standard three innerducts in the conduit to accommodate fiber cable where spare conduit exists. Segments without conduit space are considered "blocked". Qwest will consider repair or clearing damaged facilities, but may not construct new facilities as part of Make-ready work.

Construction work to place conduit or replace poles may be required where facilities are blocked. The CLEC may contract separately with a Qwest-approved contractor to complete the construction provided a Qwest inspector inspects the work during and after construction. If other parties benefit from construction, the costs may be divided among the beneficiaries. Construction

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costs are not included in Attachment 2. The CLEC is not encouraged to sign the Poles/Innerduct Order (Attachment 2) until provisions have been made for construction.

2.4 Provision of ROW/Poles/Innerduct. Qwest agrees to issue to CLEC for any lawful telecommunications purpose, a nonexclusive, revocable Order authorizing CLEC to install, maintain, rearrange, transfer, and remove at its sole expense its Facilities on Poles/Innerduct to the extent owned or controlled by Qwest. Qwest provides access to Poles/Innerduct/ROW in accordance with the applicable federal, state, or local law, rule, or regulation, incorporated herein by this reference, and said body of law, which governs this Agreement in the state in which Poles/Innerduct is provided. Any and all rights granted to CLEC shall be subject to and subordinate to any future federal, state, and/or local requirements. Nothing in this General Information shall be construed to require or compel Qwest to construct, install, modify, or place any Poles/Innerduct or other facility for use by the CLEC.

The costs included in the Poles/Innerduct Verification Fee are used to cover the costs incurred by Qwest in determining if Poles/Innerduct space is available to meet the CLEC's request; however, the CLEC must agree and will be responsible for payment of the actual costs incurred if such costs exceed the estimate. If the actual costs are less than the estimate, an appropriate credit can be provided upon request. If Qwest denies access, Qwest shall do so in writing, specifying the reasons for denial within 45 days of the initial inquiry.

Likewise, the fees included in the ROW processing costs quotation are used to cover the costs incurred by Qwest in searching its databases and preparing the Access Agreement. In the event that complications arise with respect to preparing the Access Agreement or any other aspect of conveying access to Qwest's ROW, the CLEC agrees to be responsible for payment of the actual costs incurred if such costs exceed the standard fees; actual costs shall include, without limitation, personnel time, including attorney time.

### 3. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

3.1. Other than those claims over which a federal or state regulatory agency has exclusive jurisdiction, all claims, regardless of legal theory, whenever brought and whether between the parties or between one of the parties to this Agreement and the employees, agents or affiliated businesses of the other party, shall be resolved by arbitration. A single arbitrator engaged in the practice of law and knowledgeable about telecommunications law shall conduct the arbitration in accordance with the then current rules of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") unless otherwise provided herein. The arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with AAA procedures from a list of qualified people maintained by AAA. The arbitration shall be conducted in the regional AAA office closest to where the claim arose.

3.2. All expedited procedures prescribed by the AAA shall apply. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding and judgment may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

3.3. Other than the determination of those claims over which a regulatory agency has exclusive jurisdiction, federal law (including the provisions of the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16) shall govern and control with respect to any issue relating to the validity of this Agreement to arbitrate and the arbitrability of the claims.

3.4. If any party files a judicial or administrative action asserting claims subject to arbitration, and another party successfully stays such action and/or compels arbitration of such claims, the party filing the action shall pay the other party's costs and expenses incurred in seeking such stay or compelling arbitration, including reasonable attorney's fees.

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**ATTACHMENT 1. A  
Poles/Innerduct/ or ROW Inquiry Preparation Fee**

General Agreement \_\_\_\_\_

BAN Number (one for each route must be assigned before processing): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Replied to CLEC: \_\_\_\_\_

CLEC Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

State and city of inquiry: \_\_\_\_\_

**Poles/Innerduct Permit Database Search Costs Quotation**

(One Mile Minimum)

	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Est. Miles</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Pole Inquiry Fee	(see attached pricing chart) X _____	=	\$ _____
2. Innerduct Inquiry Fee	(see attached pricing chart) X _____	=	\$ _____
3. ROW Records Inquiry	(see attached pricing chart) X _____	=	\$ _____
4. Estimated Interval for Completion of Items 1, 2 or 3:	10	Days	
5. Additional requirements of CLEC:	_____		

This Inquiry will result in (a) for Poles and Innerduct: a drawing of the duct or innerduct structure fitting the requested route, if available, and a quote of the charges for field verification, and/or (b) in the case of ROW, a ROW Matrix or MTE Matrix, as applicable, a quote of the charges for preparation of and consideration for, the necessary Access Agreements, and copies of ROW documents in Qwest's Possession. (c) For Poles, the name and telephone number of the Field Engineer are provided so that the CLEC may contact the Qwest Field engineer and discuss attachment plans. If a field verification of poles is required, Attachment 1.B must be completed and the appropriate charges paid. Innerduct verification is always needed. <sup>11</sup>

By signing below and providing payment of the Estimated Costs identified above, the CLEC desires Qwest to proceed with the processing of its database/records search and acknowledges receipt of this General Information, including the General Terms and Conditions under which Qwest offers such Poles/Innerduct. Quotes expire in 30 days.

	Qwest Corporation
Signature	Signature
Name Typed or Printed	Name Typed or Printed
Title	Title
Date	Date

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This signed form (original) must be sent with a check for the Inquiry amount (to "Qwest") to:

**Manager, Qwest Joint Use, 6912 S Quentin, Suite 101, Englewood, CO 80112 303-784-0387**

A copy of this form must be sent with two acceptably-detailed maps showing the requested route to:

**Qwest Service Representative at: [wsst@qwest.com](mailto:wsst@qwest.com). Put "Agree" on signature line.**

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## ATTACHMENT 1.B

General Agreement \_\_\_\_\_  
 BAN Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Poles/Innerduct Verification/ROW Access Agreement Preparation Costs Quotation

Date Nonrefundable Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Replied to CLEC: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*NOTE: THIS ATTACHMENT WILL BE COMPLETED BY QWEST AND SENT TO THE CLEC FOR SIGNATURE AFTER THE DATABASE INQUIRY IS COMPLETE.\*\***

	Estimated Costs	Number	Total Charge
1. Pole Field Verification Fee (10 pole minimum)	_____	_____	\$ _____
2. Innerduct Field Verification Fee	_____	_____	\$ _____
3. Preparation of private ROW documents	_____	_____	\$ _____
4. Access Agreement Prep. and Consideration \$10/ Access Agreement	_____	_____	\$ _____
5. Estimated Interval to Complete Items 1 or 2 or 3 and/or 4:	_____ Working Days		

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below and providing payment of the Total Estimated Costs identified above, the CLEC desires Qwest to proceed with the processing of its field survey/preparation of Access Agreements, and acknowledges receipt of this General Information, including the General Terms and Conditions under which Qwest offers such ROW/Poles/Innerduct. The CLEC acknowledges the above costs are estimates only and CLEC may be financially responsible for final actual costs which exceed this estimate, or receive credit if requested. Quotes expire in 30 days.

	Qwest Corporation
Signature	Signature
Name Typed or Printed	Name Typed or Printed
Title	Title
Date	Date

The original signed form must be sent with a check for the verification amount to:  
**Manager, Qwest CLEC Joint Use, 6912 S Quentin, Suite 101, Englewood, CO 80112**  
 An email copy of this form must be sent to: [wsst@qwest.com](mailto:wsst@qwest.com), with "Agree" on the signature line.



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## ATTACHMENT 2 Poles/Innerduct Order

General Agreement \_\_\_\_\_

BAN Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*NOTE: THIS FORM WILL BE COMPLETED BY QWEST AND SENT TO CLEC FOR SIGNATURE\*\***

Make-ready Work required: Yes (        ) No (        )

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes is checked, estimated Make-ready costs: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The following Attachments are hereby incorporated by reference into this Order:

1. Term - Effective Date - \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Summary of Field Results (including Make-Ready work if required).
3. When placing fiber, CLEC must:

- a. provide Qwest representative, a final design of splice, racking and slack locations in Qwest utility holes.
- b. tag all equipment located in/on Qwest's facilities from beginning of the route to the end, and at the entrance and exit of each utility hole with the following information: (1) CLEC's Name and Contact Number, (2) Contract Number and Date of Contract, (3) Number of Fibers in the Innerduct and Color of Occupied Innerduct.

Annual Recurring Charges for this Permit:

	Annual Charge	Quantity	Total Annual Charge
1. Pole Attachment, Per Pole	\$ _____ /	_____	\$ _____
2. Innerduct Occupancy, Per Foot	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
3. Request conf. call for Construction?	_____ YES _____ NO		

Please check YES if construction by Qwest is needed for access to Qwest manholes (e.g. core drills, stubouts, not innerduct placement) For Poles, quantity is based on the number of vertical feet used (One cable attachment = one foot). If you do not place an order at this time, these Poles/Innerduct will be assigned on a first come-first served basis.

Additional Comments: THE ESTIMATED COSTS ARE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF INNERDUCT OR REARRANGEMENT PER THE WORK SHEETS. THE ANNUAL RECURRING CHARGE FOR YEAR 2001 HAS BEEN PRORATED TO \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ /DAY \* \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS). PLEASE PROVIDE PAYMENT FOR THE MAKE-READY COSTS AND THE PRORATED 2001 RECURRING FEE ALONG WITH THIS SIGNED ORDER \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below and providing payment of the Make-ready costs and the first year's prorated Annual Recurring Charge (or, if CLEC requests Semiannual billing, then the first half-year's prorated Semiannual Recurring Charge), the CLEC desires Qwest to proceed with the Make-ready Work identified herein and acknowledges receipt of the General Terms and Conditions under which Qwest offers such Poles/Innerduct. By signing this document you are agreeing to the access described herein. Quotes expire in 90 days.

Return this signed form and check to: **Manager, Joint Use Supervisor, Suite 101, 6912 S. Quentin, Englewood, CO 80112.** Send a copy to: **wsst@qwest.com.**

	Qwest Corporation
Signature	Signature
Name Typed or Printed	Name Typed or Printed
Title	Title

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Date		Date
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### ATTACHMENT 3

General Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **QWEST RIGHT OF WAY ACCESS, POLE ATTACHMENT AND/OR INNERDUCT OCCUPANCY GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

This is an Agreement between \_\_\_\_\_ ("CLEC") and Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), for one or more Orders for the CLEC to obtain access to Qwest's Right-of-Way ("ROW") and/or to install/attach and maintain their communications facilities ("Facilities") to Qwest's Poles and/or placement of Facilities on or within Qwest's Innerduct (collectively "Poles/Innerduct") described in the General Information and CLEC Map, which are incorporated herein by this reference (singularly "Order" or collectively, "Orders"). If there is no other effective agreement (*i.e.*, an Interconnection Agreement) between CLEC and Qwest concerning access to Poles, Ducts and ROW, then this Agreement/Attachment 3 must be executed by both parties in order to start the Inquiry Review and in order for CLEC to obtain access to Poles, Ducts and/or ROW.

#### **1. SCOPE.**

- 1.1 Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, Qwest agrees to issue to CLEC for any lawful telecommunications purpose, (a) one or more nonexclusive, revocable Orders authorizing CLEC to attach, maintain, rearrange, transfer, and remove at its sole expense its Facilities on Poles/Innerduct owned or controlled by Qwest, and/or (b) access to Qwest's ROW to the extent that (i) such ROW exists, and (ii) Qwest has the right to grant access to the CLEC. Any and all rights granted to CLEC shall be subject to and subordinate to any future local, state and/or federal requirements, and in the case of ROW, to the original document granting the ROW to Qwest or its predecessors.
- 1.2 Except as expressly provided herein, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require or compel Qwest to construct, install, modify, or place any Poles/Innerduct or other facility for use by CLEC or to obtain any ROW for CLEC's use.
- 1.3 Qwest agrees to provide access to ROW/Poles/Innerduct in accordance with the applicable local, state or federal law, rule, or regulation, incorporated herein by this reference, which governs this Agreement in the state in which Poles/Innerduct is provided.

2. **TERM.** Any Order issued under this Agreement for Pole attachments or Innerduct occupancy shall continue in effect for the term specified in the Order. Any access to ROW shall be non-exclusive and perpetual, subject to the terms and conditions of the Access Agreement (as hereinafter defined) and the original instrument granting the ROW to Qwest. This Agreement shall continue during such time CLEC is providing Poles/Innerduct attachments under any Order to this Agreement.

#### **3. TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE.**

- 3.1 To the extent permitted by law, either party may terminate this Agreement (which will have the effect of terminating all Orders hereunder), or any individual Order(s) hereunder, without cause, by providing notice of such termination in writing and by certified Mail to the other party. The written notice for termination without cause shall be dated as of the day it is mailed and shall be effective no sooner than one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of such notice.

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- 3.2. Termination of this Agreement or any Order hereunder does not release either party from any liability under this Agreement that may have accrued or that arises out of any claim that may have been accruing at the time of termination, including indemnity, warranties, and confidential information.
- 3.3. If Qwest terminates this Agreement for Cause, or if CLEC terminates this Agreement without Cause, CLEC shall pay termination charges equal to the amount of fees and charges remaining on the terminated Order(s) and shall remove its Facilities from the Poles/Innerduct within sixty (60) days, or cause Qwest to remove its Facilities from the Poles/Innerduct at CLEC's expense; provided, however, that CLEC shall be liable for and pay all fees and charges provided for in this Agreement to Qwest until CLEC's Facilities are physically removed. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, upon the termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever, all Orders hereunder shall simultaneously terminate.
- 3.4. If this Agreement or any Order is terminated for reasons other than Cause, then CLEC shall remove its Facilities from Poles/Innerduct within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of termination; provided, however, that CLEC shall be liable for and pay all fees and charges provided for in this Agreement to Qwest until CLEC's Facilities are physically removed.
- 3.5. Qwest may abandon or sell any Poles/Innerduct at any time by giving written notice to the CLEC. Upon abandonment of Poles/Innerduct, and with the concurrence of the other CLEC(s), if necessary, CLEC shall, within sixty (60) days of such notice, either apply for usage with the new owner or purchase the Poles/Innerduct from Qwest, or remove its Facilities therefrom. Failure to remove its Facilities within sixty (60) days shall be deemed an election to purchase the Poles/Innerduct at the current market value.

### 4. CHARGES AND BILLING.

- 4.1. CLEC agrees to pay Qwest Poles/Innerduct usage fees ("Fees") as specified in the Order. Fees will be computed in compliance with applicable local, state and Federal law, regulations and guidelines. Such Fees will be assessed, in advance on an annual basis. Annual Fees will be assessed as of January 1st of each year. Fees are not refundable except as expressly provided herein. CLEC shall pay all applicable Fees and charges specified herein within thirty (30) days from receipt of invoice. Any outstanding invoice will be subject to applicable finance charges.
- 4.2. Qwest has the right to revise Fees, at its sole discretion, upon written notice to CLEC within at least sixty (60) days prior to the end of any annual billing period.

### 5. INSURANCE. The CLEC shall obtain and maintain at its own cost and expense the following insurance during the life of the Contract:

- 5.1. Workers' Compensation and/or Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers Compensation insurance with (1) statutory limits of coverage for all employees as required by statute; and (2) although not required by statute, coverage for any employee on the job site; and (3) Stop Gap liability or employer's liability insurance with a limit of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for each accident.
- 5.2. General liability insurance providing coverage for underground hazard coverage (commonly referred to as "U" coverage), products/completed operations, premises operations, independent contractor's protection (required if contractor subcontracts the

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work), broad form property damage and contractual liability with respect to liability assumed by the CLEC hereunder. This insurance shall also include: (1) explosion hazard coverage (commonly referred to as "X" coverage) if the work involves blasting and (2) collapse hazard coverage (commonly referred to as "C" coverage) if the work may cause structural damage due to excavation, burrowing, tunneling, caisson work, or underpinning. The limits of liability for this coverage shall be not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury or property damage. These limits of liability can be obtained through any combination of primary and excess or umbrella liability insurance.

- 5.3 Comprehensive automobile liability insurance covering the use and maintenance of owned, non-owned and hired vehicles. The limits of liability for this coverage shall be not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury or property damage. These limits of liability can be obtained through any combination of primary and excess or umbrella liability insurance.
- 5.4 Qwest may require the CLEC from time-to-time during the life of the Contract to obtain additional insurance with coverage or limits in addition to those described above. However, the additional premium costs of any such additional insurance required by Qwest shall be borne by Qwest, and the CLEC shall arrange to have such costs billed separately and directly to Qwest by the insuring carrier(s). Qwest shall be authorized by the CLEC to confer directly with the agent(s) of the insuring carrier(s) concerning the extent and limits of the CLEC's insurance coverage in order to assure the sufficiency thereof for purposes of the work performable under the Contract and to assure that such coverage as a whole with respect to the work performable are coordinated from the standpoint of adequate coverage at the least total premium costs.
- 5.5 The insuring carrier(s) and the form of the insurance policies shall be subject to approval by Qwest. The CLEC shall forward to Qwest, certificates of such insurance issued by the insuring carrier(s). The insuring carrier(s) may use the ACORD form, which is the Insurance Industries certificate of insurance form. The insurance certificates shall provide that: (1) Qwest is named as an additional insured; (2) thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice of cancellation of, or material change or exclusions in, the policy to which the certificates relate shall be given to Qwest; (3) certification that underground hazard coverage (commonly referred to as "U" coverage) is part of the coverage; and (4) the words "pertains to all operations and projects performed on behalf of the certificate holder" are included in the description portion of the certificate. The CLEC shall not commence work hereunder until the obligations of the CLEC with respect to insurance have been fulfilled. The fulfillment of such obligations shall not relieve the CLEC of any liability hereunder or in any way modify the CLEC's obligations to indemnify Qwest.
- 5.6 Whenever any work is performed requiring the excavation of soil or use of heavy machinery within fifty (50) feet of railroad tracks or upon railroad right-of-way, a Railroad Protective Liability Insurance policy will be required. Such policy shall be issued in the name of the Railroad with standard limits of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury, property damage or physical damage to property with an aggregate limit of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00). In addition, said policy shall name Qwest and the CLEC/SubCLEC on the declarations page with respect to its interest in these specific job. Said insurance policy shall be in form and substance satisfactory both to the Qwest and the Railroad and shall be delivered to and approved by both parties prior to the entry upon or use of the Railroad Property.

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- 5.7 Whenever any work must be performed in the Colorado State Highway right-of-way, policies and certificates of insurance shall also name the State of Colorado as an additional insured. Like coverage shall be furnished by or on behalf of any subcontractor. Copies of said certificates must be available on site during the performance of the work.

### 6. CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES.

- 6.1 Qwest retains the right, in its sole judgment, to determine the availability of space on Poles/Innerduct. When modifications to a Qwest spare conduit include the placement of innerduct, Qwest retains the right to install the number of innerducts required to occupy the conduit structure to its full capacity. In the event Qwest determines that rearrangement of the existing facilities on Poles/Innerduct is required before CLEC's Facilities can be accommodated, the cost of such modification will be included in the CLEC's nonrecurring charges for the associated Poles/Innerduct Order.
- 6.2 CLEC shall be solely responsible for obtaining the necessary underlying legal authority to occupy Poles/Innerduct on governmental, federal, Native American, and private rights of way, as applicable, and Qwest does not warrant or represent that providing CLEC with access to the Poles/Innerduct in any way constitutes such legal right. The CLEC shall obtain any necessary permits, licenses, bonds, or other legal authority and permission, at the CLEC's sole expense, in order to perform its obligations under this Agreement. The CLEC shall contact all owners of public and private rights-of-way, as necessary, to obtain written permission required to perform the work prior to entering the property or starting any work thereon and shall provide Qwest with written documentation of such legal authority prior to placement of its facilities on or in the Poles/Innerduct. The CLEC shall comply with all conditions of rights-of-way and Orders.
- 6.3 CLEC's Facilities shall be placed and maintained in accordance with the requirements and specifications of the current applicable standards of Bellcore Manual of Construction Standards, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, and the rules and regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, all of which are incorporated herein by reference, and any governing authority having jurisdiction of the subject matter of this Agreement. Where a difference in specifications exists, the more stringent shall apply. Failure to maintain Facilities in accordance with the above requirements shall be Cause as referenced in Section 3 to this Agreement for termination of the Order in question. Termination of more than two (2) Orders in any twelve-month period pursuant to the foregoing sentence shall be Cause as referenced in Section 3 for termination of this Agreement. Qwest's procedures governing its standard maintenance practices shall be made available upon request for public inspection at the appropriate Qwest premises. CLEC's procedures governing its standards maintenance practices for Facilities shall be made available to Qwest upon written request. CLEC shall within thirty (30) days comply and provide the requested information to Qwest to bring their facilities into compliance with these terms and conditions.
- 6.4. In the event of any service outage affecting both Qwest and CLEC, repairs shall be effectuated on a priority basis as established by local, state or federal requirements, or where such requirement do not exists, repairs shall be made in the following order: electrical, telephone (local), telephone (long distance), and cable television, or as mutually agreed to by the users of the effected Poles/Innerduct.
- 6.5 In the event of an infrastructure outage, the CLEC should contact their Network Maintenance Center at 1-800-223-7881 or the CLEC may contact their Account Manager at the Interconnect Service Center.

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### 7. MODIFICATION TO EXISTING POLES/INNERDUCT.

- 7.1. If CLEC requests Qwest to replace or modify existing Poles/Innerduct to increase its strength or capacity for the benefit of the CLEC and Qwest determines in its sole discretion to provide the requested capacity, the CLEC shall pay Qwest the total replacement cost, Qwest's cost to transfer its attachments, as necessary, and the cost for removal (including destruction fees) of any replaced Poles/Innerduct, if such is necessary. Ownership of new Poles/Innerduct shall vest in Qwest. To the extent that a modification is incurred for the benefit of multiple parties, CLEC shall pay a proportionate share of the total cost as outlined above, based on the ratio of the amount of new space occupied by the Facilities to the total amount of space occupied by all parties joining the modification. Modifications that occur in order to bring Poles/Innerduct into compliance with applicable safety or other requirements shall be deemed to be for the benefit of the multiple parties and CLEC shall be responsible for its pro rata share of the modification cost. Except as set forth herein, CLEC shall have no obligation to pay any of the cost of replacement or modification of Poles/Innerduct requested solely by third parties.
- 7.2. Written notification of modification initiated by or on behalf of Qwest shall be provided to CLEC at least sixty (60) days prior to beginning modifications if such modifications are not the result of an emergency situation. Such notification shall include a brief description of the nature and scope of the modification. If CLEC does not rearrange its facilities within sixty (60) days after receipt of written notice from Qwest requesting such rearrangement, Qwest may perform or cause to have performed such rearrangement and CLEC shall pay for cost thereof. No such notice shall be required in emergency situations or for routine maintenance of Poles/Innerduct.

### 8. INSPECTION OF FACILITIES. Qwest reserves the right to make final construction, subsequent and periodic inspections of CLEC's facilities occupying the Poles/Innerduct system. CLEC shall reimburse Qwest for the cost of such inspections except as specified in Section 8 hereof.

- 8.1. CLEC shall provide written notice to Qwest, at least fifteen (15) days in advance, of the locations where CLEC's plant is to be constructed.
- 8.2. The CLEC shall forward Exhibit A, entitled "Pulling In Report" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, to Qwest within five (5) business days of the date(s) of the occupancy.
- 8.3. Qwest shall provide written notification to CLEC within seven (7) days of the date of completion of a final construction inspection.
- 8.4. Where final construction inspection by Qwest has been completed, CLEC shall be obligated to correct non-complying conditions within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice from Qwest. In the event the corrections are not completed within the thirty (30)-day period, occupancy authorization for the Poles/Innerduct system where non-complying conditions remain uncorrected shall terminate immediately, regardless of whether CLEC has energized the facilities occupying said Poles/Innerduct system, unless Qwest has provided CLEC a written extension to comply. CLEC shall remove its facilities from said Poles/Innerduct in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 10 of this Agreement. No further occupancy authorization shall be issued to CLEC until such non-complying conditions are corrected or until CLEC's facilities are removed from the Pole/Conduit system where such non-complying conditions exist. If agreed to in writing, by both parties, Qwest shall perform such corrections and CLEC shall pay Qwest the cost

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of performing such work. Subsequent inspections to determine if appropriate corrective action has been taken may be made by Qwest.

- 8.5. Once the CLECs facilities occupy Qwest Poles/Innerduct system and Exhibit A has been received by Qwest, Qwest may perform periodic inspections. The cost of such inspections shall be borne by Qwest, unless the inspection reveals any violations, hazards, or conditions indicating that CLEC has failed to comply with the provisions set forth in this Agreement, in which case the CLEC shall reimburse Qwest for full costs of inspection, and re-inspection to determine compliance as required. A CLEC representative may accompany Qwest on field inspections scheduled specifically for the purpose of inspecting CLEC's Facilities; however, CLEC's costs associated with its participation in such inspections shall be borne by CLEC. Qwest shall have no obligation to notify CLEC, and CLEC shall have no right to attend, any routine field inspections.
- 8.6. The costs of inspections made during construction and/or the final construction survey and subsequent inspection shall be billed to the CLEC within thirty (30) days upon completion of the inspection.
- 8.7. Final construction, subsequent and periodic inspections or the failure to make such inspections, shall not impose any liability of any kind upon Qwest, and shall not relieve CLEC of any responsibilities, obligations, or liability arising under this Agreement.

### 9. UNAUTHORIZED FACILITIES

- 9.1 If any facilities are found attached to Poles/Innerduct for which no Order is in effect, Qwest, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies under this Agreement, shall assess an unauthorized attachment administrative fee of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per attachment per Pole or innerduct run between manholes, and require the CLEC to submit in writing, within ten (10) day after receipt of written notification from Qwest of the unauthorized occupancy, a Poles/Innerduct application. Qwest shall waive the unauthorized attachment fee if the following conditions are both met: (1) CLEC cures such unauthorized attachment (by removing it or submitting a valid Order for attachment in the form of Attachment 2 of Exhibit D, within thirty (30) days of written notification from Qwest of the unauthorized attachment; and (2) the unauthorized attachment did not require Qwest to take curative measures itself (e.g., pulling additional innerduct) prior to the cure by CLEC. Qwest shall also waive the unauthorized attachment fee if the unauthorized attachment arose due to error by Qwest rather than by CLEC. If such application is not received by Qwest within the specified time period, the CLEC will be required to remove its unauthorized facility within ten (10) days of the final date for submitting the required application, Qwest may remove the CLEC's facilities without liability, and the cost of such removal shall be borne by the CLEC.
- 9.2 For the purpose of determining the applicable charge, the unauthorized Poles/Innerduct occupancy shall be treated as having existed for a period of five (5) years prior to its discovery, and the charges, as specified in Section 4, shall be due and payable forthwith whether or not CLEC is ordered to continue the occupancy of the Poles/Innerduct system.
- 9.3. No act or failure to act by Qwest with regard to an unauthorized occupancy shall be deemed to constitute the authorization of the occupancy; any authorization that may be granted subsequently shall not operate retroactively or constitute a waiver by Qwest of any of its rights of privileges under this Agreement or otherwise.



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- 10. REMOVAL OF FACILITIES.** Should Qwest, under the provisions of this Agreement, remove CLEC's Facilities from the Poles/Innerduct covered by any Order (or otherwise), Qwest will deliver the Facilities removed upon payment by CLEC of the cost of removal, storage and delivery, and all other amounts due Qwest. If payment is not received by Qwest within thirty (30) days, CLEC will be deemed to have abandoned such facilities, and Qwest may dispose of said facilities as it determines to be appropriate. If Qwest must dispose of said facilities, such action will not relieve CLEC of any other financial responsibility associated with such removal as provided herein. If CLEC removes its Facilities from Poles/Innerduct for reasons other than repair or maintenance purposes, the CLEC shall have no right to replace such facilities on the Poles/Innerduct until such time as all outstanding charges due to Qwest for previous occupancy have been paid in full. CLEC shall submit Exhibit B, entitled "Notification of Surrender of Modification of Conduit Occupancy License by CLEC," or Exhibit C, entitled "Notification of Surrender of Modification of Pole Attachment by CLEC," each as attached hereto, advising Qwest as to the date on which the removal of Facilities from each Poles/Innerduct has been completed.
- 11. INDEMNIFICATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITIES.** CLEC shall indemnify and hold harmless Qwest, its owners, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, directors, and employees against any and all liabilities, claims, judgments, losses, orders, awards, damages, costs, fines, penalties, costs of defense, and attorneys' fees ("Liabilities") to the extent they arise from or in connection with: (1) infringement, or alleged infringement, of any patent rights or claims caused, or alleged to have been caused, by the use of any apparatus, appliances, equipment, or parts thereof, furnished, installed or utilized by the CLEC; (2) actual or alleged fault or negligence of the CLEC, its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors and/or representatives; (3) furnishing, performance, or use of any material supplied by CLEC under this Contract or any product liability claims relating to any material supplied by CLEC under this Contract; (4) failure of CLEC, its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors and/or representatives to comply with any term of this Contract or any applicable local, state, or federal law or regulation, including but not limited to the OSH Act and environmental protection laws; (5) assertions under workers' compensation or similar employee benefit acts by CLEC or its employees, agents, subcontractors, or subcontractors' employees or agents; (6) the acts or omissions (other than the gross negligence or willful misconduct) of Qwest, its officers, employees, agents, and representatives, except as otherwise provided in paragraphs 11.3 and 11.4 below; and/or, (7) any economic damages that may rise, including damages for delay or other related economic damages that the Qwest or third parties may suffer or allegedly suffer as a result of the performance or failure to perform work by the CLEC. If both Qwest and the CLEC are sued as a result of or in connection with the performance of work arising out of this Contract, the parties hereby agree that the defense of the case (including the costs of the defense and attorneys' fees) shall be the responsibility of the CLEC, if Qwest desires. Qwest shall give the CLEC reasonable written notice of all such claims and any suits alleging such claims and shall furnish upon the CLEC's request and at the CLEC's expense all information and assistance available to the Qwest for such defense. The parties shall employ Article 13, Dispute Resolution, to resolve any dispute concerning the proportional fault and liability after the underlying case is terminated.
- 11.1 IF WORK IS PERFORMED IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON UNDER THIS GENERAL CONTRACT, THE CLEC ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THIS INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, ALL CLAIMS AGAINST QWEST BY AN EMPLOYEE OR FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE CLEC, AND THE CLEC EXPRESSLY WAIVES ALL IMMUNITY AND LIMITATION ON LIABILITY UNDER ANY INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE ACT, OTHER WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT, DISABILITY BENEFIT ACT, OR OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACT OF ANY JURISDICTION WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE APPLICABLE IN THE CASE OF SUCH A CLAIM.**

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- 11.2 Except as expressly provided herein, NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR ANY INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY LOSS OF USE, LOSS OF BUSINESS OR LOSS OF PROFIT; provided, however, there shall be no limitation on a party's liability to the other for any fines or penalties imposed on the other party by any court of competent jurisdiction or federal, state or local administrative agency resulting from the failure of the party to comply with any term or condition of this Contract or any valid and applicable law, rule or regulation.
- 11.3 FOR ANY WORK PERFORMED IN ARIZONA, IDAHO, SOUTH DAKOTA, UTAH OR WASHINGTON, SECTION 11(6) SHALL NOT EXTEND TO THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF QWEST BUT SHALL EXTEND TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF QWEST WHEN CONCURRENT WITH THAT OF THE CLEC.
- 11.4 FOR ANY WORK PERFORMED IN THE STATES OF MINNESOTA, NEBRASKA, NEW MEXICO, OR OREGON, ARTICLE 11 SHALL NOT APPLY, EXCEPT THAT SECTION 11 SHALL APPLY FOR WORK PERFORMED IN MINNESOTA FOR MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR OF MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, OR OTHER SUCH DEVICES, USED AS PART OF A MANUFACTURING, COVERING, OR OTHER PRODUCTION PROCESS INDULGING ELECTRIC, GAS, STEAM, AND TELEPHONE UTILITY EQUIPMENT USED FOR PRODUCTION, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION PURPOSES.

## 12. **FORCE MAJEURE**

- 12.1 The CLEC shall be excused from its performance as to any Order if prevented by acts or events beyond the CLEC's reasonable control including extreme weather conditions, strikes, fires, embargoes, actions of civil or military law enforcement authorities, acts of God, or acts of legislative, judicial, executive, or administrative authorities.
- 12.2 If such contingency occurs, Qwest may elect:
- 12.2.1 To terminate this Agreement as to the Order in question; or
  - 12.2.2 To terminate already-assigned specific work assignment(s) the CLEC is unable to perform, or any part thereof, and to assign new specific work assignments to other parties for the duration of the cause of the delay; or
  - 12.2.3 To suspend already-assigned specific work assignment(s) the CLEC is unable to perform, or any part thereof, for the duration of the cause of the delay; and to assign new specific work assignments to other parties for the duration of the cause of the delay.
- 12.3 Qwest shall be deemed to have elected Section 12.2.3 above unless written notice of termination is given by Qwest after the contingency occurs. With respect to Qwest's election of Section 12.2.3 above:
- 12.3.1 Qwest shall give the CLEC written notice of the work to be performed by such other party prior to its performance and shall deduct from the CLEC's price the cost of the work or services actually performed by such other parties.

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12.3.2 The CLEC shall resume performance, and complete any work not performed or to be performed by another party, once the delaying cause ceases.

12.3.3 If appropriate, at the Qwest's discretion, the time for completion of specific work assignment(s) shall be extended up to the length of time the contingency endured.

12.4 Qwest shall be excused from its performance if prevented by acts or events beyond the Qwest's reasonable control including extreme weather conditions, strikes, fires, embargoes, actions of civil or military law enforcement authorities, acts of God, or acts of legislative, judicial, executive, or administrative authorities.

### 13. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

13.1. Other than those claims over which a regulatory agency has exclusive jurisdiction, all claims, regardless of legal theory, whenever brought and whether between the parties or between one of the parties to this Agreement and the employees, agents or affiliated businesses of the other party, shall be resolved by arbitration. A single arbitrator engaged in the practice of law and knowledgeable about telecommunications law shall conduct the arbitration in accordance with the then current rules of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") unless otherwise provided herein. The arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with AAA procedures from a list of qualified people maintained by AAA. The arbitration shall be conducted in the regional AAA office closest to where the claim arose.

13.2. All expedited procedures prescribed by the AAA shall apply. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding and judgment may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

13.3. Other than the determination of those claims over which a regulatory agency has exclusive jurisdiction, federal law (including the provisions of the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16) shall govern and control with respect to any issue relating to the validity of this Agreement to arbitrate and the arbitrability of the claims.

13.4. If any party files a judicial or administrative action asserting claims subject to arbitration, and another party successfully stays such action and/or compels arbitration of such claims, the party filing the action shall pay the other party's costs and expenses incurred in seeking such stay or compelling arbitration, including reasonable attorney's fees.

14. **LAWFULNESS.** This Agreement and the parties' actions under this Agreement shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, court orders, and governmental agency orders. Any change in rates, charges or regulations mandated by the legally constituted authorities will act as a modification of any contract to that extent without further notice. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the state where Poles/Innerduct is provided. Nothing contained herein shall substitute for or be deemed a waiver of the parties' respective rights and obligations under applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines, including (without limitation) Section 224 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. 224). The CLEC represents that it is a certified Competitive Local Exchange Carrier or otherwise has the legal right, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 224 to attach to Qwest's pole pursuant to the terms thereof. The CLEC acknowledges that Qwest will rely on the foregoing representation, and that if such representation is not accurate, this Agreement shall be deemed void *ab initio*, except for Article 9 hereof, for which CLEC shall remain fully liable.

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15. **SEVERABILITY.** In the event that a court, governmental agency, or regulatory agency with proper jurisdiction determines that this Agreement or a provision of this Agreement is unlawful, this Agreement, or that provision of the Agreement to the extent it is unlawful, shall terminate. If a provision of this Agreement is terminated but the parties can legally, commercially and practicably continue without the terminated provision, the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in effect.
16. **GENERAL PROVISIONS.**
  - 16.1 Failure or delay by either party to exercise any right, power, or privilege hereunder, shall not operate as a waiver hereto.
  - 16.2 This Agreement shall not be assignable by CLEC without the express written consent of Qwest, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Assignment of this Agreement by CLEC to CLEC's subsidiary or affiliate shall be presumed to be reasonable; provided, however, that CLEC must obtain Qwest's consent in any event.
  - 16.3 This Agreement benefits CLEC and Qwest. There are no third party beneficiaries.
  - 16.4 This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between CLEC and Qwest with respect to Service provided herein and supersedes any prior agreements or understandings.

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The parties hereby execute and authorize this Agreement as of the latest date shown below:

CLEC

Qwest Corporation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Typed or Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Typed or Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

<p>Address for Notices</p>    <p>Contact: Phone: FAX:</p>	<p>Address for Notices</p> <p>Qwest Corporation 1801 California, Rm. 2330 Denver, CO 80202</p> <p>Contact: Phone: FAX:</p>
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EXHIBIT A

PULLING IN REPORT

This report is to be completed by the CLEC when fiber cable is placed into innerduct.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

Send to:

Manager, Qwest Corp  
700 W Mineral, Rm IAF12  
Littleton, CO 80120 (303-707-7598)

This is to advise you that pursuant to General Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_ granted to us under the terms of the Innerduct Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ we have completed installation of the following cable into the following ducts.

Municipality

Location		Cable and Equipment Installed
From Manhole at	To Manhole at	

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of CLEC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt of the above report is hereby acknowledged \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Qwest Corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Reports shall be submitted in duplicate.
2. A complete description of all facilities shall be given, including a print showing the locations, quantities, sizes and types of all cables and equipment.
3. Sketch to be furnished showing duct used. Must be same duct assigned to Licensee by Licensor as shown on Exhibit \_\_\_\_, unless a change has been previously authorized in writing by Licensor.

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CLEC: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTIFICATION OF SURRENDER OR MODIFICATION OF CONDUIT OCCUPANCY ORDER BY CLEC

Return to:  
Manager, Qwest Corp  
700 W Mineral, Rm IAF12  
Littleton, CO 80120

In accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement between us, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, notice is hereby given that the licenses covering occupancy of the following conduit are surrendered (and/or modified as indicated in Licensee's prior notification to Licensor, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_) effective \_\_\_\_\_.

CONDUIT LOCATION	LIC. NO. & DATE	SURRENDER OR MODIFICATION	DATE FAC. RMVD. OR MODIFIED

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Licensor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Co- Provider

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Notification Received

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Modification Accepted

Title \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Discontinued:

Total duct footage \_\_\_\_\_

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### NOTIFICATION OF SURRENDER OR MODIFICATION OF POLE ATTACHMENT ORDER BY CLEC

CLEC: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:

Manager, Qwest Corp  
700 W Mineral, Rm IAF12  
Littleton, CO 80120

In accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement between Qwest and CLEC, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, notice is hereby given that the licenses covering attachments to the following poles and/or anchors, and/or utilization of anchor/guy strand is surrendered (or modified as indicated in CLEC's prior notification to Qwest, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_) effective \_\_\_\_\_.

#	POLE NO.	ASSOC. POLE NO.	LIC. NO. & DATE	SURRENDER OR MODIFICATION	DATE FAC. RMVD OR MODIFIED
1.		A A/GS -			
2.		A A/GS -			
3.		A A/GS -			
4.		A A/GS -			
5.		A A/GS -			
6.		A A/GS -			
7.		A A/GS -			
8.		A A/GS -			
9.		A A/GS -			

Date Notification Received \_\_\_\_\_

Date Modification Received \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of CLEC

Discontinued:  
Poles \_\_\_\_\_  
Anchors \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Anchor/Guy Strands \_\_\_\_\_ lts: \_\_\_\_\_



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### ATTACHMENT 4 FORM OF ACCESS AGREEMENT

After recording, please return to:

Manager  
700 W Mineral, Rm IAF12  
Littleton, CO 80120

#### ACCESS AGREEMENT

**THIS ACCESS AGREEMENT** (this "Agreement") is made as of the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, by and between **QWEST CORPORATION**, a Colorado corporation, successor in interest to **U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**, a Colorado corporation ("Grantor"), whose address is \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, whose address is \_\_\_\_\_ ("Grantee").

#### RECITALS

- A. This Agreement relates to certain real property (the "Property") located in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "County"), State of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "State").
- B. A copy of an agreement purporting to grant to Grantor certain rights to use the Property, as described therein (the "Easement Rights"), is attached as Exhibit A (the "Right of Way Agreement").
- C. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 224 and 251(b)(5), Grantor, as a Local Exchange Carrier, is required to provide access to rights-of-way to a requesting telecommunications carrier, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 224. Grantee is a telecommunications carrier that has requested access to Grantor's Easement Rights. To comply with the aforementioned legal requirement, Grantor has agreed to share with Grantee its Easement Rights, if any, relating to the Property, to the extent Grantor may legally convey such an interest.
- D. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Grantor has agreed to convey to Grantee, without any representation or warranty, the right to use the Easement Rights, and Grantee has agreed to accept such conveyance.

NOW, THEREFORE, for Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Grant of Right of Access. Grantor hereby conveys to Grantee and its Authorized Users (as defined below) a non-exclusive, perpetual right to access and use the Easement Rights, which right shall be expressly (a) subject to, subordinate to, and limited by the Right of Way Agreement, and (b) subject to the terms and conditions hereof. As used in this Agreement, "Authorized Users" of Owner, Grantor and Grantee shall mean Owner, Grantor or Grantee, as applicable, their respective Affiliates and agents, licensees, employees, and invitees, including, without limitation, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, suppliers, public emergency vehicles, shipping or delivery vehicles, or construction vehicles. "Affiliates" means, with respect to any Person, any Person that controls, is controlled by or is under common control

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with such Person, together with its and their respective members, partners, venturers, directors, officers, stockholders, agents, employees and spouses. A Person shall be presumed to have control when it possesses the power, directly or indirectly, to direct, or cause the direction of, the management or policies of another Person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise. "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited liability company, association, corporation or other entity.

2. Grantor's Reserved Rights. Grantor reserves to itself and its Authorized Users the right to use the Easement Rights for any purpose not incompatible with the rights conveyed to Grantee by this Agreement.

3. Conditions Precedent to Effectiveness of Agreement. This Agreement is expressly conditioned on the following:

a. Recordation of Agreement. If the Right-of-Way Agreement has been publicly recorded, Grantee shall be responsible for assuring that the Agreement is in appropriate form for recording in the real property records of the County, shall pay for the recording thereof, and shall provide a copy of the recorded Agreement to Grantor at the address set forth above. A legible copy of the Right of Way Agreement must be attached to the Agreement when recorded or the Agreement shall not be effective.

b. Payment of Costs and Expenses. Grantee shall pay to or reimburse Grantor for all reasonable costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, directly relating to Grantor's execution and delivery of this Agreement.<sup>12</sup>

4. Grantee's Representations and Warranties. Grantee represents and warrants to Grantor that:

a. Authority. Grantee is a \_\_\_\_\_, duly formed and validly existing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_. All necessary action has been taken by Grantee to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform the obligations set forth hereunder. Grantee is a "telecommunications carrier" as that term is defined in 47 U.S.C. § 224.

b. Due Diligence. Grantee acknowledges and agrees that neither Grantor nor any agent, employee, attorney, or representative of Grantor has made any statements, agreements, promises, assurances, representations, or warranties, whether in this Agreement or otherwise and whether express or implied, regarding the Right of Way Agreement or the Easement Rights or the assignability or further granting thereof, or title to or the environmental or other condition of the Property. Grantee further acknowledges and agrees that Grantee has examined and investigated to its full satisfaction the physical nature and condition of the Property and the Easement Rights and that it is acquiring the Easement Rights in an "AS IS, WHERE IS" condition. Grantee expressly waives all claims for damages by reason of any statement, representation, warranty, assurance, promise or agreement made, if any.

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### 5. Grantee's Covenants.

a. Compliance with Right of Way Agreement. Grantee agrees that the rights granted by Grantor hereunder are expressly subject to, subordinate to, and limited by the Right of Way Agreement, and Grantee further agrees to comply in all respects with the terms and conditions of the Right of Way Agreement as they apply to the holder or user of the Easement Rights. In the event Grantee fails to observe or perform any of its obligations under the Right of Way Agreement, Grantor shall have the right, but not the obligation, to perform or observe such obligation to the extent that such obligation can be observed or performed by Grantor.

b. Compliance with Laws. Grantee agrees to use the Property and the Easement Rights in compliance with all applicable laws.

c. No Further Grant. Grantee shall not grant to any Person other than Grantee's Authorized Users the right to use the Easement Rights without the prior written consent of Grantor, which consent may be granted or withheld in Grantor's sole discretion.

d. Non-Interference. Grantee agrees that it will not interfere with Grantor's or Grantor's Authorized Users' use of the Easement Rights and will not take any action or fail to take any action that would negatively affect the Easement Rights or cause or contribute to the termination of the Right of Way Agreement.

6. Indemnification. Grantee hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Owner, Grantor and their respective Affiliates harmless from and against any and all claims, judgments, damages, liabilities, penalties, fines, suits, causes of action, costs of settlement, and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) which may be imposed upon or incurred by Grantor or its Authorized Users, or any of them, arising from, relating to or caused by Grantee's breach of this Agreement or the use, or the use by any of Grantee's Authorized Users, of the Easement Rights. In addition to the indemnity obligations described above, in the event that any act or omission of Grantee or Grantee's Authorized Users causes, directly or indirectly, and without reference to any act or omission of Owner, Grantor or their respective Authorized users, the termination or revocation of the Easement Rights, Grantee shall be liable to Grantor for all costs incurred in connection with (a) acquiring replacement Easement Rights over the Property or over other suitable Property, as determined in Grantor's sole judgment (the "Replacement Easement"), (b) the fully-loaded cost of constructing replacement facilities over the Replacement Easement, (c) the cost of removing its facilities and personal property from the Property, if required by the Right of Way Agreement, and (d) any other costs of complying with the Right of Way Agreement, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees. Grantee shall pay all such amounts within ten (10) days of receipt of any invoice for such costs delivered to Grantee by Owner, Grantor or their respective Authorized Users.

7. Condemnation. If any action is taken whereby the Right of Way Agreement or any part of the Easement Rights are terminated, relocated or otherwise affected, by any taking or partial taking by a governmental authority or otherwise, then such any compensation due or to be paid to the holder of the Easement Rights due to such occurrence shall belong solely to Grantor.

8. Severable Provisions. If any term of this Agreement shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and each term of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

9. Default; Remedies. (a) If Grantee files a petition in bankruptcy, or a petition is bankruptcy is filed against Grantee, which is not dismissed on or before fifteen (15) days after such filing, or (b) in the event of Grantee's breach or threatened breach of any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement, then Grantor shall have, in addition to all other legal and equitable remedies, the right to (x) terminate

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this Agreement, (y) enforce the provisions hereof by the equitable remedy of specific performance, or (z) enjoin such breach or threatened breach by injunctive action, all without the necessity of proof of actual damages or inadequacy of any legal remedy. Grantee agrees to pay all costs of enforcement of the obligations of Grantee hereunder, including reasonable attorneys' fees and all costs of suit, in case it becomes necessary for Grantor to enforce the obligations of Grantee hereunder, whether suit be brought or not, and whether through courts of original jurisdiction, as well as in courts of appellate jurisdiction, or through a bankruptcy court or other legal proceedings.

10. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. This Agreement may be assigned at any time in whole or in part by Grantor.

11. No Dedication. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall constitute a gift or dedication of any portion of the Easement Rights to the general public or for any public purpose whatsoever. There are no intended third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement.

12. Grantor's Waiver of Confidentiality. If the Right of Way Agreement is not publicly recorded, Grantor hereby reserves any right it may have to keep the terms and conditions of the Right of Way Agreement confidential as to parties other than Grantee or to keep the dollar amounts in the Right of Way Agreement confidential, which rights Grantor expressly reserves. 13. Notices. All notices to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed delivered (a) when personally delivered, or (b) three (3) business days after being mailed postage prepaid, by United States certified mail, return receipt requested, or (c) one business day after being timely delivered to an overnight express courier service such as Federal Express which provides for the equivalent of a return receipt to the sender, to the above described addresses of the parties hereto, or to such other address as a party may request in a writing complying with the provisions of this Section.<sup>13</sup>

14. Modification; Counterparts. This Agreement may not be amended, modified or changed, nor shall any waiver of any provision hereof be effective, except by an instrument in writing and signed by the party against whom enforcement of any amendment, modification, change or waiver is sought. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which shall constitute but one and the same document.

15. Controlling Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State.

**16. Waiver of Jury Trial. THE PARTIES HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF APPLICABLE LAW, ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.**

**[Signature pages follow]**

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EXECUTED as of the date first written above.

**GRANTOR:**

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_

QWEST CORPORATION, a Colorado corporation,  
successor in interest to  
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,  
a Colorado corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

)

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

) ss:

)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ as  
\_\_\_\_\_ of QWEST CORPORATION, a Colorado  
corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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EXECUTED as of the date first written above.

**GRANTEE:**

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_, a  
\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

) ss:

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ as  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
a \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness my hand and official seal.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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### CONSENT TO DISCLOSURE

**THE UNDERSIGNED**, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Owner**"), whose address is \_\_\_\_\_, hereby consents to the terms of the following paragraphs regarding the agreement described or entitled as \_\_\_\_\_ between Qwest Corporation, formerly U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("**Qwest**") and Owner for the property located at \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Property**") that provides Qwest with access to Owner's Property (the "**Agreement**").

**FOR TEN DOLLARS (\$10)** and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Owner agrees as follows:

1. **Title to Property.** Owner represents and warrants either (a) that Owner is the owner of fee title to the Property described in the Agreement or, if no description of the Property is given in the Agreement, then (b) that Owner is the grantor, or the successor to or assignee of the grantor, of the easement rights, if any, under the Agreement. Owner further represents and warrants that Owner has the legal right to execute this Consent to Disclosure, including, without limitation, the right to waive the confidentiality of the Agreement as set forth in paragraph 3 of this Consent to Disclosure.
2. **Owner's Acknowledgments.** Owner expressly acknowledges that (a) this is a legal document that may affect Owner's rights and Owner was given the opportunity to have the Agreement and this Consent to Disclosure reviewed by Owner's attorney; and (b) Owner, by signing this Consent to Disclosure, waives any rights it may have to keep the terms and provisions of the Agreement confidential.
3. **Owner's Waiver of Confidentiality.** Owner hereby waives any right it may have to keep the terms and conditions of the Agreement confidential, whether or not such right to confidentiality is expressly set forth in the Agreement or elsewhere or may have been agreed to orally, subject to the compliance of the competitive local exchange carrier ("**CLEC**") with the requirements of paragraph 5. Owner further covenants not to assert any claim or commence any action, lawsuit, or other legal proceeding against Qwest or CLEC presenting this Consent to Disclosure, based upon or arising out of Owner's alleged right to confidentiality relating to the Agreement. Owner's consent to disclosure applies only to the Agreement that is described in this Consent to Disclosure form and only to the undersigned CLEC.
4. **Qwest's Waiver of Confidentiality.** Qwest represents and warrants that it is granting a limited waiver of its confidentiality rights that permits CLEC to review the Agreement subject to CLEC's compliance with the requirements of paragraph 5 and Qwest's right to redact all dollar amounts set forth in the Agreement. Qwest's consent to disclosure applies only to the Agreement that is described in this Consent to Disclosure form and only to the undersigned CLEC.
5. **CLEC's Obligations.** CLEC shall use the Agreement exclusively for the following purposes and for no other purpose whatsoever:
  - (a) to determine whether Qwest has ownership or control over duct, conduits, or rights-of-way within the Property described in the Agreement; or
  - (b) to determine the ownership of wire within the Property described in the Agreement; or
  - (c) to determine the demarcation point between Qwest facilities and the Owner's facilities in the Property described in the Agreement.

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- (d) to the extent the agreement affects any property interest of a third-party owner, any provision(s) that describe the property, including any metes and bound or other legal description of the property;
- (e) the term of the agreement; and
- (f) the parties to the agreement. <sup>14</sup>

CLEC further agrees that CLEC shall not disclose the contents, terms, or conditions of the Agreement to any CLEC agents or employees engaged in sales, marketing, or product management efforts on behalf of CLEC.

**6. Acknowledgement of Limitation on Waivers. Owner understands that Qwest does not agree to waive the confidentiality of the dollar amounts set forth in any Agreement, and acknowledges that Owner has no right to provide copies of such Agreements to any party unless Owner has completely deleted the dollar amounts. Owner shall not provide a copy of the Agreement unless Owner has completely deleted all dollar amounts. Whether provided by Owner or Qwest, CLEC shall comply with the conditions set forth in paragraph 5.**

**7. Notices.** All notices to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed delivered (a) when personally delivered, or (b) three (3) business days after being mailed postage prepaid, by United States certified mail, return receipt requested, or (c) one business day after being timely delivered to an overnight express courier service such as Federal Express which provides for the equivalent of a return receipt to the sender, to the above described addresses of the parties hereto, or to such other address as a party may request in a writing complying with the provisions of this Section.

**EXECUTED** as of the date first written above.

**OWNER:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**CLEC:**

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### ATTACHMENT 5<sup>15</sup>

#### FORM PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and \_\_\_\_\_ agree that the execution of a protective agreement will expedite and facilitate competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") access to provisions of non-recorded Right-of-Way agreements (as that term is defined in the Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions), including agreements relating to multiple tenant environments ("MTEs") (collectively, "Right-of-Way Agreements"), between Qwest and third-party property owners in \_\_\_\_\_;

AND, WHEREAS, this Protective Agreement does not affect the access to publicly recorded landowner agreements, which Qwest has agreed to provide to CLECs.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED, that:

1. (a) Confidential Information. All documents, data, information, studies, and other materials relating to non-recorded Right-of-Way Agreements between Qwest and third-party property owners in \_\_\_\_\_ furnished or made available pursuant to a CLEC's request shall be furnished pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and shall be treated by all persons accorded access thereto pursuant to this Agreement as constituting trade secret, confidential commercial, and financial information (hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information"), and shall neither be used nor disclosed except for the purposes of:

- (a) the ownership or control over ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way within the property described in the agreement, including provisions which define the scope of Qwest's ownership or control of the ducts, conduits or rights-of-way;
- (b) the ownership of wire within the property described in the agreement;
- (c) the demarcation point between Qwest facilities and the property owner's facilities in the property described in the agreement;
- (d) to the extent the agreement affects any property interest of a third-party owner, any provision(s) that describe the property, including any metes and bound or other legal description of the property;
- (e) the term of the agreement; and
- (f) the parties to the agreement.

All material claimed to be Confidential Information shall be so marked by the party or its affiliates by stamping each individual page with the designation, "CONFIDENTIAL – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT." All copies of documents so marked will be made on yellow paper. For purposes hereof, notes made pertaining to or as the result of a review of Confidential Information shall be considered Confidential Information and subject to the terms of this Agreement. Parties filing electronically should file both a confidential and non-confidential version clearly marked as such.

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(b) Use of Confidential Information and Persons Entitled to Review. All Confidential Information made available pursuant to this Agreement shall not be disclosed to any CLEC agents or employees engaged in sales or marketing efforts on behalf of CLEC and shall not be used or disclosed except for the purposes set forth above. In no event shall the Confidential Information be made available to persons employed by the parties who could use the information in their normal job functions to the competitive disadvantage of the party providing the Confidential Information.

(c) Nondisclosure Agreement. Prior to giving access to Confidential Information as contemplated in paragraph 1(b) above, counsel for the party seeking review of the Confidential Information shall deliver a copy of this Agreement to such person, and prior to disclosure such person shall agree in writing to comply with and be bound by this Agreement. Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to any person who has not signed a Nondisclosure Agreement in the form which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Appendix A. The Nondisclosure Agreement (Appendix A) shall require the person to whom disclosure is to be made to read a copy of this Protective Agreement and to certify in writing that he or she has reviewed the same and has consented to be bound by its terms. The agreement shall contain the signatory's full name, permanent address and employer, and the name of the party with whom the signatory is associated. Such agreement shall be delivered to counsel for the providing party prior to the person gaining access to the Confidential Information.

2. (a) Use in Pleadings. Where reference to Confidential Information is required in pleadings, examinations, cross-examinations, briefs, arguments, or motions, it shall be by citation of title or some other nonconfidential description. Any further use of or substantive references to Confidential Information shall be placed in a separate section of the pleading or brief and submitted to a state commission, any court, or in arbitration or mediation proceedings under seal. This sealed section shall be served only on counsel of record (one copy each), who have signed a Nondisclosure Agreement. All the protections afforded in this Agreement apply to materials prepared and distributed under this paragraph.

(b) Receipt into Evidence. At least ten (10) days prior to the use of or substantive reference to any Confidential Information as evidence in any proceeding, the party intending to use such Confidential Information shall make that intention known to the providing party. The requesting party and the providing party shall make a good faith effort to reach an agreement so the information can be used in a manner which will not reveal its trade secret, confidential, or proprietary nature. If such efforts fail, the providing party shall separately identify, within five (5) business days, which portions, if any, of the documents to be offered or referenced on the record containing Confidential Information shall be placed in the sealed record. Only one (1) copy of documents designated by the providing party to be placed in the sealed record shall be made and only for that purpose. Otherwise, parties shall make only general references to Confidential Information.

(c) Seal. While in the custody of a state commission, any court, or in arbitration or mediation, these materials shall be marked "CONFIDENTIAL – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT," and due to their trade secret nature they shall not be considered as records in the possession of or retained by a state commission, any court, or in arbitration or mediation proceedings within the meaning of any open meetings or public records statutes.

(d) In Camera Hearing. Any Confidential Information which must be orally disclosed to be placed in the sealed record in a proceeding shall be offered in an *in camera* hearing, attended only by persons authorized to have access to the Confidential Information under this Agreement. Similarly, cross-examination on or making substantive reference to Confidential Information, as well as that portion of the record containing references thereto, shall be marked and treated as provided herein.

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(e) Appeal. Sealed portions of the record in any proceeding may be forwarded to any court of competent jurisdiction on appeal in accordance with applicable rules and regulations, but under seal as designated herein for the information and use of the court.

(f) Return. Unless otherwise ordered, Confidential Information, including transcripts of any depositions to which a claim of confidentiality is made, shall remain under seal, shall continue to be subject to the protective requirements of this Agreement, and shall be returned to counsel for the providing party within 90 days of receipt of the Confidential Information.

3. Segregation of Files. Those parts of any writing, depositions reduced to writing, written examination, interrogatories, and answers thereto, or other written references to Confidential Information in the course of discovery, if filed with a state commission, any court, or in arbitration or mediation proceedings will be sealed, segregated in the files, and withheld from inspection by any person not bound by the terms of this Agreement, unless such Confidential Information is released from the restrictions of this Agreement either through agreement of the parties or, after notice to the parties and hearing, pursuant to an order of a state commission and/or final order of a court having jurisdiction.

4. Preservation of Confidentiality. All persons who may be entitled to receive, or who are afforded access to any Confidential Information by reason of this Agreement, shall neither use nor disclose the Confidential Information for purposes of business or competition, or any other purpose other than the purposes of preparation for and conduct of this proceeding, and then solely as contemplated herein, and shall take reasonable precautions to keep the Confidential Information secure and in accordance with the purposes and intent of this Agreement.

5. Reservation of Rights. The parties affected by the terms of this Protective Agreement retain the right to question, challenge, and object to the admissibility of any and all data, information, studies, and other matters furnished under the terms of this Protective Agreement in response to interrogatories, requests for information or cross-examination on the grounds of relevancy or materiality. This Agreement shall in no way constitute any waiver of the rights of any party to contest any assertion by a party or finding by a state commission, any court, or in arbitration or mediation proceedings that any information is a trade secret, confidential, or privileged, and to appeal any assertion or finding.

EXECUTED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

***[Signature pages follow]***

### APPENDIX A TO PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT

I have reviewed the foregoing Protective Agreement with respect to the review and use of Confidential Information (as defined therein) and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the Protective Agreement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (type or print): \_\_\_\_\_

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Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Employer or Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Party Represented: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## EXHIBIT 1

### Right of Way Agreement

(This represents the ROW agreement between the Co-Provider and the property owner)

**Exhibit E**

**VERTICAL SWITCH FEATURES FOR UNE-SWITCHING**

<b>USOC for feature</b>	<b>Feature Description</b>
<b>3BL</b>	3-Way Call Block
<b>3CW</b>	Call Transfer – Trunk Side
<b>53W</b>	Open Switch Interval Protection
<b>69B1X</b>	Call Forwarding - Busy Line
<b>69D</b>	Call Pick-up Directed
<b>69H</b>	Call Forwarding - Don't Answer
<b>69J</b>	Call Forwarding - Busy Line
<b>6APPK</b>	Call Hold
<b>6MD</b>	Barge-In
<b>6SY</b>	Call Waiting Terminating
<b>6SZ</b>	Call Waiting Originating
<b>9FK</b>	Secretarial Listing
<b>A6PPK</b>	Additional Primary Directory Number, Per PDN
<b>A6QPN</b>	Additional Secondary Directory Number*
<b>ACS</b>	Additional Call Appearances, Per Appearance
<b>AR5</b>	ARS Patterns Per Facility Terminating In Patterns
<b>ARS-B</b>	Automatic Route Selection, Common Equip
<b>AS9</b>	Additional Shared Call Appearance, Per Appearance
<b>AYK</b>	Class Anonymous Call Rejection
<b>B2DPK</b>	Automatic Dial
<b>BOV</b>	Executive Busy Override
<b>C4Z</b>	Call Park
<b>CLT</b>	Additional Directory Listing
<b>CMD</b>	Customer Dialed Account Recording
<b>CTP</b>	Call Transfer - All Calls
<b>CV9</b>	Call Forwarding – Variable
<b>CXT</b>	Remote Access Service
<b>D06</b>	Secondary DN
<b>D08</b>	Multiple Shared Call Appearances Of A DN
<b>DAL</b>	Foreign Listing
<b>DHA</b>	Distinctive Alert
<b>DMA</b>	Directed Call Pick-up - Per Line, Barge-In
<b>DO6</b>	Secondary Directory Number
<b>DO8</b>	Shared Directory Number
<b>DPB</b>	Directed Call Pick-up - Per System
<b>E1N</b>	Intracall
<b>E3D</b>	Speed Call
<b>E3F</b>	Speed Calling – 30 Per Line Accessing List
<b>E3P</b>	Call Pick-up
<b>E3PPK</b>	Call Pick-up
<b>E62</b>	Call Waiting Dial Originating
<b>E6D</b>	Directed Call Pick-up - Per Line, Non Barge-In

## Exhibit E

### VERTICAL SWITCH FEATURES FOR UNE-SWITCHING

USOC for feature	Feature Description
<b>E6G</b>	Call Forwarding – Busy Restricted
<b>E6GUR</b>	Call Forwarding – Busy Unrestricted
<b>E6N</b>	Call Waiting – Intragroup, Per Line Equipped
<b>E8C</b>	Speed Calling 8#
<b>E9G</b>	Call Forwarding - Don't Answer Restricted
<b>E9GUR</b>	Call Forwarding - Don't Answer Unrestricted
<b>EAB</b>	Call Hold
<b>EAT</b>	Call Forwarding - Variable
<b>EBR</b>	Attendant Camp-On And Indication Of Camp-On
<b>EGR</b>	Group Use Service
<b>EH6</b>	Multiline Hunt Group - Circular Hunt
<b>EH8</b>	Multiline Hunt Group - Preferential List Hunt - First Line – Equipped
<b>EH9</b>	Multiline Hunt Group - Preferential List Hunt Additional Line – Equipped
<b>EO3</b>	Call Transfer
<b>ERB</b>	Call Forward Busy - Cust Activate
<b>ERD</b>	Call Forward Don't Answer - Cust Activate
<b>ESC</b>	3-Way
<b>ESH</b>	Convenience Dialing - Shared User
<b>ESHT3</b>	Speed Calling - 30 Per List
<b>ESHT6</b>	Speed Calling - 6 Per List
<b>ESM</b>	Call Forward Variable
<b>EST</b>	Speed Calling - 6 Per Line Accessing List
<b>ESX</b>	Call Waiting
<b>ESZ</b>	Call Waiting – Originating
<b>ETD</b>	Call Diversion
<b>ETG</b>	Call Restriction
<b>ETQPB/BLF</b>	Direct Station Selection/Busy Lamp Field
<b>ETQPB/GIC</b>	Group Intercom All Calls
<b>ETQPB/MWI</b>	Message Center Bus Set
<b>EVB</b>	Call Forward Busy – Programmed
<b>EVBHG</b>	Call Forward Busy - Per Hunt Group
<b>EVD</b>	Call Forward Don't Answer – Programmed
<b>EVDHG</b>	Call Forward Don't Answer - Per Hunt Group
<b>EVF</b>	Call Forward Busy Line Don't Answer, Forward To Outside Number
<b>EVFHG</b>	Call Forward Busy Line Don't Answer, Forward To Outside Number, Per Hunt Group
<b>EVK</b>	Call Forward Busy Line Don't Answer, Overflow
<b>EVKHG</b>	Call Forward Busy Line Don't Answer, Overflow, Per Hunt Group

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USOC for feature	Feature Description
<b>EVO</b>	Call Forward Busy Line, Overflow
<b>EVOHG</b>	Call Forward Busy Line, Overflow - Per Hunt Group
<b>EY3PS</b>	Network Speed Call
<b>FAL</b>	Additional Listing In Another Directory
<b>FBJ</b>	Call Forward, Busy Line – Expanded
<b>FBJHG</b>	Call Forward, Busy Line – Expanded - Per Hunt Group
<b>FCU/FCY</b>	Call Forwarding-Programmable
<b>FDJ</b>	Call Forward, Don't Answer – Expanded
<b>FDJHG</b>	Call Forward, Don't Answer – Expanded - Per Hunt Group
<b>FGDPN</b>	Secondary Directory Number, Per SDN
<b>FID LNR after line USOC</b>	Last Number Redial
<b>FID MSB after line USOC</b>	Make Set Busy
<b>FID NDT after line USOC</b>	Data Call Protection
<b>FID PRK after line USOC</b>	Call Park
<b>FKAPN</b>	Continuous Redial, Per PDN
<b>FKDPN</b>	Last Call Return, Per PDN
<b>FKEPN</b>	Selective Call Forwarding, Per PDN
<b>FKQPN</b>	Call Rejection, Per PDN
<b>FNA</b>	Alternate Call Listing
<b>FOQ</b>	Call Forwarding Without Call Completion
<b>FVJ</b>	Call Forwarding Busy Line/Don't Answer Interoffice
<b>FVJHG</b>	Call Forwarding Busy Line/Don't Answer Interoffice - Per Hunt Group
<b>G5BPN</b>	X.25 Reverse Charge Acceptance, Per Number
<b>GFDPN</b>	Packet Switched Data Including One X.25 Logical Channel
<b>GSVPK</b>	X.25 Throughput Class Negotiation
<b>GVJ</b>	Speed Calling - 1 & 2 Digit List
<b>GVT</b>	6-Way
<b>GVV</b>	Speed Calling - 1 & 2 Digit List
<b>GVZ</b>	Speed Calling - 1 & 2 Digit List
<b>GXEPN</b>	X.25 Fast Select Acceptance, Per Number
<b>GXGPK</b>	X.25 Flow Control Parameter Negotiation
<b>H6U</b>	Hunting – UCD - Data
<b>H6UPG</b>	Hunting – UCD - Data - Per Group
<b>HBS</b>	Last Call Return Block
<b>HCKPG</b>	Circular Hunting - Per Group
<b>HDT</b>	Hunting - Circular – Data
<b>HDTPG</b>	Hunting - Circular - Data - Per Group
<b>HLA</b>	Hot Line
<b>HSHP</b>	Preferential Hunting
<b>HSO</b>	Series Completion Per Each TN Hunted To
<b>HTG</b>	Hunting Feature



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USOC for feature	Feature Description
HX2	Call Waiting Terminating
JUL	Joint User Listing
KX9	Toll Restriction
LBN	Caller Id LIDB Listing
M1W	Message Waiting Indicator Audible/Visible
MAZ	Analog Call Appearance
MGN	Audible Message Waiting Service
MJJPk	Conference Calling Meet Me
MO9PK	Conference Calling Preset
MUMHT	Centrex Billing; Network Access Register Sharing Capability
MV5	Visual Message Waiting Service
N13	Call Transfer/Three Way
N2D	Hunting - Sequential - Data
N2DPG	Hunting - Sequential - Data - Per Group
N3CPB	Non-Standard Configuration Group, Per Button
NAE	Shared Call Appearance, Per Appearance
NBWPn	Message Waiting Indication, Per PDN
NC8PN	Priority Call, Per PDN
NCE	Class Selective Call Forwarding
NDD	Caller ID Blocking-All Calls, Per PDN
NDK	Automatic Identified Outward Dialing
NF4VC	Calling Number Id Feature Package
NF4VF	Flexible Calling Feature Package
NGQ	Did Sequential Number Block
NGS	20 Sequential DID Numbers
NHGPG	Key Short Hunt, Per Group
NHGPN	Key Short Hunt, Per Number
NHN	Each DID Number
NHNRN	Each DID Reserved
NJEPN	Call Forwarding Variable-All Calls-Voice, Per DN
NJGPN	Call Forwarding Busy Line-All Calls-Voice, Per DN
NJKPN	Call Forwarding Don't Answer-All Calls-Voice, Per DN
NKM	Class Calling Number Delivery Blocking
NKM	Caller-ID Block Per Line
NLT	Non-Listed Service
NM1PP	Isdn Calling Name Delivery
NMCPN	Call Name Id, Per Number
NN8PK	Speed Calling (8), Per Terminal
NNK	CLASS Name /#
NPU	Non-Published Service
NQ1PN	Call Exclusion, Per DN
NQ2PN	Call Forwarding Busy Line For Circuit-Switched Data

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USOC for feature	Feature Description
NQMPN	Call Forwarding Don't Answer For Circuit-Switched Data
NRCJ1	Call Forwarding - Outside
NRCJ6	Call Waiting – Intragroup, Per System
NSD	Caller Identification Number
NSH	Alternate Listing
NSK	Class Priority Call
NSQ	Class Last Call Return
NSS	Class Continuous Redial
NSW	No Solicitation Calls Directory Listing
NSY	Class Selective Call Rejection
NTU	Night Service (Trunk Answer Any Station)
NU4PN	Call Forwarding Variable-All Calls For Circuit Switched Data
NW9AL	Additional X.25 Logical Channel, Per Logical Channel
NWT	Flexible Calling Feature Package
NXJPK	Speed Calling (30), Per Terminal
NZ6PK	Six Way Conference, Per Terminal
NZHPN	Call Pick-up, Per Number
NZQ	Hunting – Sequential
NZQPG	Hunting – Sequential - Per Group
NZS	Hunting – Circular
NZSPG	Hunting – Circular - Per Group
NZT	Hunting – UCD
NZTPG	Hunting – UCD - Per Group
NZVPG	Intercom, Per Group
OBK5X	Optional Calling Plans*
OTQ	Outgoing Trunk Queuing
PLC	Code Calling
PLS	Advanced Private Line Termination
RBVXC	International Toll Block
RD7PN	Redirecting Number Delivery, Per Number
REAGF	Block Compromise Charge-Removal Of A TN From A Sequential Number Block
REAGG	Block Compromise Charge-Temporary Removal Of A TN From A Sequential Number Block
REAGM	Changing Number Of Digits Outpulsed, Per Change
REAGN	Changing Signaling, Per Change
RGE	Automatic Callback
RGG1A	Custom Ringing
RGG1B	Custom Ringing
RGG1C	Custom Ringing
RGG2A	Custom Ringing
RGG2B	Custom Ringing

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#### Feature Description

<b>RGG2C</b>	Custom Ringing
<b>RGG3A</b>	Custom Ringing
<b>RGG3B</b>	Custom Ringing
<b>RGG3C</b>	Custom Ringing
<b>RN4PP</b>	Isdn Redirecting Name Delivery
<b>RNCEP</b>	Easy Number
<b>RNN</b>	Distinctive Call Waiting Tone
<b>RTV1Q</b>	Toll Restriction – Billed Number Screening
<b>RTV1X</b>	Toll Restriction – Billed Number Screening
<b>RTV2Q</b>	Toll Restriction – Billed Number Screening
<b>RTV3Q</b>	Toll Restriction – Billed Number Screening
<b>RTV4Q</b>	Toll Restriction – Billed Number Screening
<b>RTVXN</b>	Restriction Of 976 Calls
<b>RTVXQ</b>	Toll Restriction – Billed Number Screening
<b>RTVXY</b>	10xxx Direct Dialed Blocking
<b>RTY</b>	Toll Restriction Service Individual & Key Lines
<b>SE3PG</b>	Hunting - Series Completion - Per Group
<b>SE3PG</b>	Series Completion Hunt, Per Group
<b>SE3PN</b>	Hunting - Series Completion - Per #
<b>SEA</b>	Selective Class Of Call Screening Per Access Line
<b>SRG</b>	Selective Class Of Call Screening Per Line Or Trunk
<b>TW1</b>	Talking Call Waiting
<b>U1E</b>	Loop Extension Technology
<b>XLL</b>	Directory Line Of Information
<b>XRW,XRS</b>	2B+D (Circuit Switched Data)*
<b>ZNBHX</b>	Zone 2 - With Hunting; In Central (EAS)
<b>ZPTMX</b>	Isdn Call Transfer Per T-1 Facility

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<b>UVKBX</b>	Call Waiting/Cancel, Speed Call 30, 3-Way Automatic Call Back, and Call Forward Variable
<b>UVKEX</b>	Basic Vertical Feature Package & Class Features, Call Waiting ID, Call Name & Number Delivery, Continuous Redial, Selective Call Forwarding, Selective Call Rejection, and Anonymous Call Rejection

## Exhibit F SPECIAL REQUEST PROCESS

1. The Special Request Process shall be used for the following requests:
  - 1.1 Requesting specific product feature(s) be made available by Qwest that are currently available in a switch, but which are not activated.
  - 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.
  - 1.3 Requesting a combination of Unbundled Network Elements that is a combination not currently offered by Qwest as a standard product and:
    - 1.3.1 that is made up of UNEs that are defined by the FCC or the Commission as a network element to which Qwest is obligated to provide unbundled access, and;
    - 1.3.2 that is made up of UNEs that are ordinarily combined in the Qwest network.
  - 1.4 Requesting an Unbundled Network Element that has been defined by the FCC or the State Commission as a network element to which Qwest is obligated to provide unbundled access, but for which Qwest has not created a standard product, including, but not limited to, OC-192 (and such higher bandwidths that may exist) UDIT, EEL between OC-3 and OC-192 and new varieties of subloops.
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. If it is determined that a request should have been submitted through the BFR process, Qwest will consider the BFR time frame to have started upon receipt of the original Special Request application form.
3. A Special Request shall be submitted in writing and on the appropriate Qwest form, which is located on Qwest's website.
4. Qwest shall acknowledge receipt of the Special Request within two (2) business days of receipt.
5. Qwest shall respond with an analysis, including costs and timeframes, within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of the Special Request. In the case of UNE Combinations, the analysis shall include whether the requested combination is a combination of network elements that are ordinarily combined in the Qwest network. If the request is for a combination of network elements that are not ordinarily combined in the Qwest network, the analysis shall indicate to CLEC that it should use the BFR process if CLEC elects to pursue its request.
6. Upon request, Qwest shall provide CLEC with Qwest's supporting cost data and/or studies for Unbundled Network Elements that CLEC 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.

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### **CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP)**

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE**

This document defines the processes for change management of OSS interfaces, products and processes (including manual) as described below. CMP provides a means to address changes that support or affect pre-ordering, ordering/provisioning, maintenance/repair and billing capabilities and associated documentation and production support issues for local services provided by CLECs to their end users. This CMP is applicable to Qwest's 14 state in-region serving territory.

The CMP is managed by CLEC and Qwest representatives each having distinct roles and responsibilities. The CLECs and Qwest will hold regular meetings to exchange information about the status of existing changes, the need for new changes, what changes Qwest is proposing, how the process is working, etc. The process also allows for escalation to resolve disputes, if necessary.

Qwest will track changes to OSS interfaces, products and processes. The CMP includes the identification of changes and encompasses, as applicable, Qwest will process any such changes in accordance with the CMP described in this document.

In cases of conflict between the changes implemented through the CMP and any CLEC interconnection agreement (whether based on the Qwest SGAT or not), the rates, terms and conditions of such interconnection agreement shall prevail as between Qwest and the CLEC party to such interconnection agreement. In addition, if changes implemented through the CMP do not necessarily present a direct conflict with a CLEC interconnection agreement, but would abridge or expand the rights of a party to such agreement, the rates, terms and conditions of such interconnection agreement shall prevail as between Qwest and the CLEC party to such agreement.

The CMP is dynamic in nature and, as such, is managed through the regularly scheduled meetings. The parties agree to act in Good Faith in exercising their rights and performing their obligations pursuant to this CMP. This document may be revised, through the procedures described in Section 2.0.

Any opinions expressed at the CMP meetings by representatives of government agencies such as state Public Utilities Commissions (PUC), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the Department of Justice (DOJ) do not bind such government agencies.



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### **2.0 MANAGING THE CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROCESS**

#### **2.1 Managing the Change Management Process Document**

The Change Management Process is dynamic in nature. Proposed modifications to the CMP framework shall be originated by a change request submitted by CLEC or Qwest in accordance with Section 5.3. Acceptance of such changes will be discussed at a regularly scheduled Monthly Product/Process CMP meeting.

The initiator of the change will send proposed redlined language and the reasons for the request with the change request at least 14 days in advance of the Product/Process CMP meeting. The request initiator will present the proposal to the CMP participants. The parties will develop a process for input into the proposed change. Incorporating a change into the CMP requires unanimous agreement using the Voting Process, as described in Section 17.0, Voting Process. Each CMP change request will be assigned a CR number that contains a suffix of "CM" and will be included in the CMP Product/Process meeting distribution package. The CMP change request and redlined language will be included in the CMP Product/Process meeting distribution package and the CMP change request will be identified as a proposed change to the CMP framework on the agenda. The requested change will be reviewed at a CMP Product/Process meeting and voted on no earlier than the following CMP Product/Process meeting. The agenda for the Monthly Product/Process CMP Meeting at which the vote will be taken will indicate that a vote will be taken.

#### **2.2 Change Management Point-of-Contact (POC)**

Qwest and each CLEC will designate primary, secondary, and, if desired, tertiary change management POC(s), who will serve as the official designees for matters regarding this CMP. CLECs and Qwest will exchange primary, secondary and tertiary POC information including items such as:

- Name
- Title
- Company
- Telephone number
- E-mail address
- Fax number
- Cell phone/Pager number
- POC designation (e.g., primary, secondary, or tertiary)

#### **2.3 Change Management POC List**

Primary, secondary and tertiary POCs should be included in the Qwest maintained POC list. It is the CLEC POC's responsibility to notify Qwest of any POC changes at <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/ppform.html>. If Qwest makes a POC change it will follow the process as described in Section 5.4. The list will be posted on the Qwest CMP Web site.

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## **2.4 Qwest CMP Responsibilities**

### **2.4.1 CMP Managers**

The Qwest CMP Product/Process Manager is the Qwest Product/Process POC and is responsible for properly processing submitted CRs, conducting the Monthly CMP Product/Process Meeting, assembling and distributing the meeting distribution package, and ensuring minutes are written and distributed in accordance with the agreed-upon timeline.

The Qwest CMP Systems Manager is the Qwest Systems POC and is responsible for properly processing submitted CRs, conducting the Monthly CMP Systems Meeting, assembling and distributing the meeting distribution package, and ensuring minutes are written and distributed in accordance with the agreed-upon timeline. The CMP Systems Manager also distributes the list of CRs eligible for prioritization to Qwest and the CLECs for ranking, tabulates the rankings, and forwards the resulting prioritization of the CRs to Qwest and the CLECs. In addition, the CMP Systems Manager is responsible for coordinating the publication of any Qwest OSS Interface release notification schedules.

### **2.4.2 Change Request Project Manager (CRPM)**

The Qwest CRPM manages CRs throughout the CMP CR lifecycle. The CRPM is responsible for obtaining a clear understanding of exactly what deliverables the CR originator requires to close the CR, arranging the CR clarification meetings and coordinating necessary Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from within Qwest to respond to the CR and coordinate the participation of the necessary SMEs in the discussions with the CLECs

### **2.4.3 Escalation/Dispute Resolution Manager**

The Escalation/Dispute Resolution Manager is responsible for managing escalations and disputes in accordance with the CMP Escalation Process and Dispute Resolution Process.

### **2.4.4 Implementation Obligations**

When Qwest commits to make a change pursuant to CMP, Qwest will review and revise internal and external documentation, as needed, to ensure that the change is appropriately reflected. Qwest will conduct training to communicate the changes to all appropriate Qwest personnel so that they are made aware of relevant changes. If Sections 5.0, 7.0, 8.0 or 9.0 require notification of the change, such notification will be provided in accordance with that section and will include references to external Qwest documentation that will be modified to reflect the change, if applicable. All of the foregoing activities will take place by the implementation date of the change.

## **2.5 Method of Communication**

The method of communication is e-mail with supporting information posted to the web site when applicable. (See Section 3.3) Communications sent by e-mail resulting from CMP will include in the subject line "CMP". Email communications regarding document changes will include direct web site links to the related documentation.

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Redlined PCATs and Technical Publications associated with product, process, and systems changes will be posted to the Qwest CMP Document Review Web site, <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/review.html>. For the duration of the agreed upon comment period CLECs may submit comments on the proposed documentation change. At the Qwest CMP Document Review Web site CLECs may submit their comments on a specific document by selecting the "Submit Comments" link associated with the document. The "Submit Comments." link will take CLECs to an HTML comment template. If for any reason the "Submit" button on the site does not function properly, CLEC may submit comments to [cmpcomm@qwest.com](mailto:cmpcomm@qwest.com). After the conclusion of the applicable CLEC comment period Qwest will aggregate all CLEC comments with Qwest responses and distribute to all CLECs via Notification email within the applicable period.

In some instances, a CLEC or Qwest may wish to include proprietary information in a CR. To do this the CLEC or Qwest must identify the proprietary information with bracketed text, in all capitals, preceded and followed by the words "PROPRIETARY BEGIN" and "PROPRIETARY END," respectively. Qwest will blackout properly formatted proprietary information when the CR is posted to the CR Database and distributed in the CMP Monthly Meeting distribution packet.

If a CLEC or Qwest wishes to ask a question, submit a comment, or provide information which is of a proprietary nature, the CLEC or Qwest must communicate directly with the CMP Manager via email. Such emails must have a subject line beginning with PROPRIETARY.

### **2.6 CMP Relationship with Management of Performance Indicator Definitions (PIDs)**

Qwest Performance Indicator Definitions (PIDs) have been established through collaboration among Qwest, CLECs and state public utilities commissions in a forum known as the Regional Oversight Committee Test Administration Group (ROC TAG). This activity was performed in order to test Qwest's performance in connection with Qwest's application to obtain approval under Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The parties anticipate that the ROC TAG (or similar industry group separate from the CMP body) will continue in some form after approval of Qwest's Section 271 application. The parties expect that this industry group will be responsible for change management of the Qwest PIDs (the "PID Administration Group").

The parties acknowledge that the operation of PIDs may be impacted by changes to Qwest OSS Interfaces, products or processes that are within the scope of CMP. Conversely, Qwest OSS Interfaces, products or processes may be impacted by changes to, or the operation of, PIDs that are within the scope of the PID Administration Group. As a result, efficient operation of the CMP requires communication and coordination, including the establishment of processes, between the PID Administration Group and the CMP body.

The parties recognize that if an issue results from CMP that relates to the PIDs (e.g., Qwest denies a CR with reference to PIDs, discussion of PID administration is needed in order to implement a CR, etc.), any party to the CMP may take the issue to the PID Administration Group for discussion and resolution as appropriate under the procedures for that Group. At the time any party brings such an issue to the PID Administration Group, such party shall notify Qwest and Qwest will distribute an e-mail notification to the CMP body. Qwest shall also distribute to the CMP body all correspondence with the PID Administration Group relating to the

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issue at the time such correspondence is exchanged with the PID Administration Group (if Qwest is not copied on such correspondence, the involved CLEC will forward such correspondence to Qwest for distribution to the CMP body). Qwest or an interested CLEC will bring any resolution or recommendation from the PID Administration Group relating to such issues to the CMP body for consideration in resolving related CMP issues.

It is possible that the PID Administration Group will identify issues that relate to CMP. In that case, the CMP body would expect the PID Administration Group (or a party from that group) to bring such issues to the CMP body for resolution or a recommendation. Such issues may be raised in the form of a CR, but may be raised in a different manner if appropriate. Qwest or an interested CLEC will return to the PID Administration Group any resolution or recommendation from the CMP body on such issues. Qwest and CLECs participating in the PID Administration Group agree that they will propose, develop and adopt processes for the PID Administration Group that will enable the coordination called for in this Section. One such process may include joint meetings, on an as needed basis, of the PID Administration Group and the CMP body to address issues that affect both groups.

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### 3.0 MEETINGS

Change Management meetings will be conducted on a regularly scheduled basis, at least two consecutive days on a monthly basis. Meeting participants can choose to attend meetings in person or participate by conference call.

Meetings are held to review, prioritize, manage the implementation of process and system changes and address change management requests. Qwest will review the status of all applicable change requests. The meeting may also include discussions of Qwest's development view.

CLEC's request for additional agenda items and associated materials should be submitted to Qwest at least five (5) business days by noon (MT) in advance of the meeting. Qwest is responsible for distributing the agenda and associated meeting materials at least three (3) business days by noon (MT) in advance of the meeting. Qwest will be responsible for preparing, maintaining, and distributing meeting minutes. Attendees with any walk-on items should bring materials of the walk-on items to the meeting.

All attendees, whether in person or by phone, must identify themselves and the company they represent.

Additional meetings may be held at the request of Qwest or any CLEC. Meeting notification must contain an agenda plus any supporting meeting materials. These meetings should be announced at least five (5) business days prior to their occurrence. Exceptions may be made for emergency situations.

#### 3.1 Meeting Materials [Distribution Package] for Change Management Meeting

Meeting materials should include the following information:

- Meeting Logistics
- Minutes from previous meeting
- Agenda
- Change Requests and responses
- New/Active
- Updated
- Log
- Issues, Action Items Log and associated statuses
- Release Summary
- 12 Month Development View
- Monthly System Outage Report
- Any other material to be discussed

Qwest will provide Meeting Materials (Distribution Package) electronically by noon 3 business days prior to the Monthly CMP Meeting. In addition, Qwest will provide hard copies of the Distribution Package at the Monthly CMP Meeting.

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### 3.2 Meeting Minutes for Change Management Meeting

Qwest will take minutes. Qwest will summarize discussions in meeting minutes and include any revised documents such as Issues, Action items and statuses.

Minutes should be distributed to meeting participants for comments or revisions no later than five (5) business days by noon (MT) after the meeting. CLEC comments should be provided within two (2) business days by noon (MT). Revised minutes, if CLEC comments are received, should be distributed within nine (9) business days by noon (MT) after the meeting.

### 3.3 Qwest Wholesale CMP Web Site

To facilitate access to CMP documentation, Qwest will maintain CMP information on its web site. The web site should be easy to use and updated in a timely manner. The Web site should be a well organized central repository for CLEC notifications and CMP documentation. Active documentation, including meeting materials (Distribution Package), should be maintained on the website. Change Requests and release notifications should be identified in accordance with the agreed upon naming convention, to facilitate ease of identification. Qwest will maintain closed and old versions of documents on the web site's Archive page for 18 months before storing off line. Information that has been removed from the web site can be obtained by contacting the appropriate Qwest CMP Manager. At a minimum, the CMP web site will include:

- Current version of Qwest CMP document describing the CMP's purpose and scope of setting forth the CMP objectives, procedures, and timelines, including release life cycles.
- Calendar of release dates
- OSS hours of availability
- Links to related web sites, such as IMA EDI, IMA GUI, CEMR, and Notices
- Current CMP escalation process
- CMP prioritization process description and guidelines
- Change Request form and instructions to complete form
- Submitted and open Change Requests and the status of each
- Responses to Change Requests and written responses to CLEC inquiries
- Meeting (formal and informal) information for CMP monthly meetings and interim meetings or conference calls, including descriptions of meetings and participants, agendas, minutes, sign-up forms, and schedules
- A log of each type of change requests and associated status histories
- Meeting materials (distribution package)
- Meeting minutes
- Release announcements and other CLEC notifications and associated requirements
- Directory to CLEC notifications for the month
- Business rules, SATE test case scenarios technical specifications, and user guides will be provided via links on the CMP web site.
- Contact information for the CMP POC list, including CLEC, Qwest and other participants (with participant consent to publish contact information on web page).
- Redlined PCAT and Technical Publications - see Section 2.5
- Instructions for receiving CMP communications – see Section 2.5

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## 4.0 TYPES OF CHANGE

A Change Request should fall into one of the following classifications:

### 4.1 Regulatory Change

A Regulatory Change is mandated by regulatory or legal entities, such as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), a state commission/authority, or state and federal courts, or as agreed to by Qwest and CLECs. Regulatory changes are not voluntary but are requisite to comply with newly passed legislation, regulatory requirements, or court rulings. Either the CLEC or Qwest may initiate the change request.

### 4.2 Industry Guideline Change

An Industry Guideline Change implements Industry Guidelines using a national implementation timeline, if any. Either Qwest or the CLEC may initiate the change request. These guidelines are industry defined by:

- Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) Sponsored
- Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF)
- Local Service Ordering and Provisioning Committee (LSOP)
- Telecommunications Industry Forum (TCIF)
- Electronic Commerce Inter-exchange Committee (ECIC)
- Electronic Data Interface Committee (EDI)
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

### 4.3 Qwest Originated Change

A Qwest Originated change is originated by Qwest does not fall within the changes listed above and is within the scope of CMP.

### 4.4 CLEC Originated Change

A CLEC Originated change is originated by the CLEC does not fall within the changes listed above and is within the scope of CMP.

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### 5.0 CHANGE REQUEST PROCESS

#### 5.1 CLEC-Qwest OSS Interface Change Request Process

A CLEC or Qwest seeking to change an existing OSS interface, to establish a new OSS interface, or to retire an existing OSS interface must submit a Change Request (CR). A Change Request originator will complete and email a completed Change Request (CR) Form to the Qwest Systems CMP Manager in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Qwest Wholesale CMP Web site located at the following URL:<http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/index.html>. The CR Process supports Regulatory, Industry Guideline, CLEC-initiated and Qwest-initiated changes. The process for Regulatory or Industry Guideline changes will be managed as described in Section 5.1.1 and Section 5.1.2 below.

##### 5.1.1 Regulatory or Industry Guideline Change Request

The party submitting a Regulatory or Industry Guideline CR must also include sufficient information to justify the CR being treated as a Regulatory or Industry Guideline CR in the CR description section of the CR form. Such information must include specific references to regulatory or court orders, legislation, or industry guidelines as well as dates, docket or case number, page or paragraph numbers and the mandatory or recommended implementation date, if any.

Qwest or any CLEC may submit Regulatory and Industry Guideline CRs. Qwest will send CLECs a notice when it posts Regulatory or Industry Guideline CRs to the web site and identify when comments are due, as described below. Regulatory and Industry Guideline CRs will also be identified in the CMP Systems Monthly Meeting Distribution Package. The upcoming meeting agenda will identify that consensus is required if a CR constitutes a Regulatory or Industry Guideline change. Not later than 8 business days prior to the CMP Systems Monthly meeting, any party objecting to the classification of such CR as Regulatory or Industry Guideline must submit a statement documenting reasons why the objecting party does not agree that the CR should be classified as Regulatory or Industry Guideline change. Regulatory and Industry Guideline CRs may not be presented as walk-on items.

If Qwest or any CLEC has objected to the classification of a CR as Regulatory or Industry Guideline, that CR will be discussed at the next monthly Change Management Systems Meeting. At that meeting, Qwest and the CLECs will attempt to agree that the CR is Regulatory or Industry Guideline. If Qwest or any CLEC does not agree that the CR is Regulatory or Industry Guideline, the CR will be treated as a non-Regulatory, non-Industry Guideline CR and prioritized with the CLEC-originated and Qwest-originated CRs, unless and until the CR is declared to be Regulatory or Industry Guideline through dispute resolution. Final determination of CR type will be made by the CLEC and Qwest POC at that monthly meeting, and documented in the meeting minutes.

##### 5.1.2 Implementation of Regulatory CRs

As a general rule, a Regulatory Change will be implemented by mechanization unless all parties agree otherwise, as described below. Accordingly, all Regulatory CRs initially must be



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submitted as Systems CRs, including when the regulatory CR clearly is for a Product or Process change, and will be introduced at the monthly CMP Systems meeting. If the Regulatory CR originator seeks to establish that the CR should be implemented by a manual process, the originator must so indicate on the CR form and include as much information supporting the application of the exception as practicable.

For each Regulatory CR, Qwest will provide a cost analysis for both a manual and a mechanized solution. The cost analyses will include a description of the work to be performed and any underlying estimates that Qwest has performed associated with those costs. Qwest will also provide an estimated level of effort expressed in terms of person hours required for the mechanized solution. The cost analysis will be based on factors considered by Qwest, which may include volume, number of CLECs, technical feasibility, parity with retail, or effectiveness/feasibility of a manual process.

The Regulatory CR will be implemented by a manual solution if there is a majority vote in favor of one of the following exceptions by Qwest and CLECs present at the monthly CMP Systems meeting.

A. The mechanized solution is not technically feasible.

or

B. There is a significant difference in the costs for the manual and mechanized solutions. Cost estimates will allow for direct comparisons between solutions using comparable methodologies and time periods.

Any party that desires to present information to establish an exception may do so at the monthly Systems CMP meeting when the implementation plan is presented

After the implementation plan has been discussed at the CMP Systems meeting at which the CR is presented, Qwest will request that a POC of each CLEC and Qwest indicate the respective preferences regarding the exception, e.g., by a show of raised hands. The majority vote decision will apply unless the outcome of a dispute resolution alters such decision. The results will be reflected in the meeting minutes.

In addition to Exceptions A or B, the parties that are present at the CMP Systems meeting at which the CR is presented can, upon unanimous agreement, decide to vary from the general rule regarding Regulatory CR implementation in any respect. For example, the parties at the CMP Systems meeting at which the CR is presented can agree that a Regulatory CR will be implemented by a manual solution for any reason other than those described in Exceptions A and B. If the Regulatory CR originator seeks to establish that a variance should apply, the originator must so indicate on the CR form and include in the CR as much information supporting the application of the exception as practicable.

If any party present objects to voting on the exception or variance at the monthly CMP Systems meeting at which the CR is presented, then Qwest will request that a POC of each CLEC and Qwest indicate whether they prefer to postpone the vote until the next monthly CMP Systems meeting, e.g., by a show of raised hands. The majority vote decision will apply. The results of

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the vote will be reflected in the meeting minutes. If appropriate, additional discussion regarding the CR will be held at the next monthly CMP Systems meeting prior to the vote.

Once a Regulatory CR has been agreed upon to be implemented by a manual solution, the CR will be, from that point forward, tracked as a Product/Process CR through the monthly CMP Product/Process meetings.

If Qwest is unable to fully implement a mechanized solution in the first release that occurs after the CMP participants agree that a change has been mandated, Qwest's implementation plan for the mechanized solution may include the short-term implementation of a manual work-around until the mechanized solution can be implemented. In that situation, a single systems Regulatory CR will be used for the implementation of both the manual and mechanized changes. Qwest will continue to work that Regulatory CR until the mechanized solution is implemented.

If a regulatory CR is implemented by a manual process and later it is determined that a change in circumstance warrants a mechanized solution, Qwest or any CLEC may submit a new systems CR which must include evidence of the change in circumstance, such as an estimated volume increase or changes in technical feasibility, and the number of the CR that was implemented using a manual process. The CR originator may request that the CR be treated as a Regulatory CR. If Qwest or any CLEC does not agree to treat the CR as a Regulatory Change, it will be treated as a Qwest or CLEC initiated change.

Any party that disagrees with the majority decision regarding Exceptions A and B may initiate dispute resolution pursuant to the CMP Dispute Resolution provisions.

### **5.1.3 CR Initiation Process**

Within two (2) business days after receipt of a valid CR Qwest's CMP Systems Manager will assign a CR Number for tracking purposes, assign a Change Request Project Manager (CRPM), acknowledge receipt of the CR by e-mail to the CR Originator and issue the CR internally for management through the process. The CR will be assigned the status of Submitted and become an active CR reported in Qwest's CLEC Change Request Systems Interactive Report located on the Qwest Wholesale CMP web site.

Within four (4) business days after receipt of a valid CR, Qwest will post the valid CR to the CMP web site via Qwest's Interactive Report. The report will contain the CR details, originator identity, assigned CRPM, assigned CR Number and, when practicable, the designated Qwest SME and associated Director.

Within eight (8) business days after receipt of a complete CR, the CRPM coordinates and holds a Clarification Meeting with the CR Originator and Qwest's SME(s). If the originator is not available within the above specified time frame, then the clarification meeting will be held at a mutually agreed upon time. Qwest may not provide a response to a CR until a clarification meeting has been held.

At the clarification meeting, Qwest and the Originator will review the submitted CR, validate the intent of the Originator's CR, clarify all aspects, identify all questions to be answered, and

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determine deliverables to be produced. After the clarification meeting has been held, the CRPM will document and issue meeting minutes within five (5) business days.

CRs submitted 14 calendar days prior to the next scheduled CMP Meeting will be presented at that CMP meeting for clarification from all CLECs participating in the CMP Meeting. Prior to the CMP Systems Meeting the CRPM will post responses to Systems CRs to the CMP database. The response will be made available via the Interactive Reports and via the Distribution Package for the CMP Systems Meeting. The Originator will present its CR and provide any business reasons for the CR. Items or issues identified during the previously held clarification meeting will be relayed. CLECs participating in the CMP Meeting will be given the opportunity to comment on the CR and provide additional clarifications. If appropriate, Qwest's SME(s) will identify options and potential solutions to the CR. Clarifications and/or modifications related to the CR will be incorporated into the evaluation of the CR. Consensus will be obtained from the participating CLECs as to the appropriate direction/solution for Qwest's SME to take in responding to the CR if applicable.

CRs that are not submitted 21 calendar days prior to the CMP Meeting may be introduced at that CMP Meeting as a walk-on item. The Originating CLEC will present its CR and participating CLECs will be allowed to provide comments to the CR. Qwest will provide a status of the CR.

All Qwest Draft Responses issued will be presented at the next scheduled CMP Meeting. Qwest will conduct a walk through of the response and participating CLECs will be provided the opportunity to discuss, clarify and comment on Qwest's Response. Qwest's Responses will be either:

- "Accepted" (Qwest will implement the CLEC request) with position stated, or
- "Denied" (Qwest will not implement the CLEC request) with basis for the denial and a detailed explanation, including reference to substantiating material. CLEC-initiated OSS Interfaces change request may be denied for one or more of the following reasons.
- Technologically not feasible—a technical solution is not available
- Regulatory ruling/Legal implications—regulatory or legal reasons prohibit the change as requested, or if the request benefits some CLECs and negatively impact others (parity among CLECs) (Contrary to ICA provisions)
- Outside the Scope of the Change Management Process—the request is not within the scope of the Change Management Process (as defined in this CMP), seeks adherence to existing procedures, or requests for information
- Economically not feasible—low demand, cost prohibitive to implement the request, or both.
- The requested change does not result in a reasonably demonstrable business benefit (to Qwest or the requesting CLEC) or customer service improvement.

Qwest will not deny a CR solely on the basis that the CR involves a change to back-end systems. Qwest will apply these same concepts to CRs that Qwest initiates. The SCRIP may be invoked if a CR was denied due to economically not feasible. (See Section 10.3)

Based on the comments received from the CMP Meeting, Qwest may revise its response and issue a revised draft response at the next CMP Meeting.

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If CLECs do not accept Qwest's response, they may elect to escalate or dispute the CR in accordance with the agreed upon CMP escalation or Dispute Resolution procedures. If the originating CLEC does not agree with the determination to escalate or pursue the dispute resolution, it may withdraw its participation from the CR and any other CLEC may become responsible for pursuing the CR Escalation upon providing written notice to the Qwest CMP Manager. The CR will be assigned the status of Escalated and remain an active CR. Qwest will note in the status history of the interactive reports that the CR has been escalated. However, the CR status will reflect the stage of the CR as it progresses through the CR lifecycle.

If the CLECs do not accept Qwest's response and do not intend to escalate or dispute at the present time, they may request Qwest to status the CR as 'Deferred.' The CR will remain as Deferred and CLECs may activate or close the CR at a later date.

At the last Systems CMP meeting before Prioritization, Qwest will facilitate the presentation of all CRs eligible for Prioritization. At this meeting Qwest will provide a high level estimate of the Level of Effort of each CR and the estimated total capacity of the release. This estimate will be an estimate of the number of person hours required to incorporate the CR into the release. Ranking will proceed, as described in Section 10.0. The results of the ranking will produce a release candidate list.

Pursuant to the CMP, Qwest may develop a temporary manual solution to a mechanized change identified in an active Systems CR. In these situations, Qwest will open a second Systems CR with the same number as the original CR and a "MN" suffix. Qwest will process this "MN" CR as a systems CR through its entire life cycle. During this time the original systems CR will remain open and follow the appropriate systems CR process. The temporary manual solution will remain available at least until closure of the associated systems CR. If possible, all or part of the temporary manual solution can be reintroduced in Production Support if a manual workaround is required. A new CR is not required to revert to the temporary manual solution.

### **5.2 CLEC-Qwest OSS Interface Change Request Lifecycle**

Based on the release candidate list, Qwest will begin its development cycle that includes the following milestones as depicted in the IMA Software Development Timeline:

#### **5.2.1 Business and Systems Requirements**

Qwest engineers define the business and functional specifications during this phase. The specifications are completed on a per candidate basis in priority order. During business and system requirements, any candidates which have affinities and may be more efficiently implemented together will be discussed. Candidates with affinities are defined as candidates with similarities in functions or software components. Qwest will also present any complexities, changes in candidate size, or other concerns that may arise during business or system requirements, which would impact the implementation of the candidate. During the business and systems requirement efforts, CRs may be modified or new CRs may be generated (by CLECs or Qwest), with a request that the new or modified CRs be considered for addition to the release candidate list (late added CRs). If the CMP body grants the request to consider the late added CRs for addition to the release candidate list, Qwest will size the CR's requirements work effort. If the requirements work effort for the late added CRs can be completed by the end of system requirements, the release candidate list and the new CRs will be prioritized by CLECs in

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accordance with the agreed upon Prioritization Process. (See Section 10.0) If the requirements work effort for the late added CRs cannot be completed by the end of system requirements, the CR will not be eligible for the release and will be returned to the pool of CRs that are available for prioritization in the next OSS interface release.

### 5.2.2 Packaging

At the conclusion of system requirements, Qwest will present packaging option(s) for implementing the release candidates. Packaging options are defined as different combinations of candidates proposed for continuing through the next stage of development. Packaging options may not exist for the release; i.e., there may only be one straightforward set of candidates to continue working through the next stage of development. Options may be identified due to:

- affinities in candidates
- resource constraints which prevent some candidates from being implemented but allow others to be completed.

Qwest will provide an updated level estimate of the Level of Effort of each CR and the estimated total capacity of the release. If more than one option is presented, a vote will be held within 2 days after the meeting on the options. The option with the largest number of votes will continue through the design phase of the development cycle.

### 5.2.3 Design

Qwest engineers define the architectural and code changes required to complete the work associated with each candidate. The design work is completed on the candidates, which have been packaged.

### 5.2.4 Commitment

After design, Qwest will present a final list of candidates which can be implemented. Qwest will provide an updated level estimate of the Level of Effort of each CR and the estimated total capacity of the release. These candidates become the committed candidates for the release.

### 5.2.5 Code & Test

Qwest engineers will perform the coding and testing by Qwest required to complete the work associated with the committed candidates. The code is developed and baselined before being delivered to system test. A system test plan (system test cases, costs, schedule, test environment, test data, etc.) is completed. The system is tested for meeting business and system requirements, certification is completed on the system readiness for production, and pre-final documentation is reviewed and baselined. If in the course of the code and test effort, Qwest determines that it cannot complete the work required to include a candidate in the planned release, Qwest will discuss options with the CLECs in the next CMP meeting. Options can include either the removal of that candidate from the list or a postponement in the release date to incorporate that candidate. If the candidate is removed from the list, Qwest will also advise the CLECs whether or not the candidate could become a candidate for the next point release, with appropriate disclosure as part of the current major release of the OSS interface.

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Alternatively, the candidate will be returned to the pool of CRs that are available for prioritization in the next OSS interface release.

### **5.2.6 Deployment**

During this phase Qwest representatives from the business and operations review and agree the system is ready for full deployment. The release is deployed and production support initiated and conducted.

During any phase of the lifecycle, a candidate may be requested to be removed by the requesting CLEC. If that occurs, the candidate will be discussed at the next CMP meeting or in a special emergency meeting, if required. The candidate will only be removed from further phases of development if there is unanimous agreement by the CLECs and Qwest at that meeting.

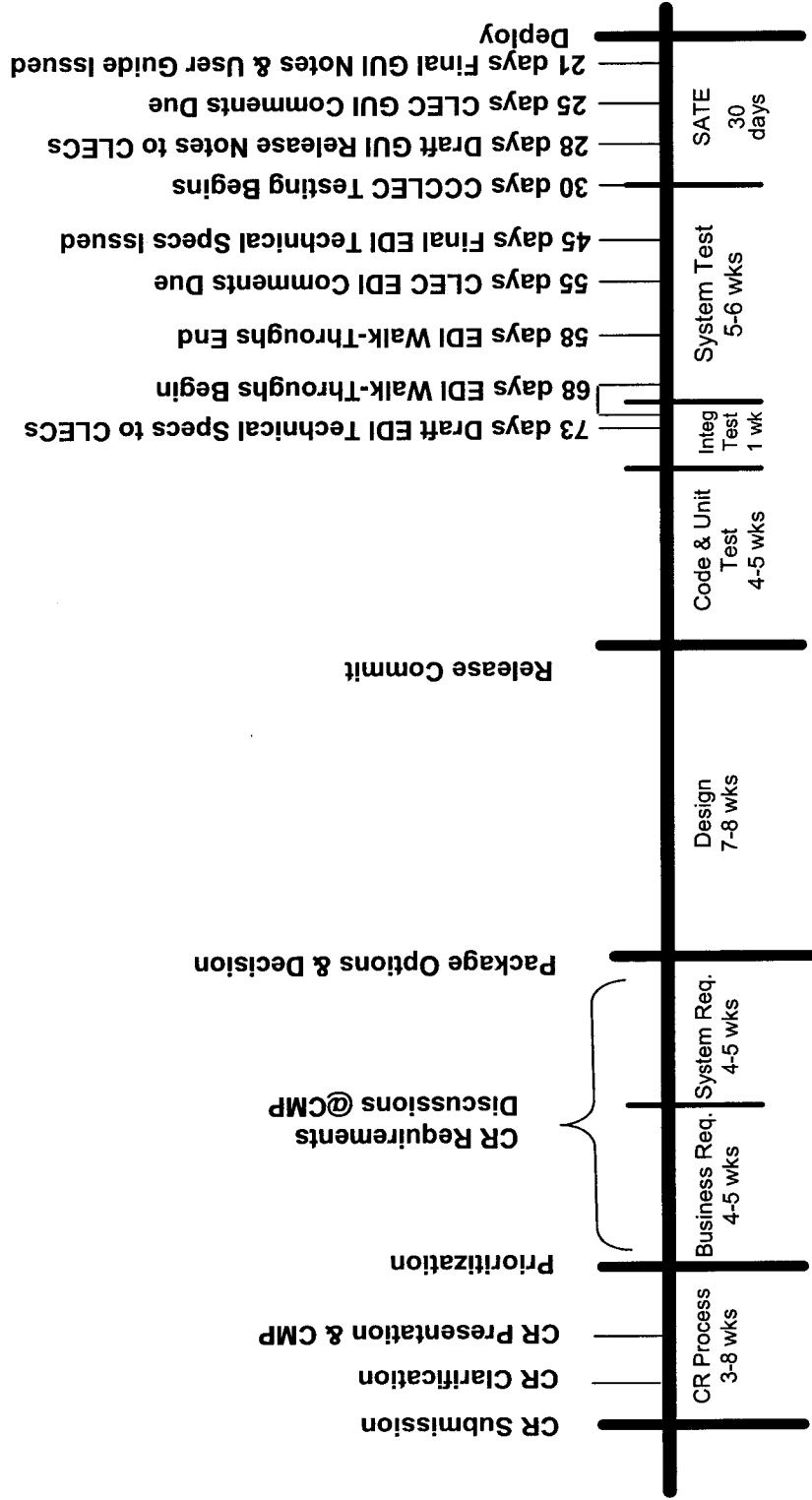
When Qwest has completed development of the OSS interface change, Qwest will release the OSS interface functionality into production for use by the CLECs.

Upon implementation of the OSS interface release, the CRs will be presented for closure at the next CMP monthly meeting.

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# IMA Software Development Timeline

*Time for each phase is approximate and based on current release timelines. Time per phase can change per business needs.*



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### 5.3 CLEC Product/Process Change Request Initiation Process

If a CLEC wants Qwest to change a Product/Process the CLEC e-mails a completed Change Request (CR) Form to the Qwest Product/Process CMP Manager. Within 2 business days Qwest's Product/Process CMP Manager reviews CR for completeness, and requests additional information from the CR originator, if necessary, within two (2) business days after Qwest receives a complete CR:

- The Qwest CMP manager assigns a CR Number and logs the CR into the CMP Database.
- The Qwest CMP Manager forwards the CR to the CMP Group Manager,
- The Qwest CMP manager sends acknowledgment of receipt to the CR submitter and updates the CMP Database.

Within two (2) business days after acknowledgement:

- The Qwest CMP Manager posts the complete CR to the CMP Web site
- The CMP Group Manager assigns a Change Request Project Manager (CRPM) and identifies the appropriate Director responsible for the CR.
- The CRPM obtains from the Director the names of the assigned Subject Matter Expert(s) (SME).
- the CRPM will provide a copy of the detailed CR report to the CR originator which includes the following information:
  - Description of CR
  - originating CLEC
  - assigned CRPM contact information
  - assigned CR number
  - designated Qwest SMEs and associated director(s)
- Within eight (8) business days after receipt of a complete CR, the CRPM Coordinates and holds a Clarification Meeting with the Originating CLEC and Qwest's SMEs. If the originating CLEC is not available within the above specified time frame, then the clarification meeting will be held at a mutually agreed upon time. Qwest will not provide a response to a CR until a clarification meeting has been held.
- At the Clarification Meeting, Qwest and the Originating CLEC review the submitted CR, validate the intent of the Originating CLEC's CR, clarify all aspects, identify all questions to be answered, and determine deliverables to be produced. After the clarification meeting has been held, The CRPM will document and issue meeting minutes within five (5) business days. Qwest's SME will internally identify options and potential solutions to the CR
- CRs received twenty one calendar days prior to the next scheduled CMP meeting will be presented at that CMP Meeting. CRs that are not submitted by the above specified cut-off date may be presented at that CMP meeting as a walk-on item with current status. The Originating CLEC will present its CR and provide any business reasons for the CR. Items or issues identified during the previously held Clarification Meeting will be relayed. Then, participating CLECs will be given the opportunity to comment on the CR and subsequent clarifications. Clarifications and/or modifications related to the CR will be incorporated. Qwest's SME will present options and potential solutions to the CR. consensus will be obtained from the participating CLECs as to the appropriate direction/solution for Qwest's SME to take in responding to the CR.



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- Subsequently, Qwest will develop a draft response based on the discussion from the Monthly CMP Meeting. Qwest's Responses will be:
- "Accepted" (Qwest will implement the CLEC request) with position stated, or
- "Denied" (Qwest will not implement the CLEC request) with basis for the denial and a detailed explanation, including reference to substantiating material. CLEC-initiated OSS Interfaces change request may be denied for one or more of the following reasons.
- Technologically not feasible—a technical solution is not available
- Regulatory ruling/Legal implications—regulatory or legal reasons prohibit the change as requested, or if the request benefits some CLECs and negatively impact others (parity among CLECs) (Contrary to ICA provisions)
- Outside the Scope of the Change Management Process—the request is not within the scope of the Change Management Process (as defined in this CMP), seeks adherence to existing procedures, or requests for information
- Economically not feasible—low demand, cost prohibitive to implement the request, or both.
- The requested change does not result in a reasonably demonstrable business benefit (to Qwest or the requesting CLEC) or customer service improvement.

Qwest will not deny a CR solely on the basis that the CR involves a change to the back-end systems.

Qwest will apply these same concepts to CRs that they initiate.

SCRIP may be invoked if a CR was denied due to Economically not feasible.

At least one (1) week prior to the next scheduled CMP meeting, The CRPM will have the response posted to the Web, added to CMP Database, and will notify all CLECs via email

All Qwest Responses will be presented at the next scheduled CMP meeting by Qwest, who will conduct a walk through of the response. Participating CLECs will be provided the opportunity to discuss, clarify and comment on Qwest's Response

Based on the comments received from the Monthly Meeting, Qwest' may revise its response and issue a modified response at the next monthly CMP meeting. Within ten (10) business days after the CMP meeting, Qwest will notify the CLECs of Qwest's intent to modify its response.

If the CLECs do not accept Qwest's response, any CLEC can elect to escalate the CR in accordance with the agreed upon CMP Escalation or dispute resolution Procedures. If the originating CLEC does not agree with the determination to escalate or pursue the dispute resolution, it may withdraw its participation from the CR and any other CLEC may become responsible for pursuing the CR upon providing written notice to the Qwest CMP manager. Qwest will note in the status history of the interactive reports that the CR has been escalated. However, the CR status will reflect the stage of the CR as it progresses through the CR lifecycle.

If the CLECs do not accept Qwest's response and do not intend to escalate or dispute at the present time, they may request Qwest to status the CR as deferred. The CR will be stasured Deferred and CLECs may activate or close the CR at a later date.

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The CLECs' acceptance of Qwest's response may result in:

- The response answered the CR and no further action is required;
- The response provided an implementation plan for a product or process to be developed;
- Qwest Denied the CLEC CR and no further action is required by CLEC.

### 5.3.1 Implementation Notification

If the CLECs have accepted Qwest's response, Qwest will provide notice of planned implementation as follows Prior to implementing a CLEC originated Product/Process CR Qwest must notify the CLEC community of the pending change. Qwest will issue such notifications at the time it intends to implement a CLEC originated change (in whole or in part). It is possible that more than one such notification will be issued in order to fully address the CLEC requested change. Such notifications may be issued during CLEC Test and may continue to be issued until the CLEC initiated CR is closed. These notifications will adhere to the notification standards for Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 detailed in Section 5.4 (Qwest Originated Product/Process Changes). If the change is not specifically captured in the existing Level categories, or if the change is captured in the Level 4 categories, Qwest will follow the Level 3 notification schedule.

Finally, the CR will be closed when CLECs determine that no further action is required for that CR.

### 5.4 Qwest Initiated Product/Process Changes

The following defines five levels of Qwest-initiated product/process changes and the process by which Qwest will initiate and implement these changes. None of the following shall be construed to supersede timelines or provisions mandated by federal or state regulatory authorities, certain CLEC facing websites (e.g., ICONN and Network Disclosures) or individual interconnection agreements. Each notice will state that it does not supercede individual interconnection agreements. The lists provided below are exhaustive/ finite but may be modified by agreement of the parties. Qwest will utilize these lists when determining the disposition (e.g., Level 0–4) to which new changes should be categorized. The changes that go through these processes are not changes to OSS Interfaces. Level 1-4 changes under this process will be tracked and differentiated by level in the History Log.

#### 5.4.1 Level 0 changes

Level 0 changes are defined as changes that do not change the meaning of documentation and do not alter CLEC operating procedures. Level 0 changes are effective immediately without notice.

#### Level 0 Change Categories are:

- Font and typeface changes (e.g., bold to un-bold or bold to italics)
- Capitalization
- Spelling corrections and typographical errors other than numbers that appear as part of an interval or timeframe.
- Hyphenation

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- Acronym vs. non-acronym (e.g., inserting words to spell out an acronym)
- Symbols (e.g., changing bullets from circles to squares for consistency in document)
- Word changes from singular to plural (or vice versa) to correct grammar
- Punctuation
- Changing of a number to words (or vice versa)
- Changing a word to a synonym
- Contact personnel title changes where contact information does not change
- Alphabetize information
- Indenting (left/right/center justifying for consistency)
- Grammatical corrections (making a complete sentence out of a phrase)
- Corrections to apply consistency to product names (i.e., "PBX - Resale" changed to "Resale - PBX")
- Moving paragraphs/sentences within the same section of a document to improve readability
- Hyperlink corrections within documentation
- Remove unnecessary repetitive words in the same paragraph or short section.

For any change that Qwest considers a Level 0 change that does not specifically fit into one of the categories listed above, Qwest shall issue a Level 3 notification.

### **5.4.1.1 Level 0 Process/Deliverables**

For Level 0 changes, Qwest will not provide a notification, web change form, or history log to CLECs. Changes to the documentation will be updated and posted immediately.

### **5.4.2 Level 1 changes**

Level 1 changes are defined as changes that do not alter CLEC operating procedures or changes that are time critical corrections to a Qwest product or process. Time critical corrections may alter CLEC operating procedures, but only if such Qwest product or process has first been implemented through the appropriate level under CMP. Level 1 changes are effective immediately upon notice.

Level 1 Change Categories are:

- Time Critical Corrections to information that adversely impacts CLECs ability to conduct business with Qwest
- Corrections/clarifications/additional information that does not change the product or process
- Correction to synch up related PCAT documentation with the primary PCAT documentation that was modified through a higher level change (notice needs to include reference to primary PCAT documentation)
- Document corrections to synch up with existing OSS Interfaces documentation (notice needs to include reference to OSS Interfaces documentation)
- Process options with no mandatory deadline, that do not supercede the existing processes and that do not impose charges, regardless of whether the CLEC exercises the option
- Modifications to Frequently Asked Questions that do not change the existing product or process

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- Re-notifications issued within 6 months after initial notification (notice will include reference to date of initial notification or, if not available, reference to existing PCAT)
- Regulatory Orders that mandate a Product/Process change to be effective in less than 21 days
- Training information (note: if a class is cancelled, notification is provided 2 weeks in advance)
- URL changes with redirect link

For any change that Qwest considers a Level 1 change that does not specifically fit into one of the categories listed above, Qwest shall issue a Level 3 notification.

### 5.4.2.1 Level 1 Process/Deliverables

For Level 1 changes, Qwest will provide a notification to CLECs. Level 1 notifications will state the disposition (e.g. Level 1), description of change, changes are effective immediately, that there is no comment cycle and will advise CLECs to contact the CMP Manager, by email at [cmpcr@qwest.com](mailto:cmpcr@qwest.com), immediately if the change alters the CLECs' operating procedures and requires Qwest's assistance to resolve. Qwest will promptly respond to the CLEC and work to resolve the issue. In addition, Qwest will provide the following for PCAT and NonFCC Technical Publication ("Tech Pub") changes:

- A web notification form that includes an exact cut and paste of the changes highlighted in green (PCAT) or redlined (Technical Publications). If necessary, additional text above and below the changes will be provided for context.
- A history log that tracks the changes

### 5.4.3 Level 2 changes

Level 2 changes are defined as changes that have minimal effect on CLEC operating procedures. Qwest will provide notice of Level 2 changes at least 21 calendar days prior to implementation.

Level 2 Change Categories are:

- Contact Information updates excluding time critical corrections (includes email, fax, TN, personnel changes)
- Changes to a form that do not introduce changes to the underlying process
- Changes to eliminate/replace existing Web functionality will be available for 21 days until comments are addressed. (either a demo or screen shot presentation will be available at the time of the notification for evaluation during the 21 day cycle.)
- Removal of data stored under an archive URL
- Elimination of a URL re-direct
- Addition of new Web functionality (e.g., CNLA)
- Re-notifications issued 6 months or more after the initial notification (notice will include reference to date of initial notification or, if not available, reference to existing PCAT)
- Documentation concerning existing processes/products not previously documented
- Changes to manually generated notifications normally transmitted to CLECs through their OSS interfaces that are made to standardize or clarify, but do not change the reasons for, such notifications.

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- LSOG/PCAT documentation changes associated with new OSS Interface release documentation resulting from an OSS interface CR
- Reduction to an interval in Qwest's SIG

For any change that Qwest considers a Level 2 change that does not specifically fit into one of the categories listed above, Qwest shall issue a Level 3 notification.

### 5.4.3.1 Level 2 Process/Deliverables

For Level 2 changes, Qwest will provide a notice to CLECs. Level 2 notifications will state the disposition (e.g. level 2), description of change, proposed implementation date, and CLEC/Qwest comment cycle timeframes. In addition to the notice, any documentation changes required to PCATs and Non-FCC Tech Pubs (red-line for Tech Pubs and green highlights for PCATs) will be available for review in the Document Review section of the CMP Website (<http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/review.html>), commonly known as the document review site. In the document review site, a comment button will be available next to the document to allow CLECs to provide comments. For Level 2 changes that do not impact PCATs or NonFCC Tech Pubs, a comments link will be provided within the notification for comments.

Qwest must provide initial notice of Level 2 changes at least 21 calendar days prior to implementation and adhere to the following comment cycle:

- CLECs have 7 calendar days following initial notification of the change to provide written comments on the notice
- Qwest will reply to CLEC comments no later than 7 calendar days following the CLEC cut-off for comments. The Qwest reply will also include confirmation of the implementation date.
- Qwest will implement no sooner than 21 calendar days from the initial notification.

CLECs may provide General comments regarding the change (e.g., clarification, request for modification, request to change the disposition level). Comments must be provided during the comments cycle as outlined for level 2 changes.

If a CLEC requests to change the disposition level, CLECs and Qwest will discuss such requests at the next monthly Product/Process CMP meeting. In the event that timing doesn't allow for discussion at the upcoming CMP meeting Qwest will call a special ad hoc meeting to address the request. If the parties are not able to reach consensus on any such request, CLECs and Qwest will take a vote in accordance with Section 17.0. The result will be determined by the majority. If the disposition Level of a change is modified, from the date of the modification forward such change will proceed under the modified Level with notifications and timelines agreed to by the participants.

For general comments, Qwest will respond to comments and provide a final notice of the change. Additionally, Qwest will provide documentation of proposed changes to Qwest PCATs and NonFCC Tech Pubs available to CLECs and implement the change(s) according to the timeframes put forth above. If there are no CLEC comments, a final notice will not be provided and the changes will be effective according to the date provided in the original notification.

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If the CLECs do not accept Qwest's response, any CLEC may elect to escalate or pursue dispute resolution in accordance with the agreed upon CMP Escalation or Dispute Resolution procedures.

### 5.4.4 Level 3 changes

Level 3 changes are defined as changes that have moderate effect on CLEC operating procedures and require more lead-time before implementation than Level 2 changes. Qwest will provide initial notice of Level 3 changes at least 31 calendar days prior to implementation.

Level 3 Change Categories are:

- NC/NCI code changes
- Adding of new features to existing products (excluding resale)
- Customer-facing Center hours and holiday schedule changes
- Modify/change existing manual process
- Expanding the availability and applicability or functionality of an existing product or existing feature (excluding resale)
- Regulatory Orders that mandate a Product/Process change to be effective in 21 days or more

For any change that Qwest considers a Level 3 change that does not specifically fit into one of the categories listed above, Qwest shall issue a Level 3 notification.

#### 5.4.4.1 Level 3 Process/Deliverables

For Level 3 changes, Qwest will provide a notice to CLECs. Level 3 notifications will state the disposition (e.g. level 3), description of change, proposed implementation date, and CLEC/Qwest comment cycle timeframes. Level 3 notifications will only include Level 3 Changes, excluding related Level 1 and Level 2 changes and notification of changes to Tech Pubs. For Level 3 notifications that Qwest believes represent a new change category under Level 0, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, or Level 4, Qwest should propose such new change category in the notice and CLECs and Qwest will discuss the proposal in the next monthly Product & Process CMP meeting. In addition to the notice, any documentation changes required to PCATs and Non-FCC Tech Pubs (red-line for Tech Pubs and green highlights for PCATs) will be available for review in the Document Review section of the CMP Website (<http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/review.html>), commonly known as the document review site. In the document review site, a comment button will be available next to the document to allow CLECs to provide written comments. For Level 3 changes that do not impact PCATs or Non-FCC Tech pubs, a link will be provided within the notification for comments.

Qwest will provide initial notice of Level 3 changes at least 31 calendar days prior to implementation and adhere to the following comment cycle:

- CLECs have 15 calendar days following initial notification of the change to provide written comments on the notice
- Qwest will reply to CLEC comments no later than 15 calendar days following the CLEC cut-off for comments. The Qwest reply will also include confirmation of the implementation date. In the event there are extenuating circumstances, (e.g. requested change requires

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significant research, information is required from national standards body or industry (e.g. Telcordia)), Qwest's response will indicate the course of action Qwest is taking and Qwest will provide additional information when available. Once the information is available Qwest will provide a notification and any available updated documentation (e.g. Tech Pubs, PCATs) at least 15 calendar days prior to implementation.

- Qwest will implement no sooner than 15 calendar days after providing the response to CLEC comments. For example, if there are no CLEC comments, Qwest may send out a final notification on the first day following the CLEC cut-off for comments (day 16 after the initial notification). Thus, implementation would be 31 days from the initial notification. However, if Qwest does not respond to the CLEC comments until the 15th day after the CLEC cut-off for comments, the earliest possible implementation date would be 45 calendar days from the initial notification.

CLEC comments must be provided during the comment cycle as outlined for Level 3 changes. Comments may be one of the following:

- General comments regarding the change (e.g., clarification, request for modification)
- Request to change disposition of Level. If the request is for a change to Level 4, the request must include substantive information to warrant a change in disposition (e.g. business need, financial impact).
- Request to change disposition to a Level 0, Level 1 or Level 2 doesn't have to include substantive information to warrant a change.
- Request for postponement of implementation date, or effective date

For general comments, Qwest will respond to comments and provide a final notice of the change. Additionally, Qwest will provide documentation of proposed changes to Qwest PCATs and Non FCC Tech Pubs available to CLECs and implement the change(s) according to the timeframes put forth above.

CLECs and Qwest will discuss requests to change the disposition Level of noticed changes, or to establish new change categories under Levels 0 – 4, at the next monthly Product & Process CMP meeting. In the event that the parties are not able to reach consensus on any such request, CLECs and Qwest will take a vote of the parties in attendance at the meeting. The result will be determined by the majority in accordance with Section 17.0. If the disposition Level of a change is modified, from the date of the modification forward such change will proceed under the modified Level with notifications and timelines agreed to by the participants. Except that, within five (5) business days after the disposition level is changed to a Level 1, Qwest will provide a Level 1 notification. When a change to the disposition Level of a particular notice also suggests that a new category of change be established under one of the Levels, a separate vote shall be taken for each.

For a request for postponement, Qwest will follow the procedures as outlined in Section 5.5 of this document.

If the CLECs do not accept Qwest's response, any CLEC may elect to escalate or pursue dispute resolution in accordance with the agreed upon CMP Escalation or Dispute Resolution procedures.

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## 5.4.5 Level 4 Changes

Level 4 changes are defined as changes that have a major effect on existing CLEC operating procedures or that require the development of new procedures. Level 4 changes will be initiated using the CMP CR process and provide CLEC an opportunity to have input into the development of the change prior to implementation.

Level 4 Change Categories are:

- New products, features, services (excluding resale)
- Increase to an interval in Qwest's SIG
- Changes to CMP
- New PCAT/Tech Pub for new processes
- New manual process
- Limiting the availability and applicability or functionality of an existing product or existing feature
- Addition of a required field on a form excluding mechanized forms that are changed through an OSS interface CR

For any change that Qwest considers a Level 4 change that does not specifically fit into one of the categories listed above, Qwest shall issue a Level 3 notification.

### 5.4.5.1 Level 4 Process/Deliverables

Qwest will submit a completed Change Request no later than 14 calendar days prior to the CMP Product and Process Monthly Meeting. At a minimum, each Change Request will include the following information:

- A description of the proposed change
- A proposed implementation date (if known)
- Indication of the reason for change (e.g., regulatory mandate)
- Basis for disposition of level 4

Within two (2) business days from receipt of the CR:

- The Qwest CMP manager assigns a CR Number and logs the CR into the CMP Database.
- The Qwest CMP Manager forwards the CR to the CMP Group Manager,
- The Qwest CMP manager sends acknowledgment of receipt to the CR submitter and updates the CMP Database.

Within two (2) business days after acknowledgement,

- The Qwest CMP Manager posts the complete CR to the CMP Web site
- The CMP Group Manager assigns a Change Request Project Manager (CRPM) and identifies the appropriate Director responsible for the CR
- The CRPM identifies the CR subject matter expert (SME) and the SME's Director.
- The CRPM will provide a copy of the detailed CR report to the CR originator which includes the following information:
  - Description of CR
  - Assigned CRPM



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- Assigned CR number
- Designated Qwest SME(s) and associated director(s)

Qwest will present the Change Request at the monthly Product and Process CMP meeting. The purpose of the presentation will be to:

- Clarify the proposal with the CLECs
- Confirm the disposition (e.g., level 4) of the Change (see below). If during the CMP meeting CLECs agree to change the disposition, then the type of change being made will be added to the list for the disposition to which it is changed.
- Propose suggested input approach (e.g., a 2 hour meeting, 4 meetings over a two week period, etc.), and obtain consensus for input approach.
- Confirm deadline, if change is mandated
- Provide proposed implementation date, if applicable

At the monthly CMP meeting, the parties will discuss whether to treat the Change Request as a Level 4 change. If the parties agree, the Change Request will be reclassified as a Level 0, 1, 2 or 3 change, and the change will follow the process set forth above for Level 0, 1, 2, or 3 changes, as applicable. If the parties do not agree to reclassify the Change Request as a Level 0, 1, 2 or 3 change, the following process will apply:

- The parties will develop a process for Qwest to obtain CLEC input into the proposed change. Examples of processes for input include, but are not limited to, one-day conferences, multi-day conferences, or written comment cycles.
- After completion of the input cycle, as defined during the CMP meeting, Qwest will modify the CR, if necessary, and design the solution considering all CLEC input.
- For Level 4 changes, when the solution is designed and all documentation is available for review, a notice of the planned change is provided to the CLECs. Level 4 notifications will only include Level 4 Changes, excluding related Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 changes and notification of changes to Tech Pubs. This notice will be provided at least 31 calendar days prior to implementation. The notice will contain reference to the original CR, proposed implementation date, and the CLEC/Qwest comment cycle. In addition, any documentation changes required to PCATs and Non-FCC Tech Pubs will be available for review in the document review site (red-line for Tech Pubs and green highlighting for PCAT) with a Comment button available to provide written comments. For Level 4 changes that do not impact PCATs or NonFCC Tech Pubs, a comments link will be provided within the notification.
- CLECs have 15 calendar days following notification of the planned change to provide written comments on the notice
- Qwest will reply to CLEC comments no later than 15 calendar days following the CLEC cut-off for comments. The Qwest reply will also include confirmation of the implementation date. In the event there are extenuating circumstances, (e.g. requested change requires significant research, information is required from national standards body or industry (e.g. Telcordia)), Qwest's response will indicate the course of action Qwest is taking and Qwest will provide additional information when available. Once the information is available Qwest will provide a notification and any available updated documentation (e.g. Tech Pubs, PCATs) at least 15 calendar days prior to implementation.
- Qwest will implement no sooner than 15 calendar days after providing the response to CLEC comments. For example, if there are no CLEC comments, Qwest may send out a

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final notification on the first day following the CLEC cut-off for comments (day 16 after the initial notification). Thus, implementation would be 31 days from the initial notification. However, if Qwest does not respond to the CLEC comments until the 15th day after the CLEC cut-off for comments, the earliest possible implementation date would be 45 calendar days from the initial notification.

CLEC comments must be provided during the comment cycle as outlined for Level 4. CLEC comments may be one of the following:

- General comments regarding the change (e.g., clarification, request for modification)
- Request for postponement of implementation, or effective date for which comments are being provided.

For general comments, Qwest will respond to comments and provide a final notice of the change. Additionally, Qwest will provide documentation of proposed changes to Qwest PCATs and NonFCC Tech Pubs available to CLECs and implement the change(s) according to the timeframes put forth above.

For a request to postponement, Qwest will follow the procedures as outlined in Section 5.5 of this document.

If the CLECs do not accept Qwest's response, any CLEC may elect to escalate the CR or pursue dispute resolution in accordance with the agreed upon CMP Escalation or Dispute Resolution procedures.

### **5.5 Postponement and Arbitration of a Product/Process Change**

A CLEC may request that Qwest postpone the implementation of a Qwest-originated or CLEC-originated product or process change in accordance with this section.

#### **5.5.1 Timeframe for Request for Postponement**

A CLEC invokes the Postponement Process in accordance with the conditions and timeframes specified below:

##### **5.5.1.1 Qwest-Originated Product /Process Changes**

For Qwest-originated Level 3 or Level 4 product or process changes, if a CLEC intends to invoke the postponement process, it must do so during the final CLEC comment period.

If, however, in its response to CLEC comments Qwest revises the proposed change and that revision materially impacts a CLEC, a CLEC may invoke the postponement process within 5 business days after the issuance of Qwest's final notification of the change.

##### **5.5.1.2 CLEC-Originated Product/Process Changes**

For CLEC-originated product or process changes, if a CLEC intends to invoke the postponement process, it must do so during the CLEC comment period applicable to the notification called for in section 5.3.1.

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If, however, in its response to CLEC comments Qwest revises the proposed change and that revision materially impacts a CLEC, a CLEC may invoke the postponement process within 5 business days after the issuance of Qwest's final notification of the change..

### **5.5.1.3 A CLEC may Join or Oppose a Postponement Request**

A CLEC may only join or oppose a postponement request if it submits a request to join or oppose the postponement request within 2 business days after the issuance date of Qwest's notification to the CLECs that a postponement request has been received by Qwest.

### **5.5.2 Process for Initiating a Postponement Request**

#### **5.5.2.1 CLEC Initiates Postponement Request by Email**

A request for postponement, a request to join a postponement request or opposition to a postponement request must be sent to the Qwest CMP Postponement e-mail address (cmpesc@qwest.com).

The subject line of the request must include:

- CLEC Company Name
- POSTPONEMENT
- Change Request (CR) number or Notification Subject Line and Notification Date as appropriate

#### **5.5.2.1.1 Required Content for Request for Postponement**

A CLEC may request that Qwest postpone implementation of all or part of the proposed change until the issue is resolved in CMP or until the dispute is resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution clause. In its request for postponement, whether initiating or joining a postponement request, a CLEC shall provide the following information, if relevant:

- The basis for the request for a postponement;
- The extent of the postponement requested, including the portions of the proposed change to be postponed and length of requested postponement;
- The harm that the CLEC will suffer if the proposed change is not postponed, including the business impact on the CLEC if the proposed change is not postponed; and
- Whether and how the CLEC alleges that the proposed change violates its interconnection agreement(s) or any applicable commission rules or any applicable law.

#### **5.5.2.1.2 Additional Requirement for Request for Postponement Arising from Revision**

If a CLEC requests a postponement because Qwest's response to CLEC comments includes a revision of the proposed change and that revision materially impacts a CLEC, such a request must contain a description of why Qwest's response affects the CLEC in a new or different way than the proposed change initially affected the CLEC, along with the information that would have been required if the CLEC submitted a request for postponement in its comments.

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### **5.5.2.1.3 Opposition to a Postponement Request**

If a CLEC wishes to oppose a postponement request, it must submit its opposition to a postponement request within the same time period that CLECs have to join a postponement request. Any opposition to a postponement request must include information responsive to the assertions made by the CLEC seeking postponement as called for in Section 5.5.2.1.1. For example, under Section 5.5.2.1.1, CLEC(s) seeking postponement must describe the harm it will suffer if the change is not postponed. In response to this assertion, a CLEC opposing a postponement request should state the harm it would suffer if Qwest does postpone the change.

### **5.5.2.2 Qwest will Work to Resolve CLEC Concerns**

Following the receipt of a postponement request, Qwest will proactively work with the objecting CLEC(s) to resolve the concerns of the CLEC(s).

### **5.5.2.3 Qwest Acknowledges Receipt of Request and Notifies CLEC Community**

Within 2 business days after receipt of the postponement request, Qwest will acknowledge receipt of the postponement request or the request to join the postponement with an acknowledgment e-mail to the originator of the request. If the request does not contain the relevant information, as specified in Section 5.5.2.1.1, Qwest will notify the CLEC by the close of business on the following day, identifying and requesting information that was not originally included. When the postponement e-mail is complete, the acknowledgment e-mail will include:

- Date and time of receipt of postponement request
- Date and time of acknowledgment e-mail
- Qwest will give notification and post the postponement request and any associated responses on the CMP website within three (3) business days after receipt of the complete request or response.

### **5.5.3 Qwest's Determination of Postponement Request**

The standard set forth in this section applies only to Qwest's postponement determination under this section and the arbitrator's determination under Section 5.5.4.5 and has no bearing on the standard applicable to any other review or determination.

#### **5.5.3.1 Standard for Determining whether to Postpone.**

Qwest will postpone the implementation of the proposed change whenever Qwest reasonably determines that postponing the proposed change will prevent more harm or cost to the requesting and any joining CLECs than postponing the proposed change imposes harm or cost upon Qwest or any CLECs who oppose the postponement. Qwest will postpone the implementation of the proposed change if it is inconsistent with a requesting or joining CLEC's interconnection agreement, applicable commission rule or law.

Qwest will not postpone the implementation of the proposed change whenever Qwest reasonably determines that postponing the proposed change will impose more harm or cost upon Qwest or any CLECs who oppose the postponement than postponing the proposed

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change will prevent harm or cost to the CLECs supporting the postponement. Qwest will provide in its response notification that the proposed change will not be postponed.

### **5.5.3.2 Qwest's Response to Request for Postponement**

If Qwest decides to postpone the proposed change, it will provide the following information in its response:

- The time period (not less than 30 days) for which the proposed change will be postponed;
- The CLECs for which the proposed change will be postponed; and
- Any other details of the postponement, including the portions of the proposed change to be postponed and the length of the postponement.

If Qwest decides not to postpone the proposed change, it will provide in its response:

- The reason the requested postponement is not being implemented;
- An explanation of the harm and cost evaluation; and
- How Qwest alleges that the proposed change is consistent with interconnection agreement(s) or any applicable commission rules or any applicable law.

### **5.5.3.3 30-day Postponement if Request is Denied**

If Qwest does not grant the requested postponement, Qwest will not implement the objected-to proposed change for at least thirty calendar days following notification to CLECs that Qwest will not postpone the proposed change.

### **5.5.4 Optional Arbitration Process for Interim Postponement of Disputed Changes while Dispute Resolution Proceeds**

If Qwest does not postpone a proposed change and a CLEC has initiated dispute resolution proceedings with regard to the proposed change, the CLEC has the option to request a neutral arbitrator to determine whether Qwest must postpone implementation of that proposed change. This optional arbitration provides interim relief only and is limited to the question of whether Qwest must postpone implementation of the proposed change until the dispute or the postponement request is resolved under the dispute resolution process. The arbitrator's decision will have application in all of the states where the CLEC initiates dispute resolution proceedings on the issue. As decisions on the dispute or the postponement request are made in each state, such decisions will supersede the determination of the arbitrator for that state.

All references in Section 5.5.4 (including all subsections) to "CLEC" and "CLECs" should be read to include all CLECs who have submitted or joined requests for postponement of a proposed change, initiated dispute resolution proceedings and seek arbitration for the interim postponement of the same proposed change. There may be multiple CLECs seeking postponement of the same proposed change in any given state. Such CLECs will, to the greatest extent possible, cooperate with one another to select a single arbitrator to address the issue of interim postponement for a given state. In the event that one or more CLECs have initiated dispute resolution proceedings on the issue of interim postponement of the same proposed change in multiple states, such CLECs may agree to the use of a single arbitrator to address such issue for all such states.

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References in Section 5.5.4 (including all subsections) to “parties” will include Qwest and all CLECs who have submitted or joined requests for postponement of the same proposed change, initiated dispute resolution proceedings and seek arbitration for the interim postponement of that proposed change. However, the reference to “all parties” in Section 5.5.4.1.1 means Qwest and all CLECs in CMP who have received proper notification, in accordance with Section 3.0, about selection of individuals for the Agreed Arbitrators List and participated in the selection discussions.

This optional arbitration process set forth below does not apply to any proceeding before a regulatory or other authority.

### **5.5.4.1 Selection of Arbitrator**

If a CLEC chooses arbitration under this section, the parties shall select a neutral arbitrator by agreeing to an individual or by following the processes set forth below to select an arbitrator from an alternative dispute resolution organization.

#### **5.5.4.1.1 Agreed Arbitrators List**

Qwest and the CLECs may, by mutual agreement, develop a list of individual arbitrators to which all parties agree as an additional source for selection of a neutral arbitrator (Agreed Arbitrators List). Names of arbitrators may be added to the list at any time upon agreement of all parties. Qwest or any CLEC may strike an individual arbitrator from the Agreed Arbitrators List at any time, except that Qwest or any CLEC may not strike an arbitrator from the list while an arbitration initiated under this provision is pending before that arbitrator. If a CLEC chooses a name from the Agreed Arbitrators List, that individual will be the arbitrator.

#### **5.5.4.1.2 Alternative Dispute Resolution Organization**

If a CLEC does not choose an individual arbitrator from the Agreed Arbitrators List, or if Qwest and CLECs do not otherwise agree on an individual arbitrator, then Qwest and the CLEC shall select a neutral arbitrator from any of the following pursuant to the process set forth below: Judicial Arbitrator Group (JAG), American Arbitration Association (AAA), JAMS, or any other mutually agreeable alternative dispute resolution organization. Within two (2) business days after receipt of Qwest's acknowledgment email, the CLEC shall advise the alternative dispute resolution organization and Qwest of the identity of the parties and the nature of the dispute and the CLEC shall acquire from JAG, AAA, JAMS, or other alternative dispute resolution organization as to which agreement is reached, a list of 5 potential arbitrators who have no apparent conflict of interest or any circumstances likely to affect their impartiality or independence and who have experience in handling general commercial disputes, along with a brief summary of each potential arbitrator's relevant background and experience. The CLEC shall forward the list to the specified Qwest contact as soon as practicable after it receives the list, along with the identity of the two of the five potential arbitrators the CLEC wishes to strike from the list. Within one business day after receipt of the list and indication of the potential arbitrators the CLEC has stricken, Qwest will respond to the CLEC contact with the two additional names Qwest wishes to strike from the list.

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### 5.5.4.2 Initiating Postponement Arbitration

A CLEC initiates arbitration for interim postponement of Qwest's implementation of a proposed change under this provision by sending an email to Qwest at (cmpesc@qwest.com). The email must include, at a minimum, the following:

- subject line that includes "Postponement" and the CR [insert number] or Notification Subject Line
- the CLEC's contact person for matters relating to the postponement arbitration and method of communication (e.g., email address or facsimile number)
- a statement that the CLEC desires to have a neutral arbitrator decide whether Qwest must postpone implementation of the change until the request for postponement is decided by the regulatory or other authority
- a copy of the documents that the CLEC filed with the Regulatory or other authority to initiate the dispute resolution
- the identity of the alternative dispute resolution organization or individual arbitrator the CLEC proposes to use

Within two (2) business days after receipt of the Request for Postponement Arbitration, Qwest shall respond with an email acknowledging receipt of the Request for Postponement Arbitration. The email must include, at a minimum, the following:

- a subject line that includes "Acknowledgment of Request for Postponement" and the CR [insert number] or Notification Subject Line
- Qwest's contact person for matters relating to the postponement arbitration and method of communication (e.g., email address or facsimile number)
- if the Request for Postponement Arbitration identifies an alternative dispute resolution organization other than those listed in Section 5.5.4.1.2 or individual other than those on the Agreed Arbitrators List, Qwest's acknowledgment will state whether it agrees to the use of that alternative dispute resolution organization or individual arbitrator and, if it does not agree, Qwest will identify an organization or individual arbitrator that appears on the Agreed Arbitrator List that it agrees to use.

Qwest and the CLEC shall communicate with one another regarding matters relating to the postponement arbitration through the contact person and by the method of communication designated in accordance with the process set forth above.

### 5.5.4.3 No Unilateral Communication With Arbitrator or Potential Arbitrator

Neither Qwest nor the CLEC, and no person acting on behalf of either Qwest or the CLEC, shall communicate unilaterally concerning the arbitration with the arbitrator or any potential arbitrator.

### 5.5.4.4 Scope of Authority of the Arbitrator.

The arbitrator shall decide only the issue of whether Qwest must postpone implementation of the change. The arbitrator shall not have authority to award any damages or make any other determination outside this scope.

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If the CLEC has initiated dispute resolution with regard to the same change in more than one state, a single arbitrator can decide the postponement issue for all states in which the CLEC has initiated dispute resolution proceedings regarding the same issue.

This arbitration option is not an exclusive remedy and does not preclude any CLEC from using appropriate state commission procedures, expedited or otherwise, to raise issues or seek a postponement.

### **5.5.4.5 Arbitrator's Decision**

The arbitrator shall decide the issue upon written submissions. The CLEC and Qwest both shall submit their position statements to the arbitrator and to each other by email or facsimile within one business day from the date on which agreement regarding the identity of the arbitrator is reached.

In determining whether Qwest must postpone implementation of a proposed change, the arbitrator must apply the standards set forth in Section 5.5.3.1.

The arbitrator must provide his/her decision to Qwest and the CLECs within 5 business days after receipt of the parties' position statements. The arbitrator's decision must be in writing, signed by the arbitrator, and must include a brief summary of the basis for the decision.

### **5.5.4.6 Effect of Arbitrator's Decision**

The parties agree to abide by the arbitrator's decision regarding a postponement of implementation in the state in which the decision applies until the decision expires. If the arbitrator's decision applies to more than one state, the decision will expire on a state by state basis. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the arbitrator's decision expires in a state when the first of any of the following occurs in that state:

- the regulatory or other authority from whom the CLEC has requested a postponement rules on the postponement request; or
- the dispute resolution proceeding initiated by the CLEC regarding the proposed change is dismissed, withdrawn, or otherwise concluded without a ruling on the CLEC's request for a postponement; or
- any regulatory or other authority orders otherwise at the request of Qwest or the CLEC.

The arbitrator's decision regarding postponement of implementation is not binding precedent and shall have no precedential or persuasive value. The parties shall not cite or present the content of any arbitrator's decision as having precedential or persuasive value.

### **5.5.4.7 Arbitration Costs**

Each party shall bear the costs it incurs in preparing and presenting its own case. The party against whom the issue is decided shall pay the costs for the arbitrator.



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### 5.6 Comparability of Change Request Treatment

When a CLEC or Qwest submits a Product/Process CR in CMP, Sections 5.3 and 5.4, respectively, are applicable. While the processes contained in these sections are not identical, Qwest and the CLECs intend that the events and timeframes associated with Qwest and CLEC Product/Process CRs will be the same in all material respects for CRs that are comparable. Comparability of CRs is determined based on relative complexity, time for implementation and other relevant factors. The parties agree to periodically assess the time required to complete comparable CRs. To facilitate this assessment, Qwest will document the amount of time it takes to evaluate a Qwest originated Product/Process CR prior to CR submission to compare to the documented time it takes to evaluate a CLEC Product/Process CR. Evaluation time for Qwest Product/Process CRs shall include only activities similar to those Qwest performs for a CLEC originated Product/Process CR after CR submission until Qwest issues its final response.

### 5.7 Crossover Change Requests

During the operation of the CMP, there may be situations when Systems CRs have requirements for Product/Process discussion or solution, or when Product/Process CRs require System solutions. These crossover CR situations exist in three basic categories.

Category A. If a CR submitted to the Product/Process CMP is discovered to require a mechanized solution the following will occur:

- Qwest will open a Systems CR with a reference to the Product/Process CR number;
- Qwest will close the Product/Process CR with a reference to the new Systems CR number.
- This CR will comply with the CMP Systems CR process.

Category B. If a CR submitted to the Systems CMP is discovered to require a manual solution the following will occur:

- Qwest will open a Product/Process CR with a reference to the Systems CR number;
- Qwest will close the Systems CR with a reference to the new Product/Process CR number.
- This CR will comply with the CMP Product/Process CR process.

Category C. If a CR submitted to the Systems CMP is discovered to require an interim manual solution, the CR will be tracked as a Systems CR for the length of the CR lifecycle including the development and implementation of both the interim manual and final mechanized solutions.

The determination to close and open CRs as described above will be made by the CMP body at a monthly CMP meeting.

If a CR becomes a crossover CR, Qwest may request an ad hoc Clarification Meeting with the CR submitter or request that a portion of the appropriate CMP Monthly Meeting be devoted to discussing the CR. If a CR is closed in one CMP arena and opened in the other, the new CR will retain the status, where feasible, and the date submitted of the old, "closed" CR. Under no circumstances will the CR be restarted.

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All crossover CRs will be distinctly labeled in the CMP Monthly Meeting distribution packages and addressed as a separate item on the CMP Monthly Meeting agenda.

All Regulatory and Industry Guideline CRs will be submitted as Systems CRs and maintained in the Systems database until closure, or until they are deemed to require a manual process solution, at which point they will become Product/Process CRs.

### 5.8 Change Request Status Codes

The following status codes will be applied to Qwest and CLEC initiated CRs. The status of the CR will be included in the Interactive Reports. CR status codes will not necessarily be assigned in the order set forth below, and not every status code will apply to every CR.

- Submitted - The CR receives a Submitted status when Qwest's CMP Manager has formally acknowledged the CR. The CR remains in Submitted status until Qwest has conducted a Clarification meeting with the originator.
- Clarification – The CR is updated to Clarification status once the clarification meeting has been held with the originator.
- Evaluation – The CR moves into Evaluation status if the CR requires further investigation.
- Presented – The CR moves into Presented status after the originator has presented it at the monthly CMP meeting.
- Pending Prioritization – The Systems CR moves into Pending Prioritization status after it has been Presented and is waiting for Prioritization.
- Prioritized - The Prioritized status is not applicable to all Change Requests. The Prioritized status is only applicable to CRs for which the impacted interface is an OSS that requires prioritization (e.g. IMA). The CR receives a status of Prioritized once it has been presented for prioritization and the Prioritization process has been completed.
- Development – A Product/Process CR moves into a Development status when Qwest's response requires development of a new or revised process. A Systems CR moves into Development status when development begins.
- CLEC Test – A CR moves into the CLEC Test status upon agreement by the participants in the CMP meeting. CLECs have the ability to evaluate the effectiveness of Qwest's change and its implementation, provide feedback, and indicate whether further action is required. Through interaction between Qwest and the interested CLECs, a Product/Process Change as initially implemented may undergo modification. Depending on the magnitude of such modifications, it may be appropriate to return the CR to Development status. Problems found with newly deployed Systems changes will be handled in accordance with Production Support process as described in Section 12.0. If no further action is required for a consecutive 60 day period, the status moves to Completed, unless the parties agree otherwise.
- Completed – The CR moves to a completed status when the CLECs and Qwest agree that no further action is required to fulfill the requirements of the CR.
- Denied – The CR receives a Denied status when Qwest denies the CR.
- Deferred - The CR receives a Deferred status if the CMP CR originator does not intend to escalate or dispute the CR at the present time, but wants the ability to activate or close the CR at a later date.
- Withdrawn - The CR receives a Withdrawn status when the CR originator requests that the CR be withdrawn from the CMP process and the CR is not sponsored by another party.

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### 5.9 Change Request Suffixes

In certain circumstances CR numbers will require special suffix designations to identify certain characteristics. Suffixes include:

- “CM” - Changes to the CMP framework
- “DR” - Dispute Resolution Process invoked on a CR
- “ES” - Escalation Process invoked on a CR
- “EX” - Change being implemented utilizing the Exception process
- “IG” - Industry Guideline CR
- “MN” – CR for a manual workaround related to an OSS Interface Change Request
- “RG” - Regulatory CR
- “SC” - Change being implemented as an SCRP request
- “X” - Crossover CR

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### 6.0 OSS INTERFACE RELEASE CALENDAR

Qwest will provide a rolling twelve (12) month OSS Interface release calendar in the distribution package of the first scheduled CMP Systems Meeting of each quarter. The calendar will show release schedules, for all OSS Interfaces within the scope of CMP starting in that quarter and for a total of twelve (12) months in the future. The schedule entries will be made when applicable for application to application interfaces:

- Name of OSS Interface
- Date for CMP CR Submission Cutoff
- Date for issuing Draft Release Notes
- Date when Initial Notice for New Interfaces and Interface Retirements will be issued; date when comparable functionality will be available.
- Date for issuing Initial or Draft Technical Specifications
- Comment cycle timeline
- Prioritization, packaging and commitment timeline
- Date for issuing Final Technical Specifications
- Testing period
- Date for issuing Final Release Notes
- Planned Implementation Date
- Release sunset dates

The release calendar will be posted on the CMP web site as a stand-alone document.

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## **7.0 INTRODUCTION OF A NEW OSS INTERFACE**

The process for introducing a new interface will be part of the CMP. Introduction of a new OSS interface may include an application-to-application or a Graphical User Interface (GUI).

It is recognized that the planning cycle for a new interface, of any type, may be greater than the time originally allotted and that discussions between CLECs and Qwest may be held prior to the announcement of the new interface.

With a new interface, CLECs and Qwest may define the scope of functionality introduced as part of the OSS Interface.

### **7.1 Introduction of a New Application-to-Application Interface**

At least nine (9) months in advance of the target implementation date of a new application-to-application interface, Qwest will issue a Release Announcement, post the Preliminary Interface Implementation Plan on Qwest's web site, and may host a design and development meeting.

#### **7.1.1 Release Announcement**

- Where practicable, the Release Announcement and Preliminary Interface Implementation Plan will include: Proposed functionality of the interface including whether the interface will replace an existing interface
- Proposed implementation time line (e.g., milestone dates, CLEC/Qwest comment cycle)
- Proposed meeting date to review the Preliminary Interface Implementation Plan
- Exceptions to industry guidelines/standards, if applicable
- Planned Implementation Date

#### **7.1.2 CLEC Comments/Qwest Response Cycle and Preliminary Implementation Plan Review Meeting**

CLECs have fourteen (14) calendar days from the initial release announcement to provide written comments/questions on the documentation. Qwest will respond with written answers to all CLEC issues within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the Initial Release Announcement. Qwest will review these issues and its implementation schedule at the Preliminary Implementation Plan Review Meeting approximately twenty-eight (28) calendar days after the Initial Release Announcement.

#### **7.1.3 Initial Interface Technical Specification**

Qwest will provide draft technical specifications at least one hundred twenty (120) calendar days prior to implementing the release. In addition, Qwest will confirm the schedule for the walk-through of technical specifications, CLEC comments, and Qwest response cycle.

#### **7.1.4 Initial Notification Content**

This notification will contain:

- Purpose

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- Logistical information (including a conference line) for walk-through
- Reference to draft technical specifications, or web site
- Additional pertinent material
- CLEC Comment/Qwest Response cycle
- Draft Connectivity and Firewall Rules
- Draft Test Plan

### **7.1.5 Walk Through of Draft Interface Technical Specifications**

Qwest will sponsor a walk through, including the appropriate internal subject matter experts (SMEs), beginning one-hundred and ten (110) calendar days prior to implementation and ending one-hundred and six (106) calendar days prior to implementation. A walk through will afford CLEC SMEs the opportunity to ask questions and discuss specific requirements with Qwest's technical team. CLECs are encouraged to invite their technical experts, systems architects, and designers, to attend the walk through.

### **7.1.6 Conduct Walk-through**

Qwest will lead the review of technical specifications. Qwest technical experts will answer the CLEC SMEs' questions. Qwest will capture action items such as requests for further clarification. Qwest will follow-up on all action items.

### **7.1.7 CLEC Comments on Draft Interface Technical Specifications**

If the CLEC identifies issues or requires clarification, the CLEC must send written comments/concerns to the Systems CMP Manager no later than one-hundred and four (104) calendar days prior to implementation.

### **7.1.8 Qwest Response to Comments**

Qwest will review and respond with written answers to all CLEC issues, comments/concerns and action items captured at the walk through, no later than one hundred (100) calendar days prior to implementation. The answers will be shared with all CLECs, unless the CLECs question(s) are marked proprietary. Any changes that may occur as a result of the responses will be distributed to all CLECs in the final notification letter. The notification will include the description of any change(s) made as a result of CLEC comments. The change(s) will be reflected in the final technical specifications.

### **7.1.9 Final Interface Technical Specifications**

Generally, no less than one hundred (100) calendar days prior to the implementation of the new interface, Qwest will issue the Final Release Requirements to CLECs via web site posting and a CLEC notification.

Final Release Requirements will include:

- Final Notification Letter, including:
- Summary of changes from Qwest response to CLEC comments on Draft Technical Specifications

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- If applicable, Indication of type of change (e.g., documentation change, business rule change, clarification change)
- Purpose
- Reference to final technical specifications, or web site
- Additional pertinent material
- Final Connectivity and Firewall Rules
- Final Test Plan (including Joint Testing Period)
- Release date

Qwest's planned implementation date will not be sooner than one hundred (100) calendar days from the date of the final release requirements. The implementation time line for the release will not begin until final specifications are provided. Production Support type changes within the thirty (30) calendar day test window can occur without advance notification but will be posted within 24 hours of the change.

### **7.2 Introduction of a New GUI**

Qwest will issue a Release Notification forty-five (45) calendar days in advance of the Release Production Date. This will include:

- Proposed functionality of the interface including whether the new interface will replace an existing interface.
- Implementation time line (e.g., milestone dates, CLEC/Qwest comment cycle, Interface overview date)
- Implementation date
- Logistics for GUI Interface Overview

At least twenty-eight (28) calendar days in advance of the target implementation date of a new GUI interface, Qwest will issue a Release Announcement. At a minimum, the Release Announcement will include:

- Draft User Guide
- How and When Training will be administered

#### **7.2.1 Interface Overview**

The Interface Overview meeting should be held no later than twenty-seven (27) calendar days prior to the Release Production Date. At the meeting, Qwest will present an overview of the new interface.

#### **7.2.2 CLEC Comments and Qwest Response**

At least twenty-five (25) calendar days prior to the Release Production Date. CLECs must forward their written comments and concerns to Qwest. Qwest will consider CLEC comments and may address them with the release of the Final Notification.

#### **7.2.3 Final Notification**

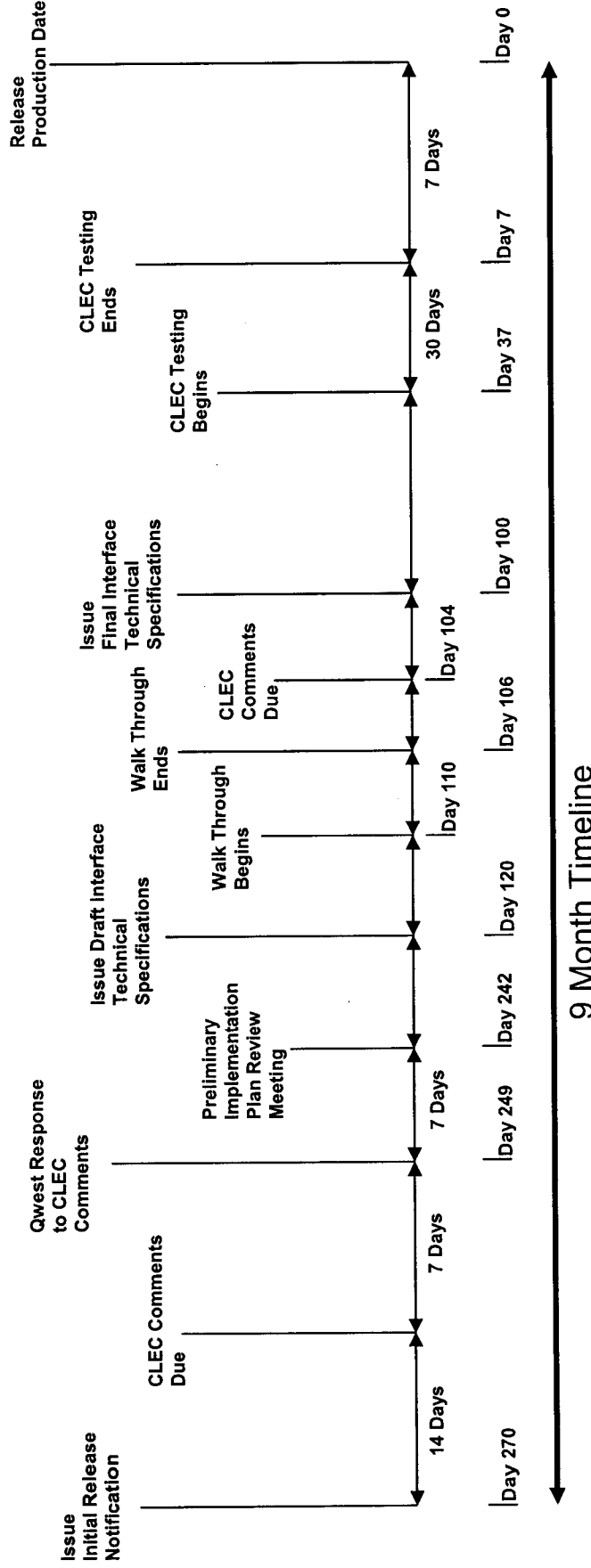
Qwest will issue a final notice no less than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Release Production date. The final notice will include:

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- A summary of changes from the initial notice, including type of changes (e.g., documentation change, clarification, business rule change).
- Final User Guide
- Final Training information
- Final Implementation date.

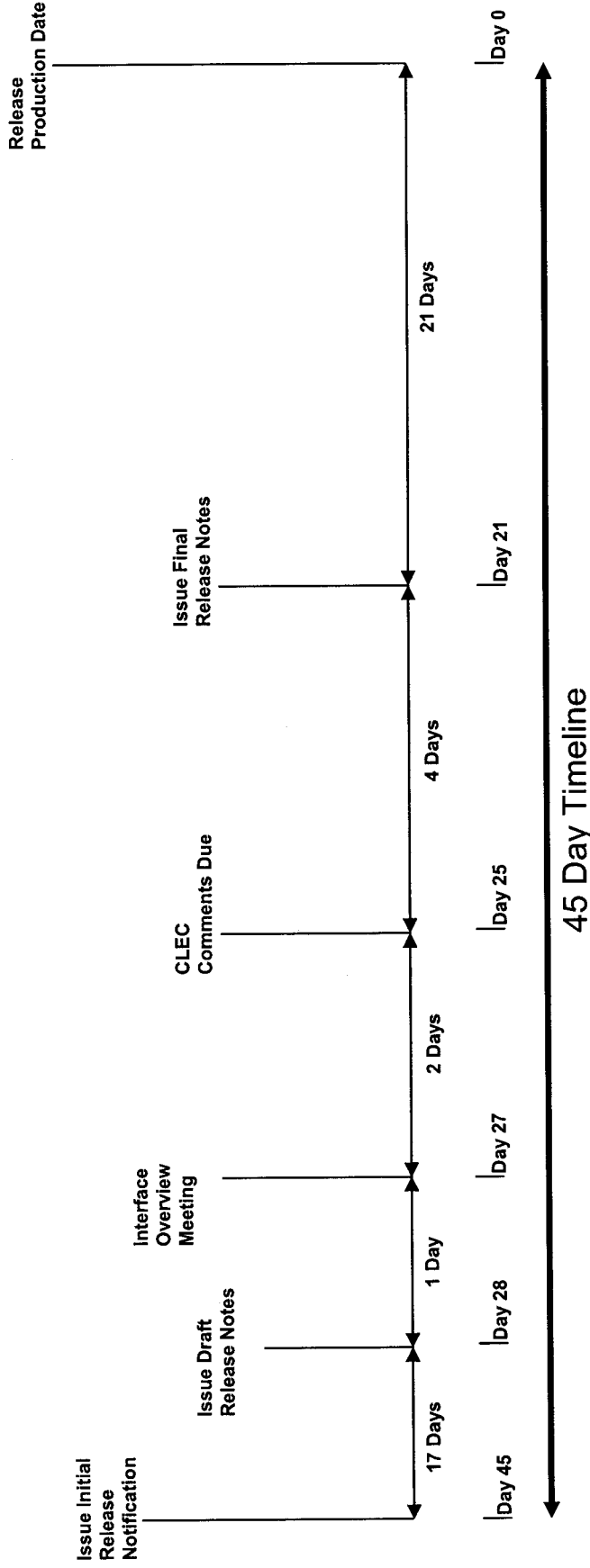


# Qwest-CLEC Change Management Process Introduction of A New Application-to-Application OSS Interface Timeline



The events listed above are intended to occur on business days. If the date on which any event is scheduled to occur falls on a weekend or holiday, then Qwest and the CLECs may negotiate a revised timeline.

# Qwest-CLEC Change Management Process Introduction of A New Graphical User Interface (GUI) Timeline



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## 8.0 CHANGE TO EXISTING OSS INTERFACES

At the first CMP systems monthly meeting of each quarter, Qwest will also provide a rolling twelve (12) month view of its OSS interface development schedule.

Qwest standard operating practice is to implement 3 major releases and 3 point releases (for IMA only) within a calendar year. Unless mandated as a Regulatory Change, Qwest will implement no more than four (4) releases per IMA OSS Interface requiring coding changes to the CLEC interfaces within a calendar year. The Major release changes should occur no less than three (3) months apart.

### Application-to-Application OSS Interface

Qwest will support the previous major Interconnect Mediated Access (IMA) EDI release for six (6) months after the subsequent major IMA EDI release has been implemented. Past Releases of IMA EDI will only be modified as a result of production support changes. When such production support changes are made, Qwest will also modify the related documentation.. All other changes become candidates for future IMA EDI releases.

Qwest makes one Release of the Electronic Bonding-Trouble Administration (EBTA) and billing interfaces available at any given time, and will not support any previous Releases.

### Graphical User Interface (GUI)

Qwest makes one Release of a GUI available at any given time and will not support any previous Releases.

IMA GUI changes for a pre-order or ordering will be implemented at the same time as an IMA EDI release.

## 8.1 Application-to-Application Interface

This section describes the timelines that Qwest, and any CLEC choosing to implement on the Qwest Release Production Date, will adhere to in changing existing interfaces. <sup>1</sup>For any CLEC not choosing to implement on the Qwest Release Production Date, Qwest and the CLEC will negotiate a mutually agreed to CLEC implementation time line, including testing.

### 8.1.1 Draft Interface Technical Specifications

Prior to Qwest implementing a change to an existing interface, Qwest will notify CLECs of the draft Technical Specifications. Qwest will provide draft technical specifications at least seventy-three (73) calendar days prior to implementing the release unless an exception has been granted (see Section 8.0) Technical specifications are documents that provide information the CLECs need to code the interface. CLECs have eighteen (18) calendar days from the initial

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<sup>1</sup> For a CLEC converting from a prior release, the CLEC implementation date can be no earlier than the weekend after the Qwest Release Production Date, if production LSR conversion is required.

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publication of draft technical specifications to provide written comments/questions on the documentation.

### **8.1.2 Content of Draft Interface Technical Specifications**

The Notification letter will contain:

- Written summary of change(s)
- Target time frame for implementation

Draft Technical Specifications documentation, or instructions on how to access the draft Technical Specifications documentation on the Web site.

### **8.1.3 Walk Through of Draft Interface Technical Specifications**

Qwest will sponsor a walk through, including the appropriate internal subject matter experts (SMEs), beginning sixty-eight (68) calendar days prior to implementation and ending no less than fifty-eight (58) calendar days prior to implementation. A walk through will afford CLEC SMEs the opportunity to ask questions and discuss specific requirements with Qwest's technical team. CLECs are encouraged to invite their technical experts, systems architects, and designers, to attend the walk through.

#### **8.1.3.1 Walk through Notification Content**

This notification will contain:

- Purpose
- Logistical information (including a conference line)
- Reference to draft technical specifications, or reference to a web site with draft specifications
- Additional pertinent material

#### **8.1.3.2 Conduct the Walk-through**

Qwest will lead the review of technical specifications. Qwest technical experts will answer the CLEC SMEs' questions. Qwest will capture action items such as requests for further clarification. Qwest will follow-up on all action items and notify CLECs of responses 45 calendar days prior to implementation.

### **8.1.4 CLEC's Comments on Draft Interface Technical Specifications**

If the CLEC identifies issues or requires clarification, the CLEC must send written comments to the Systems CMP Manager no less than fifty-five (55) calendar days prior to implementation.

### **8.1.5 Qwest Response to Comments**

Qwest will review and respond with written answers to all CLEC issues, comments/concerns no less than forty-five (45) calendar days prior to implementation. The answers will be shared with all CLECs, unless the CLECs question(s) are marked proprietary. Any changes that may occur as a result of the responses will be distributed to all CLECs in the same notification letter. The

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notification will include the description of any change(s) made as a result of CLEC comments. The change(s) will be reflected in the final technical specifications.

### 8.1.6 Final Interface Technical Specifications

The notification letter resulting from the CLEC's comments from the Initial Release Notification will constitute the Final Technical Specifications. After the Final Technical Specifications are published, there may be other changes made to documentation or the coding that is documented in the form of addenda. The following is a high level overview of the current disclosure, release and addendum process:

- Draft Developer Worksheets -- 45 days prior to a release the draft Developer Worksheets are made available to the CLEC's.
- Final Disclosure – 5 weeks prior to a release the Final Disclosure documents, including I charts and developer worksheets are made available to the CLECs.
- Release Day – On release day only those CLECs using the IMA GUI are required to cut over to the new release.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Addendum – 2 weeks after the release the 1<sup>st</sup> addendum is sent to the CLECs.
- Subsequent Addendum's – Subsequent addendum's are sent to the CLECs after the release as needed. There is no current process and timeline.
- EDI CLECs – 6 months after the release those CLECs using EDI are required to cut over to the new release. CLECs are not required to support all new releases.

### 8.1.7 Content of Final Notification Letter

The Final Release will include the following:

- Reference to Final Technical Specifications, or web site
- Qwest response to CLEC comments
- Summary of changes from the prior release, including any changes made as a result of CLEC comments on Draft Technical Specifications
- Indication of type of change (e.g., documentation change, business rule change, clarification change)
- Final Joint Test Plan including transactions which have changed
- Joint Testing Period
- Release date

Qwest's planned implementation date will be at least forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of the final release requirements, unless the exception process has been invoked. The implementation time line for the release will not begin until final specifications are provided. Production Support type of changes that occur within the thirty (30) calendar day test window can occur without advance notification but will be posted within 24 hours of the change.

### 8.1.8 Joint Testing Period

Qwest will provide a thirty (30) day test window for any CLEC who desires to jointly test with Qwest prior to the Release Production Date.

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## **8.2 Graphical User Interface (GUI)**

### **8.2.1 Draft GUI Release Notice**

Prior to implementation of a change to an existing interface, Qwest will notify CLECs of the draft release notes and the planned implementation date.

Notification will occur at least twenty-eight (28) calendar days prior to implementing the release unless an exception has been granted. This notification will include draft user guide information if necessary.

CLECs must provide comments/questions on the documentation no less than twenty-five (25) calendar days prior to implementation.

Final notice for the release will be published at least twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to production release date.

### **8.2.2 Content of Draft Interface Release Notice**

The notification will contain:

- Written summary of change(s)
- Target time frame for implementation
- Any cross-reference to draft documentation such as the user guide or revised user guide pages.

### **8.2.3 CLEC Comments on Draft Interface Release Notice**

Any CLEC comments must be submitted in writing to the Systems CMP Manager.

### **8.2.4 Qwest Response to Comments**

Qwest will consider CLEC comments and may address them in the final GUI release notice within four (4) calendar days after receipt of CLEC comments.

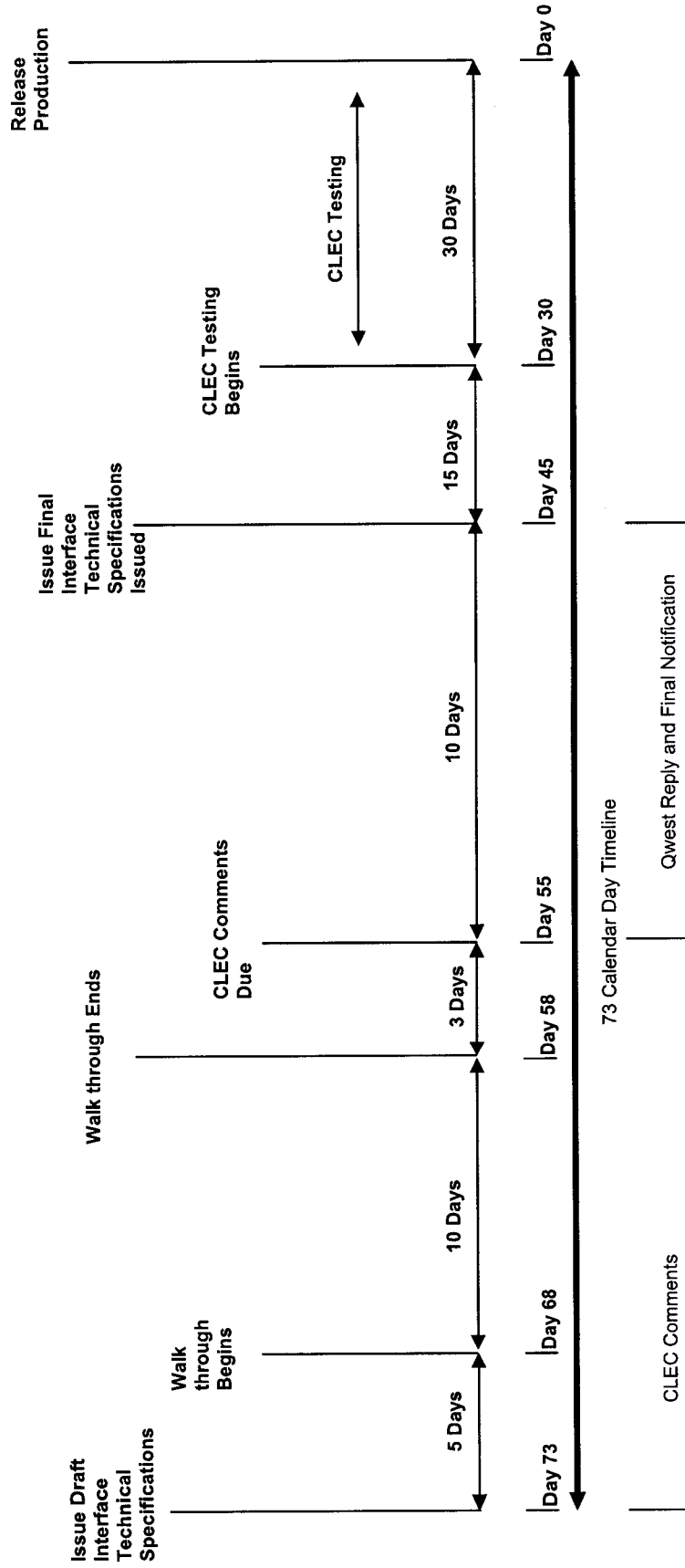
### **8.2.5 Content of Final Interface release Notice**

CLEC comments to the draft notice may be incorporated into the final notice, which shall include:

- Final notification letter
- Summary of changes from draft interface release notice
- Final user guide (or revised pages)
- Release date

Qwest's planned implementation date will be no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of the final release notice. Qwest will post this information on the CMP web site. Production support type changes that occur without advance notification will be posted within 24 hours of the change. The implementation time line for the release will not begin until all related documentation is provided.

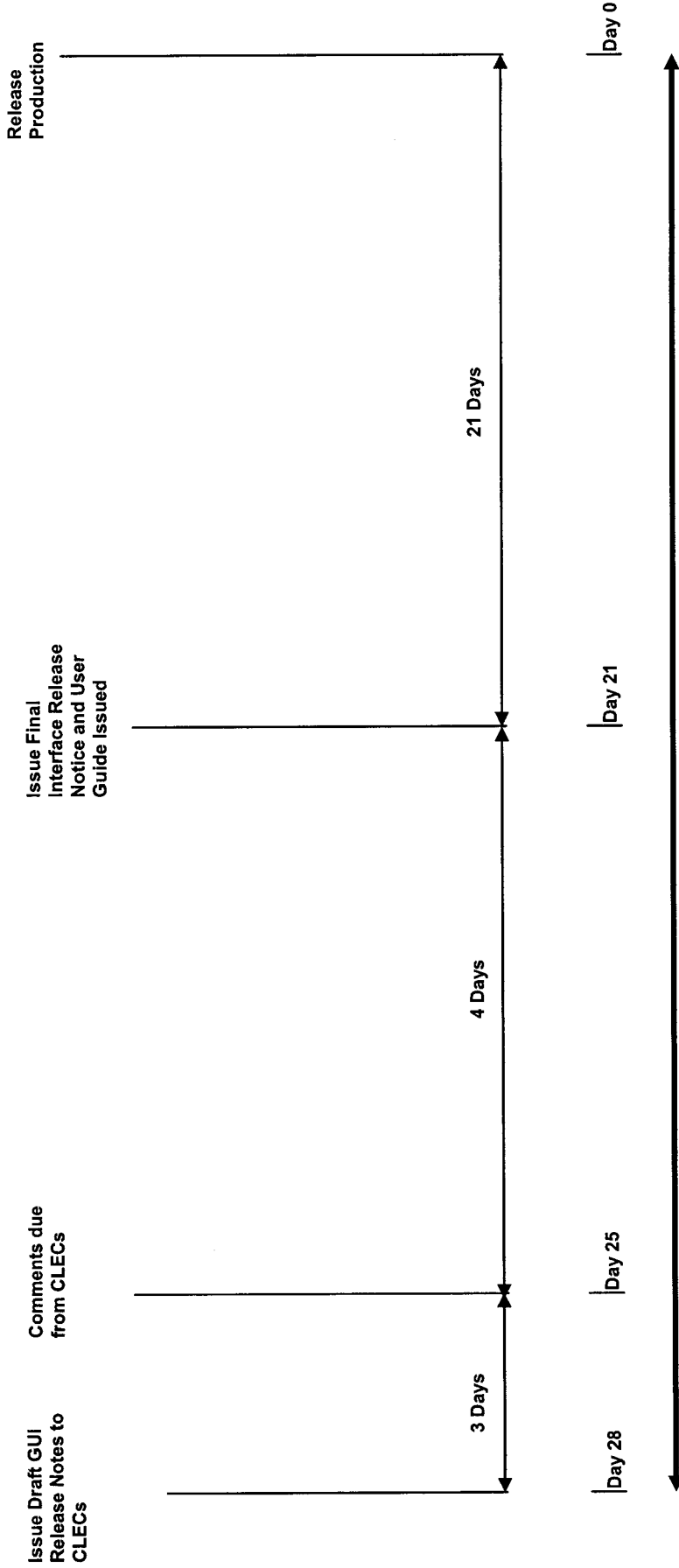
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### 9.0 RETIREMENT OF EXISTING OSS INTERFACES

The retirement of an existing OSS Interface occurs when Qwest ceases to accept transactions using a specific OSS Interface. This may include the removal of a Graphical User Interface (GUI) or a protocol transmission of information (Application-to-Application) interface.

#### 9.1 Application-to-Application OSS Interface

##### 9.1.1 Initial Retirement Plans

At least nine (9) months before the retirement date of Application-to-Application interfaces, Qwest will share the retirement plans via web site posting and CLEC notification. The scheduled new interface is to be in a CLEC certified production release prior to the retirement of the older interface.

Alternatively, Qwest may choose to retire an interface if there is no CLEC usage of that interface for the most recent three (3) consecutive months. Qwest will provide thirty (30) calendar day notification of the retirement via web posting and CLEC notification.

##### 9.1.2 Initial Retirement Notice to CLECs:

Initial Retirement Notices will include:

- The rationale for retiring the OSS Interface
- Available alternative interface options for existing functionality
- The proposed detailed retirement time line (e.g., milestone dates, CLEC-Qwest comment and response cycle)
- Targeted retirement date

##### 9.1.3 CLEC Comments to Initial Retirement Notice

CLEC comments to the Initial Retirement Notice are due to Qwest no later than fifteen (15) calendar days following the Initial Retirement Notice.

##### 9.1.4 Comparable Functionality

Unless otherwise agreed to by Qwest and a CLEC user, when Qwest announces the retirement of an interface for which a comparable interface does or will exist, a CLEC user will not be permitted to commence building to the retiring interface. CLEC users of the retiring interface will be grandfathered until the retirement of the interface. Qwest will ensure that an interface with comparable functionality is available no less than six months prior to retirement of an Application-to-Application interface.

##### 9.1.5 Final Retirement Notice

The Final Retirement Notice will be provided to CLECs no later than two-hundred and twenty-eight (228) calendar days prior to the retirement of the application-to-application interface. The Final Retirement Notice will contain:

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- The rationale for retiring the OSS Interface (e.g., no usage or replacement)
- If applicable, where the replacement functionality will reside in a new interface and when the new interface has been certified by a CLEC
- Qwest's responses to CLECs' comments/concerns
- Actual retirement date

### **9.2 Graphical User Interface (GUI)**

#### **9.2.1 Initial Retirement Plans**

At least two (2) months in advance of the target retirement date of a GUI, Qwest will share the retirement plans via web site posting and CLEC notification. The scheduled new interface is to be in a CLEC certified production release prior to the retirement of the older interface.

Alternatively, Qwest may choose to retire an interface if there is no CLEC usage of that interface for the most recent three (3) consecutive months. Qwest will provide thirty (30) calendar day notification of the retirement via web posting and CLEC notification.

#### **9.2.2 Initial Retirement Notice to CLECs:**

Initial Retirement Notices will include:

- The rationale for retiring the OSS Interface
- Available alternative interface options for existing functionality
- The proposed detailed retirement time line (e.g., milestone dates, CLEC-Qwest comment and response cycle)
- Targeted retirement date

#### **9.2.3 CLEC Comments to Initial Retirement Notice**

CLEC comments to the Initial Retirement Notice are due to Qwest no later than fifteen (15) calendar days following the Initial Retirement Notice.

#### **9.2.4 Comparable Functionality**

Qwest will ensure comparable functionality no less than thirty-one (31) days before retirement of a GUI.

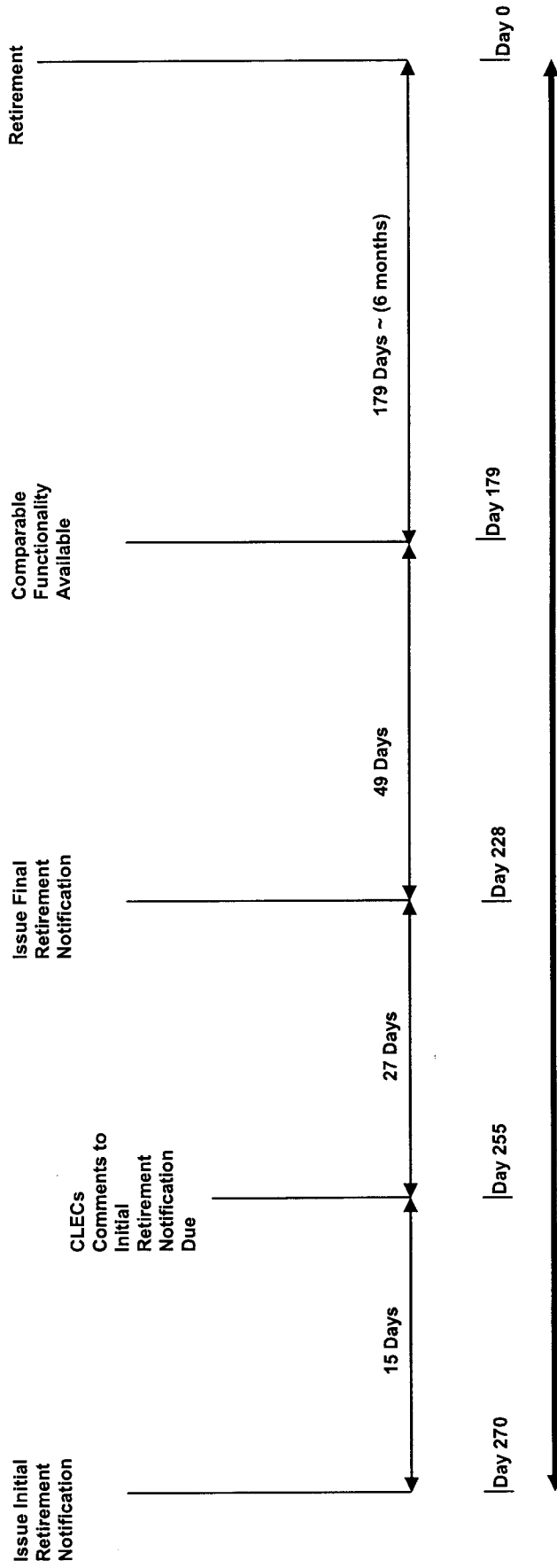
#### **9.2.5 Final Retirement Notice**

The Final Retirement Notice, for GUI retirements, will be provided to CLECs no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days before the retirement date. The Final Retirement Notice will contain:

- The rationale for retiring the OSS Interface (e.g., no usage or replacement)
- If applicable, where the replacement functionality will reside in a new interface and when the new interface has been certified by a CLEC
- Qwest's responses to CLECs' comments/concerns
- Actual retirement date

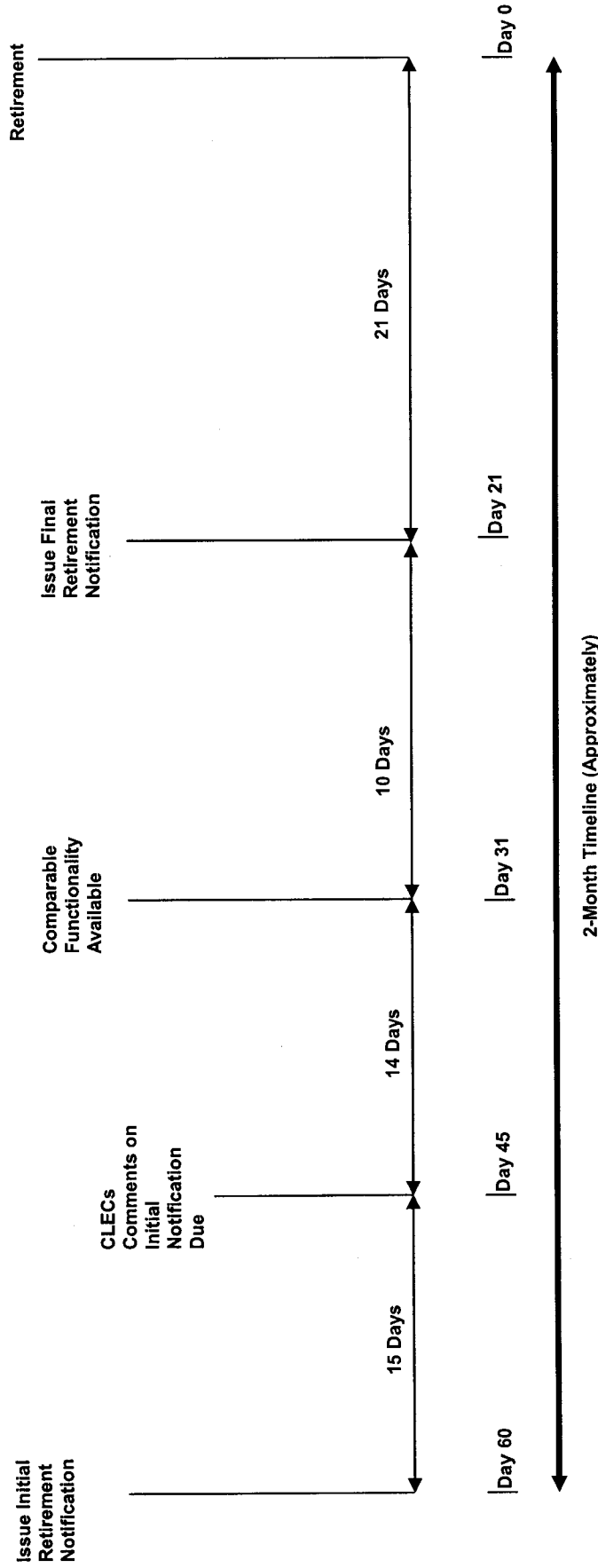
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## Qwest-CLEC Change Management Process Retirement of An Existing Graphic User Interface Timeline



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### 10.0 PRIORITIZATION

Each OSS Interface release is prioritized separately. If the Systems CMP Change Requests for any interface do not exceed release capacity, no prioritization for that release is required. The prioritization process provides an opportunity for CLECs and Qwest to prioritize OSS Interface change requests (CRs). CRs for introduction of a new interface or retirement of an existing interface are not subject to prioritization and will follow the introduction or retirement processes outlined in Sections 7.0 and 9.0, respectively.

#### 10.1 Test Environment Releases

When an OSS Interface release is prioritized, some of the prioritized OSS Interface CRs will cause a change in that OSS Interface's corresponding test environment. These changes will be included in the test environment release that is made available thirty (30) days prior to the OSS Interface Release Production Date, and will not be subject to prioritization. The business and systems requirements for these test environment changes will be developed in the same order as the prioritized OSS Interface CRs. Qwest will ensure that the resources allocated to the test environment are sufficient to complete the corresponding OSS Interface Release changes described above.

Any remaining test environment capacity will be allocated to CRs that are specific to the test environment. CRs that are specific to the test environment will be prioritized in accordance with Section 10.0.

Qwest's OSS Interface production environment and test environment development efforts will not compete for resources.

#### 10.2 Regulatory and Industry Guideline Change Requests

Regulatory and Industry Guideline changes, are defined in Section 4.0. , Separate procedures are required for prioritization of CRs requesting Regulatory and Industry Guideline changes to ensure that Qwest can comply with the recommended or required implementation date, if any. The process for determining whether a CR is Regulatory Change or Industry guideline is set forth in Section 5.1.

Qwest will send CLECs a notice when it posts Regulatory or Industry Guideline CRs to the Web and identify when comments are due, as described in Section 5.1. Regulatory and Industry Guideline CRs will also be identified in the CMP Systems Monthly Meeting Distribution Package.

##### 10.2.1 Regulatory Changes

For Regulatory Changes, Qwest will implement changes no later than the time specified in the legislation, regulatory requirement, court ruling, . If no time is specified, Qwest will implement the change as soon as practicable.

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Regulatory CRs will be ranked with all other CRs. If the implementation date for a Regulatory CR requires all or a part of the change to be included in the upcoming Major Release, the CR will not be subject to ranking and will be automatically included in that Major Release.

### 10.2.2 Industry Guideline Changes

For Industry Guideline changes, Qwest will use the national implementation timeline, if any. If no national implementation timeline is specified, Qwest will implement any related changes as soon as practicable, taking into account the benefit of the guideline change and CLEC input regarding the implementation timeline.

Industry Guideline CRs will be ranked with all other CRs. If the recommended implementation date for a Industry Guideline CR requires all or a part of the change to be included in the upcoming Major Release, the CR will not be subject to ranking and will be automatically included in that Major Release, unless Qwest and CLECs unanimously agree otherwise.

### 10.2.3 Regulatory and Industry Guideline Change Implementation

When more than one Major Release is scheduled before the mandated or recommended implementation date for a Regulatory or Industry Guideline CR, Qwest will present information to CLECs regarding any technical, practical, or development cycle considerations, as part of the CR review and up to the packaging options, that may affect Qwest's ability to implement the CR in any particular Major Release. At the monthly CMP meeting where the Regulatory or Industry Guideline CR is presented, Qwest will advise CLECs of the possible scheduled releases in which Qwest could implement the CR and the CLECs and Qwest will determine how to allocate those CRs among the available Major Releases, taking into account the information provided by Qwest regarding technical, practical, and/or development considerations. If the Regulatory or Industry Guideline CR is not included in a prior release, it will be implemented in the latest release specified by Qwest.

## 10.3 Prioritization Process

### 10.3.1 Prioritization Review

At the last Monthly Systems CMP Meeting before Prioritization, Qwest will facilitate a Prioritization Review including a discussion of all CRs eligible<sup>2</sup> for prioritization in a major release. Qwest will distribute all materials five (5) calendar days prior to the prioritization review. The materials will include:

- Agenda
- Summary document of all CRs eligible for prioritization. (see Appendix A - Sample – IMA 11.0 Rank Eligible CRs)

Both CLECs and Qwest should have appropriate subject matter experts in attendance at the Prioritization Review. The review and discussion meetings are open to all CLECs.

The Prioritization Review objectives are to:

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- Introduce newly initiated CLEC and Qwest OSS Interface and test environment change requests.
- Allow CLECs and Qwest to prioritize eligible OSS Interface or test environment change requests by providing specific input as to the relative importance that CLECs, as a group, and Qwest assign to each such change request.

### 10.3.2 Ranking

Within three (3) business days following the CMP Meeting that includes the Prioritization Review, Qwest will distribute the Prioritization Form for ranking. Ranking should be conducted according to the following guidelines:

- Each CLEC and Qwest may submit one numbered ranking of the Release Candidate List. The ranking must be submitted by the primary Point of Contact (POC, the secondary POC, or CMP Team Representative). The ranking will be submitted to the Qwest Systems CMP Manager in accordance with the guidelines described in Section 10.2.3 below. Refer to Appendix B: Sample – IMA 11.0 Initial Prioritization Form
- Qwest and each CLEC ranks each change request on the Release Candidate List by providing a point value from 1 through n, where n is the total quantity of CRs. The highest point value should be assigned to the CR that Qwest and CLECs wish to be implemented first. The total points will be calculated by the Qwest Systems CMP Manager and the results will be distributed to the CLECs in accordance with the Prioritization Process described in Section 10.2.3 below. Refer to Appendix C – Sample – IMA 11.0 Prioritization List.

### 10.3.3 Ranking Tabulation

CLECs and Qwest who choose to vote must submit their completed Prioritization Form via e-mail within three (3) business days following Qwest's distribution of the Prioritization Form. Within two (2) business days following the submission of ranking, Qwest will tabulate all rankings and e-mail the resulting Initial Prioritization List to the CLECs. The results will be announced at the next scheduled CMP Monthly Meeting. Prioritization is based on the results of the votes received by the deadline. Based on the outcome of the final ranking of the CR candidates, an Initial Prioritization List is produced. Qwest will place in order the candidates based on the ranking responses received by the deadline.

### 10.3.4 Ranking of Late Added CRs

For those late added CRs that are eligible for inclusion, as a candidate, in the most recently prioritized release (Section 10.2.4), the prioritization process will be as follows.

- Within three (3) business days following the CMP Meeting that resulted in the decision to include the late added CR as a candidate in the recently prioritized release, Qwest will distribute the late added CR for ranking, along with the initial prioritization.
- Each CLEC and Qwest may submit a suggested rank for the late added CR. The suggested rank will be the number, from 1-n, corresponding to the position on the Initial Prioritization List that the CLEC or Qwest believes the late added CR should be inserted.
- CLECs and Qwest who choose to vote must return their suggested rank for the late added CR via e-mail within three (3) business days following Qwest's distribution of the late added CR for ranking.

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Within two business days following the return of the suggested rank, Qwest will tabulate the results by averaging the returned suggested ranks for the late added CR. Qwest will insert the late added CR into the Initial Prioritization List at the resulting point on the list and will renumber the remaining candidates on the list based on this insertion. Qwest will e-mail the newly resulting Initial Prioritization List to the CLECs. The results will be announced at the next scheduled CMP Monthly Meeting.

### 10.3.5 Withdrawal of Prioritized CRs

A CLEC or Qwest may elect to withdraw a CR that has been prioritized for an OSS release. This process may be invoked at any time between the prioritization process and the commitment for the release. Qwest will determine its ability to work additional candidates for the release based upon the timing of the withdrawal request. After commitment, a CLEC or Qwest could request the CR be withdrawn, however, the withdrawal of the candidate may not be feasible based upon the development status at the time of the withdrawal request. The process will be as follows:

The originating CLEC or Qwest will submit a written request to the Qwest Systems CMP Manager indicating that they wish to withdraw the CR. This notification must be sent no later than 21 calendar days prior to the monthly Systems CMP meeting at which the request will be discussed. The written request must contain:

- the CR number
- the CR title
- an explanation of why the originator wishes to withdraw the CR

Within 2 business days after receipt of the request to withdraw the CR the Systems CMP Manager will notify, in writing, all of the CLECs that submitted a prioritization ranking. The subject line will note "INTENT TO WITHDRAW PRIORITIZED CR [number]." The notice will include

- the CR number
- the CR title,
- the ranking that it received from the prioritization,
- the explanation of why the originator wishes to withdraw the CR

If a CLEC or Qwest disagrees with the withdrawal of the CR from the release, they have the option to assume sponsorship of that CR. They may do so by notifying the Systems CMP Manager in writing of their intent to assume sponsorship of the CR within 5 business days after the Systems CMP Manager has sent the intent to withdraw e-mail. If the Systems CMP Manager receives no response within 5 business days, then the CR will be withdrawn. The new status will be reviewed in the next monthly Systems CMP meeting.

### 10.4 Special Change Request Process (SCRP)

In the event that a Systems CR is not ranked high enough in prioritization for inclusion in the next Release, or as otherwise provided in the CMP, the CR originator may elect to invoke the CMP Special Change Request Process (SCRP) as described in this section.



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The SCRP may be requested up to five (5) calendar days after prioritization results are posted. However, the SCRP does not supercede the process defined in Section 5.0 (Change Request Initiation Process).

The foregoing process applies to Qwest and CLEC originated CRs. In the event a CR is submitted through this process, Qwest agrees that it will not divert IT resources available to work on the CMP systems CRs, to support the SCRP request. Qwest will have to apply additional resources to, and track, the additional work required for the CR it seeks to implement through the SCRP.

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 in writing 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.

### **10.4.1 SCRP Request From**

To invoke the SCRP, the CR originator must send an e-mail to the Qwest CMP SCRP mailbox (cmpesc@qwest.com). The subject line of the e-mail message must include:

- "SCRP FORM"
- CR originator's company name
- CR number and title

The text of the e-mail message must include:

- Description of the CR
- A completed SCRP Form (See Appendix E)
- A single point of contact for the SCRP request including:
  - Primary requestor's name and company
  - Phone number
  - E-mail address
- Circumstances which have necessitated the invocation of the SCRP
- Desired implementation date
- If more than one company is making the SCRP request, the names and point of contact information for the other requesting companies.

### **10.4.2 Qwest Acknowledges Receipt with a Confirmation E-mail**

Within two (2) business days following receipt of the SCRP e-mail, Qwest will acknowledge receipt of the complete SCRP e-mail with a confirmation e-mail and advise the SCRP Requestor of any missing information needed for Qwest to process and analyze the request. When the SCRP e-mail is complete, the confirmation e-mail will include:

- Date and time of receipt of complete SCRP e-mail
- Date and time of confirmation e-mail
- SCRP title and number
- The name, telephone number and e-mail address of the Qwest contact assigned to process the SCRP
- Amount of the non-refundable Processing Fee as specified in Section 9.3.8 below.

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### 10.4.3 Process Fee Invoice

Within one (1) business day of sending the confirmation email Qwest will bill the SCRP Requestor a non-refundable Processing Fee as specified in Section 9.3.8 below.

### 10.4.4 SCRP Review Meeting

Within ten (10) business days after the confirmation e-mail, Qwest will schedule and hold a review meeting with the SCRP Requestor to review Qwest's analysis of the request.

### 10.4.5 Preliminary SCRP Quote and Review

During business and systems requirements analysis, Qwest will review the SCRP request to determine if it has any affinities with CRs packaged for the targeted OSS Interface release. As soon as feasible, but in any case within thirty (30) business days, after receipt of a completed SCRP form, Qwest will schedule and hold a meeting with the SCRP Requestor to provide and review:

- An estimated Preliminary SCRP quote. The SCRP quote will, at a minimum, include the following information:
- A description of the work to be performed
- Estimated Development costs with a cap on cost
- Targeted release
- An estimate of the terms and conditions surrounding the firm SCRP quote. (If the estimate increases before Qwest issues the Firm SCRP Quote, Qwest will communicate the cost increases to the SCRP Requestor. The SCRP Requestor must comply with payment terms as outlined in Section 9.3.7 before Qwest proceeds with the request.)
- An invoice covering the business and systems requirements analysis
- Payment for this invoice is due no later than 30 calendar days following Qwest written issuance of the Preliminary Quote. Qwest will not proceed with further development in support of the SCRP Request until the business and systems analysis and processing invoices are paid.

The SCRP Requestor has ten (10) business days, upon receipt of the SCRP quote, to either agree to purchase under the quoted price or cancel the SCRP request.

#### 10.4.5.1 SCRP Requestor Accepts the Preliminary Quote and Decision for Qwest to Proceed

If the SCRP Requestor accepts the SCRP Preliminary Quote, the SCRP Requestor must send an e-mail to Qwest with the following information:

The subject line of the e-mail message must include:

- "SCRAP PRELIMINARY QUOTE ACCEPTED"
- CR originator's company name
- CR number and title

The text of the e-mail message must include:

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- Statement of accepting SCRQ Preliminary Quote, targeted OSS Interface Release date, and terms and conditions
- CR originator's name, phone number, and e-mail address

### **10.4.5.2 SCRQ Requestor Asks to Change the SCRQ Request**

If the SCRQ Requestor decides to modify the SCRQ request after Qwest provides the preliminary SCRQ Quote, the requestor must submit a written request for change to the assigned Qwest manager . If changes are acceptable to Qwest, Qwest will notify the SCRQ Requestor by e-mail within five (5) business days after receipt of such request for a change with a revised preliminary SCRQ Quote, if applicable. The SCRQ Requestor must inform Qwest, in writing, within five (5) business days, if the modified SCRQ quote is acceptable, further changes are required, or the SCRQ request is cancelled.

### **10.4.5.3 SCRQ Requestor Cancels the SCRQ Request**

The last point at which a SCRQ Request may be cancelled is at the CMP Meeting at which Qwest presents the CRs that Qwest has committed in the release. Otherwise, the request will be implemented with the release and the SCRQ Requestor is obligated to pay the full amount of the firm quote consistent with the payment schedule described below in Section 10.3.7.

### **10.4.6 Firm SCRQ Quote and Review**

Qwest will provide the SCRQ Requestor a final and Firm SCRQ Quote after the completion of business requirements, systems requirements and packaging of the OSS Interface Release, and when Qwest commits CRs to the specific OSS Interface Release.

Qwest will send an e-mail to the SCRQ Requestor with the following information:

The subject line of the e-mail message must include:

- "FIRM SCRQ QUOTE"
- CR originator's company name
- CR number and title

The text of the e-mail message must include:

- Final SCRQ quote and terms and conditions
- Committed implementation date, or OSS Interface Release
- Qwest contact name, phone number, and e-mail address

No less than ten (10) days following issuance of the Firm SCRQ Quote Qwest will schedule and hold a meeting to review the quote. At this meeting Qwest will review the elements of the Firm Quote and the firm Release Date of the Targeted Release.

### **10.4.7 Payment Schedule**

The SCRQ Requestor must pay 50% of the Firm SCRQ Quote no more than ten (10) calendar days following the scheduled release date and the remaining 50% of the Firm SCRQ Quote within 30 calendar days after the scheduled release date.

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### 10.4.8 Applicable SCRП Charges

This section describes the different costs for a SCRП request.

- Processing Fee – a one-time flat fee that must be paid within 30 calendar days after the Qwest-SCRП Requestor meeting to prepare the SCRП form. This fee is non-refundable and is treated separately from those charges for development and implementation as described under “Charges for the SCRП Request” below.
- Charges for Business and Systems Requirements - These charges include the costs of developing business and systems requirements.
- Charges for the Development of the SCRП Request – These charges, included in the Preliminary and Firm SCRП Quotes, including labor charges, time and capital costs incurred as a result of developing code and performing testing.

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### 11.0 APPLICATION-TO-APPLICATION INTERFACE TESTING

If CLEC is using an application-to-application interface, CLEC must work with Qwest to certify the business scenarios that CLEC will be using in order to ensure successful transaction processing in production. If multiple CLECs are using a service bureau provider, the service bureau provider need only be certified for the first participating CLEC; subsequent CLECs using the service bureau provider need not be certified. Qwest and CLEC shall mutually agree to the business scenarios for which CLEC requires certification. Certification will be granted for the specified release of the application-to-application interface. If CLEC is certifying multiple products or services, CLEC has the option of certifying those products or services serially or in parallel if technically feasible.

New releases of the application-to-application interface may require re-certification of some or all business scenarios. A determination as to the need for re-certification will be made by the Qwest coordinator in conjunction with the release manager of each release. Notice of the need for re-certification will be provided to CLEC as the new release is implemented. The suite of re-certification test scenarios will be provided to CLEC with the initial and final Technical Specifications. If CLEC is certifying multiple products or services, CLEC has the option of certifying those products or services serially or in parallel, if technically feasible. If multiple CLECs are using a service bureau provider, the service bureau provider need only be re-certified for the first participating CLEC; subsequent CLECs using the service bureau provider need not be re-certified.

Qwest provides a separate Customer Test Environment (CTE) for the testing of transaction based application-to-application interfaces for pre-order, order, and maintenance/repair. The CTE will be developed for each major release and updated for each point release that has changes that were disclosed but not implemented as part of the major release. Qwest will provide test files for batch/file interfaces (e.g. billing). The CTE for Pre-order and Order currently includes:

- Stand Alone Test Environment (SATE)
- Interoperability Testing
- Controlled Production Testing

The CTE for Maintenance and Repair currently includes:

- CMIP Interface Test Environment (MEDIACC)

Qwest provides initial implementation testing [intended for those CLECs that are not currently in production or that want to test new ordering or pre-ordering transactions for which they have not been through testing – move to Terms], and migration testing (from one release to the next) for all types of OSS Interface change requests. Controlled Production Testing is also provided for Pre-Order and Order. Such testing provides the opportunity to test the code associated with those OSS Interface exchange requests. The CTE will also provide the opportunity for regression testing of OSS Interface functionality.

#### 11.1 Testing Process

Qwest will send an industry notification, including testing schedules (see Section 8.0 – Changes to Existing OSS Interfaces), to CLECs so they may determine their intent to participate in the

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test. CLECs wishing to test with Qwest must participate in at least one joint planning session and determine:

- Connectivity (required)
- Firewall and Protocol Testing (required)
- Controlled Production (required)
- Production Turn-up (required)
- Test Schedule (required)

A joint CLEC-Qwest test plan may also include some or all of the following based on type of testing requested:

- Requirements Review
- Test Data Development
- Progression Testing Phase

Qwest will communicate any agreed upon changes to the test schedule. CLECs are responsible for establishing and maintaining connectivity to the CTE.

Provided a CLEC uses the same software components and similar connectivity configuration as it uses in production, the CLEC should, in general, experience response times similar to production. However, this environment is not intended for volume testing. The CTE contains the appropriate applications for pre-ordering and Local Service Request (LSR) ordering up to but not including the service order processor. Qwest intends to include the service order processor as part of the SATE component of the CTE by the end of May, 2002. Production code problems identified in the test environment will be resolved by using the Production Support process as outlined in Section 12.0.

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## **12.0 PRODUCTION SUPPORT**

### **12.1 Notification of Planned Outages**

Planned Outages are reserved times for scheduled maintenance to Operations Support Systems (OSS). Qwest sends associated Notifications to all CLECs. Planned Outage Notifications must include:

- Identification of the subject OSS.
- Description of the scheduled OSS maintenance activity.
- Impact to the CLECs (e.g. geographic area, products affected, system implications, and business implications).
- Scheduled date and scheduled start and stop times.
- Work around, if applicable.
- Qwest contact for more information on the scheduled OSS maintenance activity.

Planned Outage Notifications will be sent to CLECs and appropriate Qwest personnel within 2 days after the scheduling of the OSS maintenance activity.

### **12.2 Newly Deployed OSS Interface Release**

Following the release production date of an OSS Interface change, Qwest will use production procedures for maintenance of software as outlined below. Problems encountered by the CLEC should be reported to the IT Wholesale Systems Help Desk (IT Help Desk). Qwest will monitor, track, and address troubles reported by CLECs or identified by Qwest. Problems reported will be known as IT Trouble Tickets. A week after the deployment of an IMA Release into production, Qwest will host a conference call with the CLECs to review any identified problems and answer any questions pertaining to the newly deployed software. Qwest will follow CMP process for documenting the meeting (includes issues/action items and status/solution). Issues will be addressed with specific CLECs and results/status will be reviewed at the next Monthly OSS CMP Meeting.

### **12.3 Request for a Production Support Change**

The IT Help Desk supports Competitive Local Exchange Carriers who have questions regarding connectivity, outputs, and system outages. The IT Help Desk serves as the first point of contact for reporting trouble. If the IT Help Desk is unable to assist the CLEC, it will refer information to the proper subject matter expert, also known as Tier 2 or Tier 3 support, who may call the CLEC directly. Often, however, an IT Help Desk representative will contact the CLEC to provide information or to confirm resolution of the trouble ticket.

Qwest will assign each CLEC-generated and Qwest-generated IT Trouble ticket a Severity Level 1 to 4, as defined in Section 12.5. Severity 1 and Severity 2 IT trouble tickets will be implemented immediately by means of an emergency release of process, software or documentation (known as a patch). If Qwest and CLEC deem implementation is not timely, and a work around exists or can be developed, Qwest will implement the work around in the interim. Severity 3 and Severity 4 IT trouble tickets may be implemented when appropriate taking into

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consideration upcoming patches, major releases and point releases and any synergies that exist with work being done in the upcoming patches, major releases and point releases.

The first time a trouble is reported by Qwest or CLEC, the Qwest IT Help Desk will assign a IT Trouble Ticket tracking number, which will be communicated to the CLEC at the time the CLEC reports the trouble. The affected CLEC(s) and Qwest will attempt to reach consensus on resolution of the problem and closing the IT Trouble Ticket. If no consensus is reached, any party may use the Technical Escalation Process. When the IT Trouble Ticket has been closed, Qwest will notify CLECs with one of the following disposition codes:

- No Trouble Found – to be used when Qwest investigation indicates that no trouble exists in Qwest systems.
- Trouble to be Resolved in Patch – to be used when the IT Trouble Ticket will be resolved in a patch. Qwest will provide a date for implementation of the patch. This is typically applied to Severity 1 and Severity 2 troubles, although Severity 3 and Severity 4 troubles may be resolved in a patch where synergies exist.
- CLEC Should Submit CMP CR – to be used when Qwest's investigation indicates that the System is working pursuant to the Technical Specifications (unless the Technical Specifications are incorrect), and that the IT Trouble Ticket is requesting a systems change that should be submitted as a CMP CR.
- Date TBD – to be used when the IT Trouble Ticket is not scheduled to be resolved in a patch or change, but Qwest may resolve in a patch, release, or otherwise, if possible where synergies exist. This disposition is applied to Severity 3 and Severity 4 troubles.

Qwest will track "Date TBD" trouble tickets and report status and resolution of these trouble tickets and associated systems work on its CMP website. The status of these trouble tickets will be regularly discussed in CMP meetings.

For "Date TBD" trouble tickets, either Qwest or a CLEC may initiate the Change Request to correct the problem. (See Section 5.0 for CR Initiation.) If the initiating party knows that the CR relates to a trouble ticket, it will identify the trouble ticket number on the CR.

Instances where Qwest or CLECs misinterpret Technical Specifications and/or business rules must be addressed on a case-by-case basis. All parties will take all reasonable steps to ensure that any disagreements regarding the interpretation of a new or modified OSS Interface are identified and resolved during the change management review of the change request.

### **12.4 Reporting Trouble to IT**

Qwest will open a trouble ticket at the time the trouble is first reported by CLEC or detected by Qwest. The ITWSHD Tier 1 will communicate the ticket number to the CLEC at the time the trouble is reported.

If a ticket has been opened, and subsequent to the ticket creation, CLECs call in on the same problem, and the ITWSHD recognizes that it is the same problem, a new ticket is not created. The ITWSHD documents each subsequent call in the primary IT trouble ticket.

If one or more CLECs call in on the same problem, but it is not recognized as the same problem, one or more tickets may be created. When the problem is recognized as the same, one of the tickets becomes the primary ticket, and the other tickets are linked to the primary



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ticket. The ITWSHD provides the primary ticket number to other reporting CLECs. A CLEC can request its ticket be linked to an already existing open IT ticket belonging to another CLEC. When the problem is closed, the primary and all related tickets will be closed.

### 12.4.1 Systems Problem Requiring a Workaround

If a CLEC is experiencing problems with Qwest because of a system “issue”, the CLEC will report the trouble to the ITWSHD. The ITWSHD will create a trouble ticket as outlined above.

The ITWSHD Tier 1 will refer the ticket to the IT Tier 2 or 3 resolution process. If, during the resolution process, the Tier 2 or 3 resolution team determines that a workaround is required ITWSHD (with IT Tier 2 or 3 on the line, as appropriate) will contact the CLEC to develop an understanding of how the problem is impacting the CLEC. If requested and available, the CLEC will provide information regarding details of the problem, e.g., reject notices, LSRs, TNs or circuit numbers. Upon understanding the problem, the IT Tier 1 agent, with the CLEC on the line, will contact the ISC Help Desk and open a Call Center Database Ticket. The IT Tier 2 or 3 resolution team along with the WSD Tier 2 team, and other appropriate SMEs, (Resolution Team) will develop a proposed work around. The WSD Tier 2 team will work collaboratively with the CLEC(s) reporting the issue to finalize the work around. The ITWSHD will provide the CLEC and the WSD Tier 2 team with the IT Trouble Ticket number in order to cross-reference it with the Call Center Database Ticket. The ITWSHD will also record the Call Center Database Ticket number on the IT Trouble Ticket. The CLEC will provide both teams with primary contact information. If the CLEC and Qwest cannot agree upon the work around solution, the CLEC can use either the Technical Escalation process or escalate to the WSD Tiers, as appropriate. If a work around is established, see Section 12.8.X. Qwest will use its best efforts to retain the CLEC's requested due dates, regardless of whether a work around is required.

### 12.5 Severity Levels

Severity level is a means of assessing and documenting the impact of the loss of functionality to CLEC(s) and impact to the CLEC's business. The severity level gives restoration or repair priority to problems causing the greatest impact to CLEC(s) or its business.

Guidelines for determining severity levels are listed below. Severity level may be determined by one or more of the listed bullet items under each Severity Level (the list is not exhaustive). Examples of some trouble ticket situations follow. Please keep in mind these are guidelines, and each situation is unique. The IT Help Desk representative, based on discussion with the CLEC, will make the determination of the severity level and will communicate the severity level to the CLEC at the time the CLEC reports the trouble. If the CLEC disagrees with the severity level assigned by the IT Help Desk personnel, the CLEC may escalate using the Technical Escalation Process.

#### Severity 1: Critical Impact

- Critical.
- High visibility.
- A large number of orders or CLECs are affected.
- A single CLEC cannot submit its business transactions.
- Affects online commitment.

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- Production or cycle stopped – priority batch commitment missed.
- Major impact on revenue.
- Major component not available for use.
- Many and/or major files lost.
- Major loss of functionality.
- Problem can not be bypassed.
- No viable or productive work around available.

### Examples:

- Major network backbone outage without redundancy.
- Environmental problems causing multiple system failures.
- Large number of service or other work order commitments missed.
- A Software Defect in an edit which prevents any orders from being submitted.

### Severity 2: Serious Impact

- Serious.
- Moderate visibility.
- Moderate to large number of CLECs, or orders affected.
- Potentially affects online commitment.
- Serious slow response times.
- Serious loss of functionality.
- Potentially affects production – potential miss of priority batch commitment.
- Moderate impact on revenue.
- Limited use of product or component.
- Component continues to fail. Intermittently down for short periods, but repetitive.
- Few or small files lost.
- Problems may have a possible bypass; the bypass must be acceptable to CLECs.
- Major access down, but a partial backup exists.

### Examples:

A single company, large number of orders impacted  
Frequent intermittent logoffs.  
Service and/or other work order commitments delayed or missed.

### Severity 3: Moderate Impact

- Low to medium visibility.
- Low CLEC, or low order impact.
- Low impact on revenue.
- Limited use of product or component.
- Single CLEC device affected.
- Minimal loss of functionality.
- Problem may be bypassed; redundancy in place. Bypass must be acceptable to CLECs.
- Automated workaround in place and known. Workaround must be acceptable to CLECs.

### Example:

- Hardware errors, no impact yet.

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### Severity 4: Minimal Impact

Low or no visibility.

No direct impact on CLEC.

Few functions impaired.

Problem can be bypassed. Bypass must be acceptable to CLECs.

- System resource low; no impact yet.
- Preventative maintenance request.

### Examples:

- Misleading, unclear system messages causing confusion for users.
- Device or software regularly has to be reset, but continues to work.

### 12.6 Status Notification for IT Trouble Tickets

There are two types of status notifications for IT Trouble Tickets:

- Ticket Notifications: for tickets that relate to only one reporting CLEC
- Event Notifications: for tickets that relate to more than one CLEC or for reported troubles that Qwest believes will impact more than one CLEC
- Event Notifications are sent by Qwest to all CLECs who subscribe to the IT Help Desk. Event Notifications will include ticket status (e.g. open, no change, resolved) and as much of the following information as is known to Qwest at the time the notice is sent:
  - Description of the problem
  - Impact to the CLECs (e.g. geographic area, products affected, business implications)
  - Estimated resolution date and time if known
  - Resolution if known
  - Severity level
  - Trouble ticket number(s), date and time
  - Work around if defined, including the Call Center Database Reference Ticket number
  - Qwest contact for more information on the problem
  - System affected
  - Escalation information as available

Both types of notifications will be sent to the CLECs and appropriate Qwest personnel within the time frame set forth in the table below and will include all related system trouble ticket number(s).

### 12.7 Notification Intervals

Notification Intervals are based on the severity level of the ticket. "Notification Interval for any Change in Status" means that a notification will be sent out within the time specified from the time a change in status occurs. "Notification Interval for No Change in Status" means that a notification will be sent out on a recurring basis within the time specified from the last notification when no change in status has occurred, until resolution. "Notification Interval upon Resolution" means that a notification will be sent out within the time specified from the resolution of the problem.

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Notification will be provided during the IT Help Desk normal hours of operation. Qwest will continue to work severity 1 problems outside of Help Desk hours of operation which are Monday-Friday 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (MT) and Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (MT), and will communicate with the CLEC(s) as needed. A severity 2 problem may be worked outside the IT Help Desk normal hours of operation on a case-by-case basis.

The chart below indicates the response intervals a CLEC can expect to receive after reporting a trouble ticket to the IT Help Desk.

<b>Severity Level of Ticket</b>	<b>Notification interval for initial ticket</b>	<b>Notification Interval for any Change in Status</b>	<b>Notification Interval for No Change in Status</b>	<b>Notification Interval upon Resolution</b>
Severity Level 1	Immediate acceptance	Within 1 hour	1 hour	Within 1 hour
Severity Level 2	Immediate acceptance	Within 1 hour	1 hour	Within 1 hour
Severity Level 3	Immediate acceptance	Within 4 hours	48 hours	Within 4 hours
Severity Level 4	Immediate acceptance	Within 8 hours	48 hours	Within 8 hours

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### 12.8 Process Production Support

Process troubles encountered by CLECs should be reported to the ISC Help Desk (Tier 0). In some cases the Qwest Service Manager (Tier 3) may report the CLEC trouble to the ISC Help Desk. Tier 0 will open a Call Center Database Ticket for all reported troubles.

#### 12.8.1 Reporting Trouble to the ISC

The ISC Help Desk (Tier 0) serves as the first point of contact for reporting troubles that appear process related. Qwest has seven Tiers in Wholesale Service Delivery (WSD) for process Production Support. References to escalation of process Production Support issues means escalation to one of these seven tiers. Contact information is available through the Service Manager (Tier 3). The Tiers in WSD are as follows:

- Tier 0 – ISC Help Desk
- Tier 1 – Customer Service Inquiry and Education (CSIE) Service Delivery Coordinator (SDC)
- Tier 2 – CSIE Center Coaches and Team Leaders, Duty Pager, Process Specialist
- Tier 3 - Service Manager
- Tier 4 – Senior Service Manager
- Tier 5 – Service Center Director
- Tier 6 – Service Center Senior Director

A CLEC may, at any point, escalate to any of the seven Tiers.

If a CLEC is experiencing troubles with Qwest because of a process issue, the CLEC will report the trouble to Tier 0. Tier 0 will attempt to resolve the trouble including determining whether the trouble is a process or systems issue. To facilitate this determination, upon request, the CLEC will provide, by facsimile or email, documentation regarding details of the trouble, e.g., reject notices, LSRs, TNs or circuit numbers if available. Tier 0 will create a Call Center Database Ticket with a two (2) hour response commitment (“out in 2 hour” status), and provide the ticket number to the CLEC. If Tier 0 determines that the trouble is a systems issue, they will follow the process described in Section 12.8.4. With respect to whether the trouble is a systems or process issue, a CLEC may escalate to Tier 1 before the Tier 0 follows the process outlined in Section 12.8.4.

If Tier 0 does not determine that the trouble is a systems issue or is not able to resolve the trouble, Tier 0 will offer the CLEC the option of either a warm transfer to Tier 1 (with the CLEC on the line), or have Qwest place the Call Center Database Ticket into the Tier 1 work queue. Tier 1 will then analyze the ticket and attempt to resolve the trouble or determine if the trouble is a systems or a process issue. If the trouble is a process issue, Tier 1 will notify the Tier 2 process specialist. Tier 2 process specialist will notify all call handling centers (Tier 0, Tier 1 and Tier 2 at each center) of the reported trouble and current status. If Tier 1 determines that the trouble is a systems issue, they will follow the process described in Section 12.8.4.

The reporting CLEC(s) and Qwest will attempt to reach consensus on resolution of the trouble. This resolution includes identification of processes to handle affected orders reported by the CLEC and orders affected but not reported. If Qwest and the CLEC determine that the trouble can be resolved in a timely manner, Qwest will status the CLEC every 2 hours by telephone,

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unless otherwise agreed, until the trouble is resolved to the CLEC's satisfaction. If, at any point, the parties conclude that they are unable to resolve the trouble in a timely manner, the CLEC and Qwest will proceed to develop a work around, as described below. At any point, the reporting CLEC may elect to escalate the issue to a higher Tier.

Except in a work around situation, see Section 12.8.3, once the trouble is resolved and all affected orders have been identified and processed, Qwest will seek CLEC concurrence to close the ticket(s). If no consensus is reached, CLEC may escalate through the remaining Tiers.

After ticket closure, if the CLEC indicates that the issue is not resolved, the CLEC contacts Tier 2 and refers to the applicable ticket number. Tier 2 reviews the closed ticket, opens a new ticket, and cross references the closed ticket.

Qwest will use its best efforts to retain the CLEC's requested due dates.

### **12.8.2 Multiple Tickets**

If one or more CLECs call in multiple tickets, but neither the CLECs nor Qwest recognize that the tickets stem from the same trouble, one or more tickets may be created.

Qwest will attempt to determine if multiple tickets are the result of the same process trouble. Also, after reporting a trouble to Tier 0, a CLEC may determine that the same problem exists for multiple orders and report the association to Tier 0. In either case, when the association is identified, Tier 0 will designate one ticket per CLEC as a primary ticket, cross-reference that CLEC's other tickets to its primary ticket and provide the primary ticket number to that CLEC. Tier 2 process specialist will advise the call handling centers (Tier 0, Tier 1 and Tier 2 at each center) and Service Managers (Tier 3) of the issue.

Once a primary ticket is designated for a CLEC, the CLEC need not open additional trouble tickets for the same type of trouble. Any additional trouble of the same type encountered by the CLEC may be reported directly to Tier 2 with reference to the primary ticket number.

Qwest will also analyze the issue to determine if other CLECs are impacted by the trouble. If other CLECs are impacted by the trouble, within 3 business hours after this determination, the Tier 2 process specialist will advise the call handling centers (Tier 0, Tier 1 and Tier 2 at each center) and the Service Managers (Tier 3) of the issue and the seven digit ticket number for the initial trouble ticket (Reference Ticket). At the same time, Qwest will also communicate information about the trouble, including the Reference Ticket number, to the impacted CLECs through the Event Notification process, as described in Section 12.6. If other CLECs experience a trouble that appears related to the Reference Ticket, the CLECs will open a trouble ticket with Tier 0 and provide the Reference Ticket number to assist in resolving the trouble.

### **12.8.3 Work Arounds**

The reporting CLEC(s) and Qwest will attempt to reach consensus on whether a workaround is required and, if so, the nature of the work around. For example, a work around will provide a means to process affected orders reported by the CLEC, orders affected but not reported, and any new orders that will be impacted by the trouble. If no consensus is reached, the CLEC may escalate through the remaining Tiers.

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If a work around is developed, Tier 1 will advise the CLEC(s) and the Tier 2 process specialist will advise the call handling centers (Tier 0, Tier 1 and Tier 2 at each center) and the Service Manager (Tier 3) of the work around and the Reference Ticket number. Tier 1 will communicate with the CLEC(s) during this affected order processing period in the manner and according to the notification timelines established in Section 12.8.1. After the work around has been implemented, Tier 1 will contact the CLECs who have open tickets to notify them that the work around has been implemented and seek concurrence with the CLECs that the Call Center Database tickets can be closed. The closed Reference Ticket will describe the work around process. The work around will remain in place until the trouble is resolved and all affected orders have been identified and processed.

Once the work around has been implemented, the associated tickets are closed. After ticket closure, CLEC may continue to use the work around. If issues arise, CLEC may contact Tier 2 directly, identifying the Reference Ticket number. If a different CLEC experiences a trouble that appears to require the same work around, that CLEC will open a Call Center Database ticket with Tier 0 and provide the Reference Ticket number for the work around.

### **12.8.4 Transfer Issue from WSD to ITWSHD**

CLECs may report issues to the ISC Help Desk (Tier 0) that are later determined to be systems issues. Once the ISC Help Desk or higher WSD Tier determines that the issue is the result of a system error, that Tier will contact the CLEC and ask if the CLEC would like that Tier to contact the ITWSHD to report the system trouble. If the CLEC so requests, the Tier agent will contact the ITWSHD, report the trouble and communicate the Call Center Database Ticket to the ITWSHD agent with the CLEC on the line. The ITWSHD agent will provide the CLEC and the WSD agent with the IT Trouble Ticket number. The IT Trouble Ticket will be processed in accordance with the Systems Production Support provisions of Section 12.0.

### **12.9 Communications**

When Call Center Database and IT Trouble Tickets are open regarding the same trouble, the IT and WSD organizations will communicate as follows. The WSD Tier 2 Process Specialists will be informed of the status of IT Trouble Tickets through ITWSHD system Event Notifications. Additionally, WSD Tier 2 has direct contact with the ITWSHD as a participant on the Resolution Team, as necessary. As the circumstances warrant, the WSD Tier 2 process specialist will advise the call handling centers (Tier 0, Tier 1 and Tier 2 at each center) and the Service Manager (Tier 3) of the information pertinent to ongoing resolution of the trouble.

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### **13.0 TRAINING**

Qwest will incorporate all substantive changes to existing Graphical User Interfaces (GUI), including the introduction of new GUI, into CLEC training programs. Qwest will execute CLEC training for pre-order, ordering, billing, and maintenance and repair GUI.

#### **13.1 Introduction of a New GUI**

Qwest will include a CLEC training schedule with the Introduction of a New GUI Release Notification issued no less than forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the Release Production date. Qwest will make available CLEC training beginning no less than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Release Production Date. Web based training will remain available for the life of the release.

#### **13.2 Changes to an Existing GUI**

Qwest will include a CLEC training schedule with the Draft Release Notes issued no less than twenty-eight (28) calendar days prior to the Release Production date. Qwest will make available CLEC training beginning no less than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Release Production date. Web based training will remain available for the life of the release.

CEMR training will not be available before the release but will be conducted for 90 days in the live environment after the Release Production date.

#### **13.3 Product and Process Introductions and Changes**

Qwest may offer CLEC training for product and process introductions and changes based on the complexity of the introduction or change. This training is offered in many forms, but is most commonly offered in the following delivery methods: web-based, instructor-led, job aids, or conference calls.



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## 14.0 ESCALATION PROCESS

### 14.1 Guidelines

- The escalation process will include items that are defined as within the CMP scope.
- The decision to escalate is left to the discretion of the CLEC, based on the severity of the missed or unaccepted response/resolution.
- Escalations may also involve issues related to CMP itself, including the administration of the CMP.
- The expectation is that escalation should occur only after change management procedures have occurred per the CMP.

### 14.2 Cycle

Item must be formally escalated as an e-mail sent to the Qwest CMP escalation e-mail address, [http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/escalations\\_dispute.html](http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/escalations_dispute.html).

- Subject line of the escalation e-mail must include:
  - CLEC Company name
  - "ESCALATION"
  - Change Request (CR) number and status, if applicable
- Content of e-mail must enclose appropriate supporting documentation, if applicable, and to the extent that the supporting documentation does not include the following information, the following must be provided:
  - Description of item being escalated
  - History of item
  - Reason for Escalation
  - Business need and impact
  - Desired CLEC resolution
  - CLEC contact information including Name, Title, Phone Number, and e-mail address
  - CLEC may request that impacted activities be stopped, continued or an interim solution be established.
- Qwest will acknowledge receipt of the complete escalation e-mail with an acknowledgement of the e-mail no later than the close of business of the following business day. If the escalation email does not contain the following specified information Qwest will notify the CLEC by the close of business on the following business day, identifying and requesting information that was not originally included. When the escalation email is complete, the acknowledgement email will include:
  - Date and time of escalation receipt
  - Date and time of acknowledgement email
  - Name, phone number and email address of the Qwest Director, or above, assigned to the escalation.
- Qwest will post escalated issue and any associated responses on the CMP web site within 1 business day of receipt of the complete escalation or response.
- Qwest will give notification that an escalation has been requested via the Industry Mail Out process
- Any other CLEC wishing to participate in the escalation must submit an e-mail notification to the escalation URL within one (1) business day of the mail out. The subject line of the e-mail must include the title of the escalated issue followed by "ESCALATION PARTICIPATION"
- Qwest will respond with a binding position e-mail including supporting rationale as soon as practicable, but no later than:
  - For escalated CRs, seven (7) calendar days after sending the acknowledgment e-mail.

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- For all other escalations, fourteen (14) calendar days after sending the acknowledgment e-mail.
- The escalating CLEC will respond to Qwest within seven (7) calendar days with a binding position e-mail.
- When the escalation is closed, the resolution will be subject to the CMP.

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### 15.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

CLECs and Qwest will work together in good faith to resolve any issue brought before the CMP. In the event that an impasse issue develops, a party may pursue the dispute resolution processes set forth below: Item must be formally noticed as an e-mail sent to the Qwest CMP Dispute Resolution e-mail address, [http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/escalations\\_dispute.html](http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/escalations_dispute.html). Subject line of the e-mail must include:

- CLEC Company name
- "Dispute Resolution"
- Change Request (CR) number and status, if applicable
- Content of e-mail must enclose appropriate supporting documentation, if applicable, and to the extent that the supporting documentation does not include the following information, the following must be provided:
  - Description of item
  - History of item
  - Reason for Escalation
  - Business need and impact
  - Desired CLEC resolution
  - CLEC contact information including Name, Title, Phone Number, and e-mail address
- Qwest will acknowledge receipt of the complete Dispute Resolution e-mail within one (1) business day
- Qwest or any CLEC may suggest that the issue be resolved through an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process, such as arbitration or mediation using the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or other rules. If the parties agree to use an ADR process and agree upon the process and rules to be used, including whether the results of the ADR process are binding, the dispute will be resolved through the agreed-upon ADR process.
- Without the necessity for a prior ADR Process, Qwest or any CLEC may submit the issue, following the commission's established procedures, with the appropriate regulatory agency requesting resolution of the dispute. This provision is not intended to change the scope of any regulatory agency's authority with regard to Qwest or the CLECs.

This process does not limit any party's right to seek remedies in a regulatory or legal arena at any time.

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### 16.0 EXCEPTION PROCESS

Qwest and CLECs recognize the need to allow occasional exceptions to the CMP described herein. Extenuating circumstances affecting Qwest or the CLECs may warrant deviation from the CMP. An exception request will be addressed on a case-by-case basis where Qwest and CLECs may decide to handle the exception request outside of the established CMP. An exception request must be presented to the CMP community for acceptance in accordance with this section to determine if the request shall be treated as an exception.

#### 16.1 Exception Initiation and Acknowledgement

If Qwest or a CLEC wishes that any request within the scope of CMP be handled on an exception basis, the party who makes such a request will issue an exception request ("Exception Request") by email to the CMP Manager. Exception Requests will be submitted on a CR form. If the proposed change would not normally be submitted as a CR, the requestor must complete the following sections of the form: date submitted, company, originator, proprietary (if applicable), optional available dates/times for meetings, area of request, description of exception requested. The description of the exception must contain the information listed in Section 1.1.1.

##### 16.1.1 Requestor Submits An Exception Request by Email to CMP Manager

The Exception Requestor must send an email to the CMP Manager with "EXCEPTION" in the subject line. The text of the request must contain the following information:

- Change Request number of an existing Change Request or a completed Change Request form (See Section 5.0)
- Description of the request with good cause for seeking an exception
- Desired outcome, (e.g., timeframe or targeted release)
- Supporting documentation
- Primary contact information
- Whether the Requestor wishes to have the request considered at the next monthly CMP meeting, or requests an emergency call/meeting pursuant to Section 16.2 prior to the next monthly CMP meeting
- If a CLEC requests an emergency call/meeting, the CLEC should indicate whether it desires a pre-meeting with Qwest, including the CLEC's desire to have certain Qwest subject matter experts attend the pre-meeting and/or emergency call/meeting.

##### 16.1.2 Tracking of An Exception Request

Exception Requests will be identified by adding the suffix "EX" to the CR number.

Within one (1) business day after receipt of an Exception Request, Qwest's CMP Manager will acknowledge receipt of the Exception Request by email to the Requestor. The CMP Manager will include in the acknowledgement an indication of whether an emergency call/meeting and pre-meeting will be scheduled. If an emergency call/meeting is not requested, the Exception change request will be presented to the CMP community as described in Section 16.3 below. The acknowledgement will also include the CR or tracking number.

#### 16.2 Emergency Call/Meeting Notice to Discuss Exception Request

Within three (3) business days after acknowledging receipt of the request, if an emergency call/meeting is requested, the CMP Manager will issue a notice to the CMP community for an

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emergency call/meeting (the "Exception Meeting Notice"). The emergency call/meeting shall be held on a date agreed to by the Requestor, provided that it shall not be held less than five (5) business days after issuance of the Exception Meeting Notice. The subject line of the Exception Meeting Notice must uniquely identify this as an exception.

The content of the Exception Meeting Notice will include:

- Requestor
- Logistics for call/meeting
- Agenda
- Change Request number on which the exception is sought
- Description of the request with good cause for seeking an exception
- Desired outcome (e.g., timeframe or targeted release)
- Supporting documentation
- Primary contact information
- A clear statement that a decision is required to accept, or decline this request as an Exception on this emergency call/meeting.

### 16.2.1 Pre-Meeting

If a pre-meeting is requested, Qwest shall conduct such a meeting with the Exception Requestor, Qwest SMEs, and specially requested Qwest personnel, or equivalent, prior to holding the Emergency call/meeting. The purpose of the pre-meeting is to enable Qwest to understand the request, to determine the additional subject matter experts to invite to participate on the Emergency call/meeting and to commence development of a proposal to address the Exception Request.

### 16.2.2 Conduct Emergency Call/Meeting

Qwest will conduct the Emergency call/meeting to allow the Requestor to clarify the Exception Request. The Exception Requestor shall present the request and provide good cause as to why such a request should be treated as an exception. Qwest and CLECs present will be given the opportunity to comment on the request. Discussion may also include substantive issues and potential solutions, and schedules for subsequent activities (e.g., meeting, deliverables, milestones, and implementation dates). After the discussion, Qwest will conduct a vote as described in Section 16.4.1. If the vote is in favor of an exception, the parties will agree to and document a schedule for subsequent activities.

Qwest will write, distribute and post minutes no later than 5 business days after the Emergency call/meeting. The minutes will include the disposition and schedule of the Exception Request.

### 16.3 Notice of Exception Request Discussion and Vote At Upcoming CMP Meeting

If an Emergency call/meeting is not requested by the Exception Requestor, Qwest will notify within 3 business days after acknowledging receipt of the request the CLEC community by email that an Exception Request has been received by the CMP Manager. The subject line of the notice shall identify that this is an exception request ("EXCEPTION"). The notice content shall include:

- Requestor
- Change Request number on which the exception is sought
- Description of the request with good cause for seeking an exception
- Desired outcome (e.g., timeframe or targeted release)
- Supporting documentation

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- A clear statement that this request will be discussed and a decision is required to accept, or decline this request as an Exception, at the upcoming CMP meeting

### **16.4 Discussion and Vote Taken At the CMP Meeting**

If an Emergency call/meeting is not requested, Qwest will note on the agenda of the next CMP Meeting that an Exception Request has been submitted, and that a decision is required to accept or decline this request as an Exception. Qwest will include the Exception Request and supporting documentation as part of the CMP meeting distribution package.

The Exception Requestor shall present the request and provide good cause as to why such a request should be treated as an exception. Qwest and CLECs present will be given the opportunity to comment on the request. Discussion may also include substantive issues and potential solutions, and schedules for subsequent activities (e.g., meeting, deliverables, milestones, and implementation dates). After the discussion, Qwest will conduct a vote as described in Section 16.4.1. If the vote is in favor of an exception, the parties will agree to and document a schedule for subsequent activities.

#### **16.4.1 Vote on Exception Request**

A vote on whether an Exception Request will be handled on an exception basis will take place at the Emergency Call/Meeting, if one is held (See Section 1.2.1). If an Emergency Call/Meeting is not held, the vote will be taken at the CMP Meeting (See Section 1.4). The standards for determining whether a request should be handled on an exception basis are as follows:

- If the Exception Request is for a general change to the established CMP timelines without setting forth specific dates, a two-thirds majority vote will be required.
- If the Exception Request is for changes to CMP timelines and sets forth specific dates for completion of tasks, a two-thirds majority vote will be required unless Qwest or a CLEC demonstrate, with substantiating information, that one of the criteria for denial set forth in Sections 5.1.3 or 5.3 is legitimately applicable. If one of the criteria for denial will cause such an exception request to be rejected, the requestor may withdraw the specific dates from its exception request at the meeting where it is discussed, in order to have the two thirds majority vote apply to the request.
- If the Exception Request seeks to alter any part of the CMP other than the established timelines, unanimous agreement will be required.

Voting will be conducted pursuant to Section 17.0. The votes called for above are taken only to determine whether the Exception Request will be handled on an exception basis. The requesting party may still pursue its desired change through the established CMP.

Any party that disagrees with results of a vote may initiate dispute resolution pursuant to the CMP Dispute Resolution provisions.

### **16.5 Exception Request Disposition Notification**

Qwest will issue a disposition notification within five (5) business days after the close of the Emergency call/meeting, or the CMP Meeting, at which the vote was taken. The disposition notification will be posted on the web site.

### **16.6 Processing of the Exception Disposition**

If the outcome of the vote is to treat the proposed change as an Exception, then Qwest may proceed with the agreed to disposition and schedule. If the outcome of the vote is not to treat the proposed change as an Exception, the Originator may withdraw the Exception designation and

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continue to pursue its change under the established CMP. The Originator of the change may also withdraw the change and discontinue pursuit of the requested change.

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### 17.0 VOTING

When a vote is called, Qwest and CLECs will follow the procedures described below.

The appropriate Qwest CMP Manager will schedule and hold a discussion call/meeting (if not pursuant to a Monthly CMP Meeting), issue an agenda with any supporting material, and conduct the vote as described below on the open issue. The agenda will be distributed and posted on the web site in advance of the call/meeting as also described below.

The results of the vote will be published, using the voting tally form (refer to Appendix F).

A vote of 51% or more of the Voters in favor of (or against) a proposal shall constitute a Majority in this CMP.

#### 17.1 Voter

A Voter is any of the POCs designated under Section 2.2. Additionally, any CLEC POC may designate another member of its company or a third party as an interim POC to vote, for a specific vote, in the absence of the primary, secondary, and tertiary POCs. A third party vote must be accompanied by one of the following two valid forms of documentation (e-mail authorization or Letter of Authorization (LOA)). The e-mail must be sent to the CMP Manager no later than two (2) hours before the meeting at which the vote will take place. The interim POC may provide an LOA to Qwest at the meeting, prior to the vote.

If an e-mail or LOA is provided to designate a third party interim POC, it must contain the following information in the subject line of the e-mail:

- "Voting Proxy"

The body of the e-mail or LOA must contain the following information:

- CLEC Name
- Third Party Company Name
- Brief description of the issue on which the vote is being taken
- Date vote call/meeting is scheduled to be held
- Signature of authorizing Carrier (LOA only)

If a meeting is scheduled for a vote but a vote is not taken, e-mailed designations or LOAs will be discarded.

#### 17.2 Participation in the Vote

Any Carrier that is authorized to provide local exchange service in any one of Qwest's 14-state region may qualify as a Voter.

A Voter may participate in the vote in person, over the phone, or via e-mail ballot, as described in Section 17.4.3.

##### 17.2.1 A Carrier Is Entitled To A Single Vote

Each Carrier (Qwest or CLEC) is entitled to a single vote regardless of any affiliates. For example, at the time of this writing, WorldCom has several local exchange entities throughout the Qwest region (e.g., MFS, Brooks Fiber, MCI Metro, etc.). WorldCom would be entitled to one vote for all of these affiliates.



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### 17.3 Notification of Vote

Qwest will notify CLECs by email within one (1) business day after determining that a vote on a specific issue must occur. This notification will in no event be less than five (5) business days before the call. The subject line of notice will be identified as "VOTE REQUIRED/Title of Issue." Within one (1) business day after issuing the notice, the notice and any supporting material will be posted on the web site.

#### 17.3.1 Notification Content

When a notification is issued, the notification will be issued as a CMP notification and will consist of:

- a description of the issue and reason for calling a vote
- date and time of the voting call/meeting
- bridge number for the voting call, or logistics for the meeting
- supporting material, if any
- the deadline date and time for submitting e-mail votes

### 17.4 Voting Procedures

#### 17.4.1 Quorum

At any CMP call/meeting where a vote is to be taken, a quorum of Carriers, as described in Section 17.2.1, (Qwest and CLEC) must be present. A quorum will be established as follows:

- Qwest and CLECs will determine the average number of Carriers (including Qwest) at the last six days of Monthly CMP Meetings, excluding the highest and lowest attendance numbers (e.g. add the number of Carriers at the remaining four meetings and divide by four) ("Average Number of Carriers").
- If 62.5% or more of the Average Number of Carriers is present, a quorum has been established. For purposes of establishing a quorum, a Carrier not participating in the meeting is considered present if it submitted an e-mail vote by the time designated in the notification of vote.
- When calculating the average number of Carriers and establishing quorum, Qwest will round to the nearest whole number; i.e., Qwest will round a number ending in 0.5 and above to the higher whole number, and round a number ending below 0.5 to the lower whole number.

If a quorum is not present at a call/meeting when a vote is scheduled to be taken, the vote shall be postponed until such time as a quorum is established.

In the case of an Exception request, if a quorum is not established at the emergency meeting, the vote shall be postponed for three (3) business days for a second emergency meeting. At the second emergency meeting, a vote will be taken regardless of whether a quorum is established. Prior to the second emergency meeting, Qwest will distribute a notification stating that at this meeting a vote will take place regardless of whether a quorum is established, and that votes will be accepted in accordance with Sections 17.1 and 17.4.1.

#### 17.4.2 Casting Votes

Once a quorum is established, Qwest will call out Voters to place their vote. The vote will be either a "Yes," "No" or "Abstain." Qwest will read out all e-mail ballots submitted pursuant to Section 17.4.3.

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### 17.4.3 E-mail Ballots

CLECs wishing to e-mail their vote to Qwest may do so by sending an e-mail to the Qwest CMP Manager, [cmpcr@qwest.com](mailto:cmpcr@qwest.com). E-mail votes will only be accepted, and included in the tally of the votes, if received at least two hours prior to the call/meeting.

The subject line of the e-mail must include the following:

- "CLEC BALLOT"
- CLEC Name
- Representative Name

The body of the e-mail must include the following:

- CLEC Name
- Representative Name
- Brief description of the issue on which the vote is being taken
- Date vote call/meeting is scheduled to be held
- CLEC vote

If a meeting is scheduled for a vote but a vote is not taken, e-mailed votes will be discarded. In addition, CLECs who submitted votes by e-mail will be notified that no vote was taken, their votes were discarded, and that the vote may be taken again at a later date.

In the event a CLEC is present to vote, after submitting an e-mail ballot, such CLEC may cast its vote at the call/meeting regardless of the e-mail ballot.

### 17.4.4 Voting Tally Form

The Voting Tally Form serves as a collective record of the individual company vote. The results of the tally will be included in the meeting minutes as an attached document.

The form will include the following information:

- *Name of Call/Meeting:* The name of the call/meeting
- *Date of Vote:* The date of occurrence
- *Subject:* The topic or issue that is causing the vote
- *Voting Carrier:* The Carrier's company name
- *Voting Participant:* Write the name of the Voter that participates in a 'vote' and how the vote was cast: in person, by phone or by email
- *Yes:* Place an 'X' in box if agreed with proposed plan
- *No:* Place an "X" in box if party disagrees with proposed plan
- *Abstain:* Any participant may abstain to place a vote by placing an "X" in the box
- *Result:* Qwest shall record the results of the vote in this box

Qwest will announce the results of the vote, by an e-mail notification, no later than three (3) business days following the call/meeting. The result will be included in meeting minutes and posted on the web site.

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APPENDIX A: SAMPLE - IMA 11.0 RANK ELIGIBLE CRS

CR Number	Interface	Submit Date	Company	Status	Title	Shin Size	Est. LOE Min	Est. LOE Max	CR Presenter	Ranking Note
<b>Category A: Not Rank Eligible</b>										
1	14886	9/28/01	Qwest	Pending Withdrawal	Pre-order Transaction: Due Date availability & standard intervals	Extra Large	5501	8000	Winston, Connie	Category A: Not Rank Eligible
2	23943	9/28/01	Qwest	Pending Withdrawal	Shared Distribution Loop- Long Term	Large	3001	5500	Winston, Connie	Category A: Not Rank Eligible
3	25505	9/28/01	Qwest	Pending Withdrawal	Line Splitting for UNE-P accounts	Large	3001	5500	Winston, Connie	Category A: Not Rank Eligible
4	25591	9/26/01	Qwest	Pending Withdrawal	Flowthrough validate LPIC LSR Entries	Medium	751	3000	Winston, Connie	Category A: Not Rank Eligible
5	25800	9/28/01	Qwest	Pending Withdrawal	Add New Auto Push Statuses	Medium	751	3000	Winston, Connie	Category A: Not Rank Eligible
6	27751	9/28/01	Qwest	Pending Withdrawal	Intrabuilding Cable.	Large	3001	5500	Winston, Connie	Category A: Not Rank Eligible
7	27756	9/26/01	Qwest	Pending Withdrawal	Cancellation Remarks	Small	201	750	Winston, Connie	Category A: Not Rank Eligible
<b>Category B: Above the Line</b>										
1	SCR013002-6	1/30/02	Qwest	Clarification	PID Impact - PO-2B: Unbundled Loop and Local Number Portability Edits	Large	3001	5500	Martain, Jill	Category B: Above the Line
2	SCR013002-7	1/30/02	Qwest	Clarification	PID Impact - PO-2B: Resale POTS Edits	Large	3001	5500	Martain, Jill	Category B: Above the Line
<b>Category C: Rank Eligible</b>										
1	24652	9/28/01	Qwest	Presented	Unbundled DID/PBX Trunk Port Facility move from LS to PS	Medium	751	3000	Winston, Connie	Category C: Rank Eligible
2	25091	9/26/01	Qwest	Presented	DSL Flowthrough - Re-Branding	Large	3001	5500	Winston, Connie	Category C: Rank Eligible
3	26636	9/28/01	Qwest	Presented	Shared Loop Enhancements	Medium	751	3000	Winston, Connie	Category C: Rank Eligible
4	30212	9/28/01	Qwest	Presented	Add New UNE-P PAL to IMA	Large	3001	5500	Winston, Connie	Category C: Rank Eligible
5	30215	10/23/01	Qwest	Presented	Wholesale Local Exchange Freeze	Large	3001	5500	Winston, Connie	Category C: Rank Eligible
6	31766	9/28/01	Qwest	Presented	Reject Duplicate LSRs	Medium	751	3000	Martain, Jill	Category C: Rank Eligible
7	5043011	8/31/00	Eschelon	Presented	Add an online glossary of the field title abbreviations to help menu of IMA GUI	Medium	751	3000	Eschelon	Category C: Rank Eligible

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APPENDIX B: SAMPLE - IMA 11.0 INITIAL PRIORITIZATION FORM

Assigned Point Value (Instructions)	CR Number	Title	Company	Interface	Products Impacted	Shift Size	ES/LOE Min	ES/LOE Max
	24652	Unbundled DID/PBX Trunk Port Facility move from LS to PS	Qwest	IMA Common	Unbundled PID/PBX Trunk Port	Medium	751	3000
	25091	DSL Flowthrough - Re-Branding	Qwest	IMA Common	DSL	Large	3001	5500
	26636	Shared Loop Enhancements	Qwest	IMA Common	Shared Loop	Medium	751	3000
	30212	Add New UNE-P PAL to IMA	Qwest	IMA Common	UNE-P PAL	Large	3001	5500
	30215	Wholesale Local Exchange Freeze Based on CSRs	Qwest	IMA Common	All	Large	3001	5500
	31766	Reject Duplicate LSRs	Qwest	IMA Common	All Products	Medium	751	3000
	5043011	Add an online glossary of the field title abbreviations to help menu of IMA GUI	Eschelon	IMA GUI	All Products	Medium	751	3000
	5043076	Create a separate field for line numbers in EDI responses	Eschelon	IMA EDI		Large	3001	5500
	5206704	Add OCn capable loop LSR to IMA	ELI	IMA Common	DS1, DS3 & OCn Loop Orders	Large	3001	5500
	5405937	CLECs require availability to view completed LSR information in IMA GUI	Verizon	IMA GUI	Resale	Large	3001	5500
	5498578	Ability to send dual CFA information on an LSR for HDSL orders	WorldCom	IMA Common	HDSL	Small	201	750
	SCR010902-1	Limited IMA GUI Access for Pre-Order Transactions Only	McLeodUSA	IMA GUI	All	Medium	751	3000
	SCR012202-1	Incorrect Consolidation of DR5 USOC in IMA	Qwest	IMA Common	ISDN PRI	Medium	751	3000
	SCR013002-3	IMA Pre-Order - Use CCNA to retrieve a Design Layout Report (DLR)	Qwest	IMA Common		Medium	751	3000
	SCR013002-4	Revision of TOS field in IMA	Qwest	IMA GUI	UNE-P, Resale	Medium	751	3000
	SCR013002-5	PIC Freeze Documentation	Qwest	IMA Common	Resale, UNE	Medium	751	3000

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APPENDIX C: SAMPLE - IMA 11.0 INITIAL PRIORITIZATION LIST

RANK	TOTAL POINT VALUE	CR Number	Title	Company	Interface	Products Impacted	Shirt Size	Est LOE Min	Est LOE Max	Original List #
1	251	SCR013102-15	LSOG 6 - Upgrade Field Numbering and Naming to Existing Qwest Forms & EDI Maps (FOUNDATION CANDIDATE) (NOTE: Per February CMP Meeting Discussion, this CR should be ranked higher than all other LSOG 6 Change Requests)	Qwest	IMA Common	All Products	Extra Large	5501	8000	32
2	231	SCR013002-8	Flowthrough on Sup 2 Category Due Date	Qwest	IMA Common	All Products except Designed Products	Large	3001	5500	17
3	227	SCR101901-1	Allow customers to move and change local service providers at the same time. (NOTE: Per February CMP Meeting Discussion, this CR should be ranked higher than #26)	Eschelon	IMA Common	Centrex Resale, UNE-P	Extra Large	5500	8000	35
4	214	31766	Reject Duplicate LSRs	Qwest	IMA Common	All Products	Medium	751	3000	6
5	211	SCR013002-3	IMA Pre-Order - Use CCNA to retrieve a Design Layout Report (DLR)	Qwest	IMA Common		Medium	751	3000	14

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APPENDIX D: CHANGE REQUEST FORM – AS OF 05/01/02

**CHANGE REQUEST FORM**

CR # \_\_\_\_\_ Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Originated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Ref# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Originator: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name, Title, and email/phone# \_\_\_\_\_

**Proprietary for submission to Account Manager Only?** Please click appropriate box.

- Yes  No

**Area of Change Request:** Please click appropriate box and fill out the section below.

- Product/Process  System

Optional -Available Dates/Time for Clarification Meeting
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

**Title of Change:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Change:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expected Deliverables:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL - THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED FOR PRODUCT & PROCESS CHANGES**

**Products Impacted:** Please Click all appropriate boxes and also list specific products within product group, if applicable.

- |   |       |   |       |
|---|-------|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ancillary          | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> LNP                        | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIDB               | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Line               | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8XX                | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Resale                     | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 911                | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Switched Service           | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calling Name       | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> UDIT                       | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SS7                | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Unbundled Loop             | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AIN                | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> UNE                        | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DA                 | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Switching                  | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operation Services | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport ( Include EUDIT) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INP / LNP          | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Loop                       | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centrex            | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> UNE-P                      | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collocation        | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> EEL (UNE-C)                | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical           | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                      | _____ |

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual _____                | <input type="checkbox"/> Wireless _____            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent _____               | <input type="checkbox"/> LIS / Interconnect _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ICDF Collocation _____       | <input type="checkbox"/> EICT _____                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tandem Trans. / TST _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise Data Source _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> DTT / Dedicated _____     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                  | Transport  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tandem Switching _____    |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Switching _____     |

**OPTIONAL - THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED IF REQUESTING A PROCESS CHANGE**

**Area Impacted:** Please click appropriate box.

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Ordering         | <input type="checkbox"/> Provisioning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ordering             |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billing              |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance / Repair | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

**OPTIONAL - THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED IF REQUESTING A SYSTEM CHANGE**

**OSS Interfaces Impacted:** Please click all appropriate boxes.

- |  |                                      |   |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CEMR              | <input type="checkbox"/> IMA EDI     | <input type="checkbox"/> MEDIACC          | <input type="checkbox"/> TELIS                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXACT             | <input type="checkbox"/> IMA GUI     | <input type="checkbox"/> Product Database | <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale Billing Interface |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Directory Listing | <input type="checkbox"/> HEET        | <input type="checkbox"/> SATE             |  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |   |  |

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## Change Request Form Instructions

The Change Request (CR) Form is the written documentation for submitting a CR for a Product, Process or OSS interface (Systems) change. The CR should be reviewed and submitted by the individual, which was selected to act as a single point of contact for the management of CRs to Qwest. Electronic version of the CR Form can be downloaded from the Qwest Wholesale WEB Page at <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/changerequest.html>.

Product/Process and System CRs may be submitted to Qwest via e-mail at: [cmppcr@qwest.com](mailto:cmppcr@qwest.com)

To input data to the form, use the Tab Key to navigate between each field. The following fields on the CR Form must be completed as a minimum, unless noted otherwise:

### Submitted By

Enter the date the CR is being submitted to the Qwest CMP Manager.

Enter Company's name and Submitter's name, title, and email/Phone#.

Optional – identify potential available dates Submitter is available for a Clarification Meeting.

Optional – enter a Company Internal Reference No. to be identified.

### Proprietary Submission

If the CR is proprietary (i.e., confidential) and is meant to be directed only to your account manager and not flow through the CMP, then select "Yes". If the CR is not proprietary and is meant to flow through the CMP, then select "No". If this field is left blank, the default will be "No".

### Area of Change Request

- Select the type of CR that is being submitted (Product, Process, or Systems).

### Title of Change

- Enter a title for this CR. This should concisely describe the CR in a single sentence.

### Description of Change

- Describe the Functional needs of the change being requested. To the extent practical, please provide examples to support the functional need. Also include the business benefit of this request.

### Expected Deliverables

Enter the desired outcome required of Qwest (e.g. revised process, clarification, improved communication, etc.).

### Products Impacted – Optional



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- To the extent known, check the applicable products that are impacted by the CR.

### **Area Impacted – Optional**

- To the extent known, check the applicable process areas that are impacted by the CR.

### **OSS Interfaces Impacted – Optional**

- To the extent known, check the applicable systems that are impacted by the CR.

Qwest's CMP Manager will complete the remainder of the Form.

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## APPENDIX E: SPECIAL CHANGE REQUEST PROCESS (SCRP) REQUEST FORM

### SAMPLE

#### Qwest Wholesale Change Management Process (CMP)

#### Special Change Request Process (SCRP) Form

In the event that a systems CMP CR is not ranked high enough in prioritization for inclusion in the next Release, or as otherwise provided in the Qwest Wholesale CMP, the CR originator may elect to invoke the CMP Special Change Request Process (SCRP) as described Section 10.3 of the Qwest Wholesale Change Management Document.

The SCRCP may be requested up to five (5) calendar days after prioritization results are posted. However, the SCRCP does not supercede the process defined in Section 5.0 of the Qwest Wholesale Change Management Process Document.

The information requested on this form is essential for Qwest to evaluate your invocation of the Special Change Request Process (SCRCP). Specific timeframes for evaluating your request are identified in the Special Change Request section of the Qwest Wholesale Change Management Process Document.

Complete the application form in full, using additional pages as necessary, and then submit the form to [cmpesc@qwest.com](mailto:cmpesc@qwest.com). All applicable sections must be completed before Qwest can begin processing your request.

**Requested By Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Primary Technical Contact

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Primary Billing Contact

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Request:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Completed by Qwest CMP Manager)

1. Provide Qwest Wholesale CMP CR number for which you are requesting the SCRP:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Provide reason for invoking the SCRP.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Provide proposed release to include CR in or proposed implementation date.

\_\_\_\_\_

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4. Provide any additional information that you feel would assist Qwest in preparing the SCRP quote.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. List contact information for any other companies joining in the SCRP.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

6. List additional contacts, such as technical personnel, who may help us during the evaluation of this request.

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please submit this form to Qwest in the following manner:**

Send an e-mail to the Qwest CMP SCRP mailbox ([cmpesc@qwest.com](mailto:cmpesc@qwest.com)). The subject line of the e-mail message must include:

- "SCRP FORM"
- CR number and title
- CR originator's company name

The text of the e-mail message must include:

- Description of the CR
- A completed SCRP Form
- A single point of contact for the SCRP request including:
  - Primary requestor's name and company
  - Phone number
  - E-mail address
- Circumstances which have necessitated the invocation of the SCRP
- Desired implementation date
- If more than one company is making the SCRP request, the names and point of contact information for the other requesting companies.

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### APPENDIX F: CLEC-QWEST VOTING TALLY FORM

<b>Name of Call/Meeting:</b>	
<b>Date of Vote:</b>	

<b>Subject:</b>	
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Voting Carrier	Voting Participant (in person, by phone, or by email)	Vote		
		YES	NO	Abstain

<b>Result:</b>	
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**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

Term	Definition
CLEC	A telecommunications provider that has authority to provide local exchange telecommunications service on or after February 8, 1996, unless such provider has been declared an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.
Software Defects	A problem with system software that is not working according to the Technical Specifications and is causing detrimental impacts to the users.
Design, Development, Notification, Testing, Implementation and Disposition	<p>Design: To plan out in a systematic way. Design at Qwest includes the Business Requirements Document and the Systems Requirements Document. These two documents are created to define the requirements of a Change Request (CR) in greater detail such that programmers can write system software to implement the CR.</p> <p>Development: The process of writing code to create changes to a computer system or sub system software that have been documented in the Business Requirements and Systems Requirements.</p> <p>Notification: The act or an instance of providing information. Various specific notifications are documented throughout the CMP. Notifications apply to both Systems and Product &amp; Process changes</p> <p>Testing: The process of verifying that the capabilities of a new software Release were developed in accordance with the Technical Specifications and performs as expected. Testing would apply to both Qwest internal testing and joint Qwest/CLEC testing.</p> <p>Implementation: The execution of the steps and processes necessary in order to make a new release of a computer system available in a particular environment. These environments are usually testing environments or production environments.</p> <p>Disposition: A final settlement as to the treatment of a particular Change Request.</p>
Good Faith	"Good faith" means honesty in fact and the observance of reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing.
History Log	A History Log documents the changes to a specific document. The log will contain the document name and, for each change, the document version number, change effective date, description of

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	change, affected section name and number, reason for change, and any related CR or notification number.
OSS Interface	Existing or new gateways (including application-to-application interfaces and Graphical User Interfaces), connectivity and system functions that support or affect the pre-order, order, provisioning, maintenance and repair, and billing capabilities for local services provided by CLECs to their end users.
OSS Application to Application Interface Testing  Controlled Production Testing	Controlled Production process is designed to validate CLEC ability to transmit transactions that meet industry standards and complies with Qwest business rules. Controlled Production consists of submitting requests to the Qwest production environment for provisioning as production orders with limited volumes. Qwest and CLEC use Controlled Production results to determine operational readiness for full production turn-up.
Initial Implementation Testing	This type of application-to-application testing allows a CLEC to validate its technical development of an OSS Interface before turn-up in production of new transactions or significantly changed capabilities.
Interoperability Testing Environment	A production copy of IMA. It interfaces directly with Qwest's production systems for pre-order and order processing. As a result, all interoperability pre-order queries and order transactions are subjected to the same edits as production orders. A CLEC uses account data valid in Qwest production systems for creating scenarios on Qwest-provided templates, obtains approval on these scenario templates, and then submits a minimum set of test scenarios for all transactions it wishes to perform in production. Interoperability testing provides CLECs with the opportunity to validate technical development efforts and to quantify processing results.
Level of Effort	Estimated range of hours required to implement a Change Request
Migration Testing	Process to test in the Customer Testing Environment a subsequent application-to-application Release from a previous Release. This type of testing allows a CLEC to move from one release to a subsequent release of a specific OSS Interface.
Regression Testing	Process to test, in the Customer Test Environment, OSS Interfaces, business process or other related interactions. Regression Testing is primarily for use with 'no intent' toward meeting any Qwest entry or exit criteria within an implementation

Term	Definition
	process. Regression Testing includes testing transactions previously tested, or certified.
<p>Release</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major Release</li> <li>• Point Release</li> <li>• Patch Release</li> </ul>	<p>A Release is an implementation of changes resulting from a CR or production support issue for a particular OSS Interface There are three types of releases for IMA.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major Release may be CLEC impacting (to systems code and CLEC operating procedures) via EDI changes, GUI changes, technical changes, or all. Major Releases are the primary vehicle for implementing systems Change Requests of all types (Regulatory, Industry Guideline, CLEC-originated and Qwest-originated).</li> <li>• Point Release may not be CLEC code impacting, but may affect CLEC operating procedures. The point release is used to fix bugs introduced in previous releases, technical changes, make changes to the GUI, and/or deliver enhancements to IMA disclosed in a major release that could not be delivered in the timeframe of the major release.</li> <li>• Patch Release is a specially scheduled system change for the purpose of installing the software required to resolve an issue associated with a trouble ticket.</li> </ul>
Release Production Date	The Release Production Date is the date that a software Release is first available to the CLECs for issuance of production transactions.
Sub-systems	A collection of tightly coupled software modules that is responsible for performing one or more specific functions in an OSS interface.
Stand-alone Testing Environment (SATE)	A Stand-Alone Testing Environment is a test environment that can be used by CLECs for Initial Implementation Testing, Migration Testing and Regression Testing. SATE takes CLEC pre-order and order transaction requests, passes the requests to the stand-alone database, and returns responses to the CLEC user. SATE uses pre-defined test account data and requests that are subject to the same BPL IMA/EDI edits as those used in production. The SATE is intended to mirror the production environment (including simulation of all legacy systems). SATE is part of the Customer Test Environment.
Technical Specifications	<p>Detailed documentation that contains all of the information that a CLEC will need in order to build a particular release of an OSS application-to-application interface. Technical Specifications include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A chapter for each transaction or product which includes a</li> </ul>



Term	Definition
	<p>business (OBF forms to use) description, a business model (electronic transactions needed to complete a business function), trading partner access information, mapping examples, data dictionary</p> <p>Technical Specification Appendices for IMA include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developer Worksheets</li> <li>• IMA Additional Edits (edits from backend OSS systems)</li> <li>• Developer Worksheets Change Summary (field by field, release by release changes)</li> <li>• EDI Mapping and Code Conversion Changes (release by release changes)</li> <li>• Facility Based Directory Listings</li> <li>• Generic Order Flow Business Model</li> </ul> <p>The above list may vary for non-IMA application to application interfaces</p>
Version	A version is the same as an OSS Interface Release (Major or Point Release)

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1. This Agreement contains references to both ICB rates and ICB intervals. The purpose of this exhibit is to identify how CLEC's ICB requests – whether they be for rates or intervals – are processed through and by Qwest.
2. ICB Rate Intervals
  - 2.1 For those products and services identified in the SGAT that contain a provision for ICB rates, Qwest will provide CLEC with a written quote of the ICB rate within twenty (20) business days unless a specific interval for providing the quote is either contained in the SGAT or this Exhibit.
  - 2.2 The purpose of this subsection is to identify those circumstances when the generic twenty (20) business day interval in the aforementioned subsection to this Exhibit does not apply. In these specified circumstances, Qwest shall provide CLEC with an ICB quote within the stated specific intervals:
    - 2.2.1 Quotes for all Bona Fide Requests (BFR) shall be provided in accord with Section 17.
    - 2.2.2 Quotes for all Special Request Processes (SRP) shall be provided in accord with Exhibit F.
    - 2.2.3 Quotes for all collocation requests, regardless of the type of collocation, shall be provided in accord with the Section 8 interval.
    - 2.2.4 Quotes for all Field Connection Point requests shall be provided in accord with Section 9.3.
    - 2.2.5 Quotes for all Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) requests shall be provided in accord with Section 9.
  - 2.3 Upon request, Qwest shall provide CLEC with Qwest's supporting cost data and/or cost studies for the Unbundled Network Element or service that CLEC 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. Consistent with the terms and conditions of any applicable vendor contract or agreement, Qwest shall diligently pursue obtaining the release of cost information as soon as reasonably possible. To the extent consistent with the terms and obligations of any applicable vendor contract or agreement, Qwest shall request the release of

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vendor cost information when Qwest communicates with the vendor(s) when Qwest seeks a quote for the costs of the ICB project. Such cost data shall be treated as confidential information if requested by Qwest under the non-disclosure sections of this Agreement.

#### 3. ICB Provisioning Intervals

- 3.1 For those products and services provided pursuant to this SGAT that contain a provision for ICB interval but do not contain a specific provision for when the ICB interval shall be provided, the ICB interval shall be provided within twenty (20) business days of receipt of the order, request or application.
- 3.2 For ICB intervals for those products and services that require negotiated project time lines for installation, such as 2/4 wire analog loop for more than twenty-five (25) loops, the Qwest representative, authorized to commit to intervals, shall meet with CLEC's representative within seven (7) business days of receipt of the request from CLEC to negotiate intervals.

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Election of Reciprocal Compensation Option

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### PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE PLAN

#### 1.0 Introduction

1.1 As set forth in this Agreement, Qwest and CLEC voluntarily agree to the terms of the following Performance Assurance Plan ("PAP"), prepared in conjunction with Qwest's application for approval under Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") to offer in-region long distance service.

#### 2.0 Plan Structure

2.1 The PAP is a two-tiered, self-executing remedy plan. CLEC shall be provided with Tier 1 payments if, as applicable, Qwest does not provide parity between the service it provides to CLEC and that which it provides to its own retail customers, or Qwest fails to meet applicable benchmarks.

2.1.1 As specified in section 7.0, if Qwest fails to meet parity and benchmark standards on an aggregate CLEC basis, Qwest shall make Tier 2 payments to a Fund administered by the state regulatory commission or, if required by existing law, to the state general fund.

2.2 As specified in sections 6.0 and 7.0 and Attachments 1 and 2, payment is generally on a per occurrence basis, (i.e., a set dollar payment times the number of non-conforming service events). For the performance measurements which do not lend themselves to per occurrence payment, payment is on a per measurement basis, (i.e., a set dollar payment). The level of payment also depends upon the number of consecutive months of non-conforming performance, (i.e., an escalating payment the longer the duration of non-conforming performance).

2.3 Qwest shall be in conformance with the parity standard when service Qwest provides to CLEC is equivalent to that which it provides to its retail customers. The PAP relies upon statistical scoring to determine whether any difference between CLEC and Qwest performance results is significant, that is, not attributable to simple random variation. Statistical parity shall exist when performance results for CLEC and for Qwest retail analogue result in a z-value that is no greater than the critical z-values listed in the Critical Z-Statistical Table in section 5.0.

2.4 For performance measurements that have no Qwest retail analogue, agreed upon benchmarks shall be used. Benchmarks shall be evaluated using a "stare and compare" method. For example, if the benchmark is for a particular performance measurement is 95% or better, Qwest performance results must be at least 95% to meet the benchmark. Percentage benchmarks will be adjusted to round the allowable number of misses up or down to the closest integer, except when a benchmark standard and low CLEC volume are such that a 100% performance result

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would be required to meet the standard and has not been attained. In such a situation, the determination of whether Qwest meets or fails the benchmark standard will be made using performance results for the month in question, plus a sufficient number of consecutive months so that a 100% performance result would not be required to meet the standard. For purposes of section 6.2, a meet or fail determined by this procedure shall count as a single month.

### 3.0 Performance Measurements

3.1 The performance measurements included in the PAP are set forth in Attachment 1. Each performance measurement identified is defined in the Performance Indicator Definitions ("PIDs") developed in the ROC Operational Support System ("OSS") collaborative, and which are included in the SGAT at Exhibit B. The measurements have been designated as Tier 1, Tier 2, or both Tier 1 and Tier 2 and given a High, Medium, or Low designation.

### 4.0 Statistical Measurement

4.1 Qwest uses a statistical test, namely the modified "z-test," for evaluating the difference between two means (i.e., Qwest and CLEC service or repair intervals) or two percentages (e.g., Qwest and CLEC proportions), to determine whether a parity condition exists between the results for Qwest and the CLEC(s). The modified z-tests shall be applicable if the number of data points are greater than 30 for a given measurement. For testing measurements for which the number of data points are 30 or less, Qwest will use a permutation test to determine the statistical significance of the difference between Qwest and CLEC.

4.2 Qwest shall be in conformance when the monthly performance results for parity measurements (whether in the form of means, percents, or proportions and at the equivalent level of disaggregation) are such that the calculated z-test statistics are not greater than the critical z-values as listed in Table 1, section 5.0.

4.3 Qwest shall be in conformance with benchmark measurements when the monthly performance result equals or exceeds the benchmark, if a higher value means better performance, and when the monthly performance result equals or is less than the benchmark if a lower value means better performance.

The formula for determining parity using the modified z-test is:

$$z = \text{DIFF} / \sigma_{\text{DIFF}}$$

Where:

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

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$M_{QWEST}$  = Qwest average or proportion

$M_{CLEC}$  = CLEC average or proportion

$\sigma_{DIFF}$  = square root  $\left[ \sigma^2_{Qwest} \left( \frac{1}{n_{CLEC}} + \frac{1}{n_{Qwest}} \right) \right]$

$\sigma^2_{Qwest}$  = calculated variance for Qwest

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

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

The modified z-tests will be applied to reported parity measurements that contain more than 30 data points.

In calculating the difference between Qwest and CLEC performance, the above formula applies when a larger Qwest value indicates a better level of performance. In cases where a smaller Qwest value indicates a higher level of performance, the order is reversed, i.e.,  $M_{CLEC} - M_{QWEST}$ .

4.3.1 For parity measurements where the number of data points is 30 or less, Qwest will apply a permutation test to test for statistical significance. Permutation analysis will be applied to calculate the z-statistic using the following logic:

Calculate the modified z-statistic for the actual arrangement of the data

Pool and mix the CLEC and Qwest data sets

Perform the following 1000 times:

Randomly subdivide the pooled data sets into two pools, one the same size as the original CLEC data set ( $n_{CLEC}$ ) and one reflecting the remaining data points, and one reflecting the remaining data points, (which is equal to the size of the original Qwest data set or  $n_{QWEST}$ ).

Compute and store the modified z-test score ( $Z_S$ ) for this sample.

Count the number of times the z-statistic for a permutation of the data is greater than the actual modified z- statistic

Compute the fraction of permutations for which the statistic for the rearranged data is greater than the statistic for the actual samples

If the fraction is greater than  $\alpha$ , the significance level of the test, the hypothesis of no difference is not rejected, and the test is passed. The  $\alpha$  shall be .05 when the critical z value is 1.645 and .15 when the critical z value is 1.04.

### 5.0 Critical Z-Value



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5.1 The following table shall be used to determine the critical z-value that is referred to in section 6.0. It is based on the monthly business volume of the CLEC for the particular performance measurements for which statistic testing is being performed.

**TABLE 1: CRITICAL Z-VALUE**

CLEC volume (Sample size)	LIS Trunks, UDITs, Resale, UBL-DS1 and DS-3	All Other
1-10	1.04*	1.645
11-150	1.645	1.645
151-300	2.0	2.0
301-600	2.7	2.7
601-3000	3.7	3.7
3001 and above	4.3	4.3

\* The 1.04 applies for individual month testing for performance measurements involving LIS trunks and DS-1 and DS-3 that are UDITs, Resale, or Unbundled Loops. The performance measurements are OP-3d/e, OP-4d/e, OP-5a, OP-6-4/5, MR-5a/b, MR-7d/e, and MR-8.

For purposes of determining consecutive month misses, 1.645 shall be used. Where performance measurements disaggregate to zone 1 and zone 2, the zones shall be combined for purposes of statistical testing.

### 6.0 Tier 1 Payments to CLEC

6.1 Tier 1 payments to CLEC shall be made solely for the performance measurements designated as Tier 1 on Attachment 1. The payment amount for non-conforming service varies depending upon the designation of performance measurements as High, Medium, and Low and the duration of the non-conforming service condition as described below. Non-conforming service is defined in section 4.0.

6.1.1 Determination of Non-Conforming Measurements: The number of performance measurements that are determined to be non-conforming and, therefore, eligible for Tier 1 payments, are limited according to the critical z-value shown in Table 1, section 5.0. The critical z-values are the statistical standard that determines for each CLEC performance measurement whether Qwest has met parity. The critical z-value is selected from Table 1 according to the monthly CLEC volume for the performance measurement. For instance, if the CLEC sample size for that month is 100, the critical z-value is 1.645 for the statistical testing of that parity performance measurement.

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6.2 Determination of the Amount of Payment: Tier 1 payments to CLEC, except as provided for in sections 6.3 and 10.0, are calculated and paid monthly based on the number of performance measurements exceeding the critical z-value. Payments will be made on either a per occurrence or per measurement basis, depending upon the performance measurement, using the dollar amounts specified in Table 2 below. The dollar amounts vary depending upon whether the performance measurement is designated High, Medium, or Low and escalate depending upon the number of consecutive months for which Qwest has not met the standard for the particular measurement.

6.2.1 The escalation of payments for consecutive months of non-conforming service will be matched month for month with de-escalation of payments for every month of conforming service. For example, if Qwest has four consecutive monthly "misses" it will make payments that escalate from month 1 to month 4 as shown in Table 2. If, in the next month, service meets the standard, Qwest makes no payment. A payment "indicator" de-escalates down from month 4 to month 3. If Qwest misses the following month, it will make payment at the month 3 level of Table 2 because that is where the payment "indicator" presently sits. If Qwest misses again the following month, it will make payments that escalate back to the month 4 level. The payment level will de-escalate back to the original month 1 level only upon conforming service sufficient to move the payment "indicator" back to the month 1 level.

6.2.2 For those performance measurements listed on Attachment 2 as "Performance Measurements Subject to Per Measurement Caps," payment to a CLEC in a single month shall not exceed the amount listed in Table 2 below for the "Per Measurement" category. For those performance measurements listed on Attachment 2 as "Performance Measurements Subject to Per Measurement Payments," payment to a CLEC will be the amount set forth in Table 2 below under the section labeled "per measurement."

**TABLE 2: TIER-1 PAYMENTS TO CLEC**

Per Occurrence Measurement Group	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Each following month after Month 6 add
High	\$150	\$250	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$100
Medium	\$ 75	\$150	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$100
Low	\$ 25	\$ 50	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$100

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Measurement Group	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Each following month after Month 6 add
High	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$125,000	\$150,000	\$25,000
Medium	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$10,000
Low	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$5,000

6.3 For collocation, CP-2 and CP-4 performance measurements shall be relied upon for delineation of collocation business rules. For purposes of calculating Tier 1 payments, collocation jobs and collocation feasibility studies that are later than the due date will have a per day payment applied according to Table 3. The per day payment will be applied to any collocation job in which the feasibility study is provided or the collocation installation is completed later than the scheduled date. The calculation of the payment amount will be performed by applying the per day payment amounts as specified in Table 3. Thus, for days 1 through 10, the payment is \$150 per day. For days 11 through 20, the payment is \$300 per day and so on.

**TABLE 3: TIER-1 COLLOCATION PAYMENTS TO CLECS**

Days Late	Completion Date	Feasibility Study
1 to 10 days	\$150/day	\$45/day
11 to 20 days	\$300/day	\$90/day
21 to 30 days	\$450/day	\$135/day
31 to 40 days	\$600/day	\$180/day
More than 40 days	\$1,000/day	\$300/day

6.4 A minimum payment calculation shall be performed at the end of each year for each CLEC with annual order volumes of no more than 1,200. The payment shall be calculated by multiplying \$2,000 by the number of months in which at least one payment was made to the CLEC. To the extent that the actual CLEC payment for the year is less than the product of the preceding calculation, Qwest shall make an additional payment equal to the difference.

### 7.0 Tier 2 Payments to the State

7.1 Payments to the State shall be limited to the performance measurements designated in section 7.4 for Tier 2 per measurement payments and in Attachment 1 for per occurrence payments and which have at least 10 data points each month for the period payments are being calculated. Similar to the Tier 1 structure, Tier 2

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measurements are categorized as High, Medium, and Low and the amount of payments for non-conformance varies according to this categorization.

7.2 **Determination of Non-Conforming Measurements:** The determination of non-conformance will be based upon the aggregate of all CLEC data for each Tier 2 performance measurement. Non-conforming service is defined in section 4.2 (for parity measurements) and 4.3 (for benchmark measurements), except that a 1.645 critical z-value shall be used for all parity measurements but MR-2 and OP-2. The critical z-value is the statistical standard that determines for each performance measurement whether Qwest has met parity.

7.3 **Determination of the Amount of Payment:** Except as provided in section 7.4, Tier 2 payments are calculated and paid monthly based on the number of performance measurements exceeding the critical z-value, identified in section 7.2, in a single month. Payment will be made on either a per occurrence or per measurement basis, whichever is applicable to the performance measurement, using the dollar amounts specified in Table 4 or Table 5 below. Except as provided in section 7.4, the dollar amounts vary depending upon whether the performance measurement is designated High, Medium, or Low.

7.3.1 For those Tier 2 measurements listed on Attachment 2 as "Performance Measurements Subject to Per Measurement Caps," payment to the State in a single month shall not exceed the amount listed in Table 4 for the "Per Measurement" category.

**TABLE 4: TIER-2 PAYMENTS TO STATE FUNDS**

Per Occurrence

Measurement Group	
High	\$500
Medium	\$300
Low	\$200

Per Measurement/Cap

Measurement Group	
High	\$75,000
Medium	\$30,000
Low	\$20,000

7.4 **Performance Measurements Subject to Per Measurement Payment:** The following Tier 2 performance measurements shall have their performance results measured on a region-wide (14 state) basis. Failure to meet the performance standard, therefore, will result in a per measurement payment in each of the Qwest in-region 14 states adopting this PAP. The performance measurements are:

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- GA-1: Gateway Availability - IMA-GUI
- GA-2: Gateway Availability - IMA-EDI
- GA-3: Gateway Availability – EB-TA
- GA-4: System Availability – EXACT
- GA-6: Gateway Availability – GUI-Repair
- PO-1: Pre-Order/Order Response Times
- OP-2: Call Answered within Twenty Seconds – Interconnect Provisioning Center
- MR-2: Calls Answered within Twenty Seconds – Interconnect Repair Center

GA-1 has two sub-measurements: GA-1A and GA-1D. PO-1 shall have two sub-measurements: PO-1A and PO-1B. PO-1A and PO-1B shall have their transaction types aggregated together.

For these measurements, Qwest will make a Tier 2 payment based upon monthly performance results according to Table 5: Tier 2 Per Measurement Payments to State Funds.

**TABLE 5: TIER-2 PER MEASUREMENT PAYMENTS TO STATE FUNDS**

Measurement	Performance	State Payment	14 State Payment
GA-1,2,3,4,6	1% or lower	\$1,000	\$14,000
	>1% to 3%	\$10,000	\$140,000
	>3% to 5%	\$20,000	\$280,000
	>5%	\$30,000	\$420,000
PO-1	2 sec. Or less	\$1,000	\$14,000
	>2 sec. to 5 sec.	\$5,000	\$70,000
	>5 sec. to 10 sec.	\$10,000	\$140,000
	>10 sec.	\$15,000	\$210,000
OP-2/MR-2	1% or lower	\$1,000	\$14,000
	>1% to 3%	\$5,000	\$70,000
	>3% to 5%	\$10,000	\$140,000
	>5%	\$15,000	\$210,000

7.5 Payment of Tier 2 Funds: Payments to a state fund shall be used for any purpose determined by the Commission that is allowed to it by state law. If the Commission is not permitted by state law to receive or administer Tier 2 payments, payments shall be made to the state general fund or to such other source as may be provided for under state law.

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## 8.0 Step by Step Calculation of Monthly Tier 1 Payments to CLEC

8.1 Application of the Critical Z-Values: Qwest shall identify the Tier 1 parity performance measurements that measure the service provided to CLEC by Qwest for the month in question and the critical z-value from Table 1 in section 5.0 that shall be used for purposes of statistical testing for each particular performance measurement. The statistical testing procedures described in section 4.0 shall be applied. For the purpose of determining the critical z-values, each disaggregated category of a performance measurement is treated as a separate sub-measurement. The critical z-value to be applied is determined by the CLEC volume at each level of disaggregation or sub-measurement.

8.2 Performance Measurements for which Tier 1 Payment is Per Occurrence:

8.2.1 Performance Measurements that are Averages or Means:

8.2.1.1 Step 1: For each performance measurement, the average or the mean that would yield the critical z-value shall be calculated. The same denominator as the one used in calculating the z-statistic for the measurement shall be used. (For benchmark measurements, the benchmark value shall be used.)

8.2.1.2 Step 2: The percentage differences between the actual averages and the calculated averages shall be calculated. The calculation is  $\% \text{ diff} = (\text{CLEC result} - \text{Calculated Value}) / \text{Calculated Value}$ .

8.2.1.3 Step 3: For each performance measurement, the total number of data points shall be multiplied by the percentage calculated in the previous step and the per occurrence dollar amounts from the Tier 1 Payment Table shall determine the payment to the CLEC for each non-conforming performance measurement.

8.2.2 Performance Measurements that are Percentages:

8.2.2.1 Step 1: For each performance measurement, the percentage that would yield the critical z-value shall be calculated. The same denominator as the one used in calculating the z-statistic for the measurement shall be used. (For benchmark measurements, the benchmark value shall be used.)

8.2.2.2 Step 2: The difference between the actual percentages for the CLEC and the calculated percentages shall be determined.

8.2.2.3 Step 3: For each performance measurement, the total number of data points shall be multiplied by the difference in percentage calculated in the previous step, and the per occurrence dollar amount taken from the Tier 1 Payment Table, to determine the payment to the CLEC for each non-conforming performance measurement.

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### 8.2.3 Performance Measurements that are Ratios or Proportions:

8.2.3.1 Step 1: For each performance measurement the ratio that would yield the critical z-value shall be calculated. The same denominator as the one used in calculating the z-statistic for the measurement shall be used. (For benchmark measurements, the benchmark value shall be used.)

8.2.3.2 Step 2: The absolute difference between the actual rate for the CLEC and the calculated rate shall be determined.

8.2.3.3 Step 3: For each performance measurement, the total number of data points shall be multiplied by the difference calculated in the previous step, and the per occurrence dollar amount taken from the Tier 1 Payment Table, to determine the payment to the CLEC for each non-conforming performance measurement.

### 8.3 Performance Measurements for which Tier 1 Payment is Per Measure:

8.3.1 For each performance measurement where Qwest fails to meet the standard, the payment to the CLEC shall be the dollar amount shown on the "per measure" portion of Table 2: Tier 1 Payments to CLEC.

## 9.0 Step by Step Calculation of Monthly Tier 2 Payments to State Funds

9.1 Application of the Critical Z-Values: Qwest shall identify the Tier 2 parity performance measurements that measure the service provided to all CLECs by Qwest for the month in question. The statistical testing procedures described in section 4.0 shall be applied, except that a 1.645 critical z-value shall be used for all parity measurements except MR-2 and OP-2. If Qwest misses a performance standard and there are at least 10 data points for the performance measurement, a Tier 2 payment will be calculated and paid as described below and will continue in each succeeding month until Qwest's performance meets the applicable standard.

### 9.2 Performance Measurements for which Tier 2 Payment is Per Occurrence:

#### 9.2.1 Performance Measurements that are Averages or Means:

9.2.1.1 Step 1: The monthly average or the mean for each performance measurement that would yield the critical z-value for each month shall be calculated. The same denominator as the one used in calculating the z-statistic for the measurement shall be used. (For benchmark measurements, the benchmark value shall be used.)

9.2.1.2 Step 2: The percentage difference between the actual averages and the calculated averages for each month shall be calculated. The calculation for parity measurements is  $\% \text{ diff} = (\text{actual average} - \text{calculated average}) / \text{calculated average}$ .

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9.2.1.3 Step 3: For each performance measurement, the total number of data points for the non-conforming month shall be multiplied by the percentage calculated in the previous step and multiplied by the result of the per occurrence dollar amount taken from the Tier 2 Payment Table to determine the payment to the State for each non-conforming performance measurement.

### 9.3 Performance Measurements that are Percentages:

9.3.1 Step 1: For each performance measurement, the monthly percentage that would yield the critical z-value for each month shall be calculated. The same denominator as the one used in calculating the z-statistic for the measurement shall be used. (For benchmark measurements, the benchmark value shall be used.)

9.3.1.2 Step 2: The difference between the actual percentages and the calculated percentages for the non-conforming month shall be calculated. The calculation for parity measurement is  $\text{diff} = (\text{CLEC result} - \text{calculated percentage})$ . This formula shall be applicable where a high value is indicative of poor performance. The formula shall be reversed where high performance is indicative of good performance.

9.3.1.3 Step 3: For each performance measurement, the total number of data points for the non-conforming month shall be multiplied by the difference in percentage calculated in the previous step and multiplied by the result of the per occurrence dollar amounts taken from the Tier 2 Payment Table to determine the payment to the State.

### 9.4 Performance Measurements that are Ratios or Proportions:

9.4.1 Step 1: For each performance measurement, the ratio that would yield the critical z-value for each month shall be calculated. The same denominator as the one used in calculating the z-statistic for the measurement shall be used. (For benchmark measurements, the benchmark value shall be used.)

9.4.1.1 Step 2: The difference between the actual rate for the CLEC and the calculated rate for the non-conforming month shall be calculated. The calculation is:  $\text{diff} = (\text{CLEC rate} - \text{calculated rate})$ . This formula shall apply where a high value is indicative of poor performance. The formula shall be reversed where high performance is indicative of good performance.

9.4.1.2 Step 3: For each performance measurement, the total number of data points shall be multiplied by the difference calculated in the previous step for the non-conforming month and multiplied by the result of the per occurrence dollar amounts taken from the Tier 2 Payment Table to determine the payment to the State.



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### 9.5 Performance Measurements for which Tier 2 Payment is Per Measure:

9.5.1 For each performance measurement where Qwest fails to meet the standard, the payment to the State Fund shall be the dollar amount shown on the "per measure" portion of the Tier 2 Payment Table.

### 10.0 Low Volume, Developing Markets

10.1 For certain qualifying performance standards, if the aggregate monthly volumes of CLECs participating in the PAP are more than 10, but less than 100, Qwest will make Tier 1 payments to CLECs for failure to meet the parity or benchmark standard for the qualifying performance sub-measurements. The qualifying sub-measurements are the UNE-P (POTS), megabit resale, and ADSL qualified loop product disaggregation of OP-3, OP-4, OP-5a, MR-3, MR-5, MR-7, and MR-8. If the aggregate monthly CLEC volume is greater than 100, the provisions of this section shall not apply to the qualifying performance sub-measurement.

10.2 The determination of whether Qwest has met the parity or benchmark standards will be made using aggregate volumes of CLECs participating in the PAP. In the event Qwest does not meet the applicable performance standards, a total payment to affected CLECs will be determined in accordance with the high, medium, low designation for each performance measurement (see Attachment 1) and as described in section 8.0, except that CLEC aggregate volumes will be used. In the event the calculated total payment amount to CLECs is less than \$5,000, a minimum payment of \$5,000 shall be made. The resulting total payment amount to CLECs will be apportioned to the affected CLECs based upon each CLEC's relative share of the number of total service misses.

10.3 At the six (6)-month reviews, Qwest will consider adding to the above list of qualifying performance sub-measurements, new products disaggregation representing new modes of CLEC entry into developing markets.

### 11.0 Payment

11.1 Payments to CLEC, the State, or the Special Fund shall be made one month following the due date of the performance measurement report for the month for which payment is being made. Qwest will pay interest on any late payment and underpayment at the prime rate as reported in the Wall Street Journal. On any overpayment, Qwest is allowed to offset future payments by the amount of the overpayment plus interest at the prime rate.

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11.2 Payment to CLEC shall be made via bill credits. Bill credits shall be identified on a summary format substantially similar to that distributed as a prototype to the CLECs and the Commissions. To the extent that a monthly payment owed to CLEC under this PAP exceeds the amount owed to Qwest by CLEC on a monthly bill, Qwest will issue a check or wire transfer to CLEC in the amount of the overage. Payment to the State shall be made via check or wire transfer.

11.3 Upon the execution of a memorandum of understanding with the South Dakota Commission, a South Dakota Special Fund and a South Dakota Discretionary Fund shall be created for the purposes and in accordance with section 11.0. The South Dakota Commission shall authorize disbursement of funds. All claims against the funds shall be presented to the Commission and shall be the responsibility of the South Dakota Commission.

11.3.1 Qwest shall establish the South Dakota Special Fund and the South Dakota Discretionary Fund as separate interest bearing escrow accounts. Upon Qwest receiving effective section 271 authority from the FCC for the state of South Dakota, the Commission shall determine and direct Qwest to deposit into the South Dakota Special Fund either 1) one-fifth of all Tier 1 payments that exceed the month 1 payment amounts in Table 2 and one-third of all Tier 2 payments or 2) 50% of all Tier 2 payments. Qwest shall deposit any other Tier 2 payments into the South Dakota Discretionary Fund. The costs of the escrow accounts will be paid for from the accounts' funds.

11.3.2 The South Dakota Special Fund shall be created to pay the independent auditor and audit costs for the purpose of regional or state audits as specified in section 15.1 or, and to pay expenses incurred by the Commission in participating in any regional review of the PIDs. Disbursements from the South Dakota Special Fund shall first be from Tier 2 funds and second from Tier 1 funds. Not less than every two years, Tier 1 funds that are not needed to meet the continuing obligations of the Special Fund shall be returned on a pro-rata basis to CLECs, including any interest not used for fund administration. Other than the transfer of funds allowed in section 11.3.2.1, disbursements from the South Dakota Discretionary Fund shall be for, but not limited to, South Dakota telecommunications initiatives. Any excess funds in the South Dakota Special Fund may be transferred to the South Dakota Discretionary Fund at the Commission's discretion.

11.3.2.1 If the South Dakota Commission chooses not to participate in the regional audit pursuant to section 15.1 and the account balance of the South Dakota Special Fund escrow account is less than \$50,000 at the time of any state audit described in section 15.1, a transfer of funds from the South Dakota Discretionary Fund to the South Dakota Special Fund shall be allowed in the amount necessary to bring the South Dakota Special Fund balance to \$50,000.

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11.3.3 Notwithstanding the provisions herein, Qwest shall advance sufficient funds to any consolidated Special Fund established by participating states, set up for the purpose of a regional audit as specified in sections 15.1, not to exceed \$200,000 (or \$500,000 in the event 6 or more states participate in the regional audit) in order to meet initial claims against that Fund to the extent that contributions from Tier 1 and/or Tier 2 payments are insufficient. Qwest shall be allowed to recover any such advances plus interest at the rate that such an escrow account would have earned from future Tier 2 payments.

### 12.0 Cap on Tier 1 and Tier 2 Payments

12.1 There shall be a cap on the total payments made by Qwest for a 12-month period beginning with the effective date of the PAP for the State of South Dakota. The annual cap for the State of South Dakota shall be 36% of the prior year's ARMIS Net Return, or \$15,000,000, whichever is greater, subject to any applicable adjustments permitted pursuant to section 12.2. Qwest shall submit to the Commission the calculation of each year's cap no later than 30 days after submission of ARMIS results to the FCC. CLEC agrees that this amount constitutes a maximum annual cap that shall apply to the aggregate total of Tier 1 liquidated damages, including any such damages paid pursuant to this Agreement, any other interconnection agreement, or any other payments made for the same underlying activity or omission under any other contract, order or rule and Tier 2 assessments or payments made by Qwest for the same underlying activity or omission under any other contract, order or rule.

12.2 If Qwest payments equal or exceed the annual cap for two years in a row or equal or exceed 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the annual cap in a combination of two consecutive months, the Commission shall have the authority to open a proceeding to request Qwest to explain the non-conforming performance and show that it did not result from Qwest's failure to act in a prudent manner to avoid reasonably foreseeable consequences. The Commission may raise the cap to the amount which Qwest would have paid in the higher of the prior two years, may ask the Federal Communication Commission ("FCC") to halt Qwest's in-region interLATA long distance marketing authority for a particular interval, or may take other appropriate action.

12.3 If the annual cap is reached, each CLEC shall, as of the end of the plan year, be entitled to receive the same percentage of its total calculated Tier 1 payments. In order to preserve the operation of the annual cap, the percentage of equalization shall take place as follows:

12.3.1 The amount by which any month's total year-to-date Tier 1 and Tier 2 payments exceeds the cumulative monthly cap (defined as 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the annual cap times the cumulative number of months to date) shall be calculated and apportioned between Tier 1 and Tier 2 according to the percentage that each bore of total payments for the year-to-date. The Tier 1 apportionment resulting of this calculation shall be known as the "Tracking Account."

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12.3.2 The Tier 1 apportionment shall be debited against the monthly payment due to each CLEC, by applying to the year-to-date payments received by each the percentage necessary to generate the required total Tier 1 amount.

12.3.3 The Tracking Amount shall be apportioned among all CLECs so as to provide each with payments equal in percentage of its total year to date Tier 1 payment calculations.

12.3.4 This calculation shall take place in the first month that the year-to-date total Tier 1 and Tier 2 payments are expected to exceed the cumulative monthly cap and for each month of that year thereafter. Qwest shall recover any debited amounts by reducing payments due to any CLEC for that month and any succeeding months, as necessary.

### 13.0 Limitations

13.1 The PAP shall not become available in the State unless and until Qwest receives effective section 271 authority from the FCC for that State.

13.2 Qwest will not be liable for Tier 1 payments to CLEC in an FCC approved state until the Commission has approved an interconnection agreement between CLEC and Qwest which adopts the provisions of this PAP.

13.3 Qwest shall not be obligated to make Tier 1 or Tier 2 payments for any measurement if and to the extent that non-conformance for that measurement was the result of any of the following: 1) with respect to performance measurements with a benchmark standard, a Force Majeure event as defined in section 5.7 of the SGAT. Qwest will provide notice of the occurrence of a Force Majeure event within 72 hours of the time Qwest learns of the event or within a reasonable time frame that Qwest should have learned of it; 2) an act or omission by a CLEC that is contrary to any of its obligations under its interconnection agreement with Qwest or under federal or state law; an act or omission by CLEC that is in bad faith. Examples of bad faith conduct include, but are not limited to: unreasonably holding service orders and/or applications, "dumping" orders or applications in unreasonably large batches, "dumping" orders or applications at or near the close of a business day, on a Friday evening or prior to a holiday, and failing to provide timely forecasts to Qwest for services or facilities when such forecasts are explicitly required by the SGAT; 3) problems associated with third-party systems or equipment, which could not have been avoided by Qwest in the exercise of reasonable diligence, *provided, however*, that this third party exclusion will not be raised in the State more than three times within a calendar year. If a Force Majeure event or other excusing event recognized in this section merely suspends Qwest's ability to timely perform an activity subject to a performance measurement that is an interval measure, the applicable time frame in which Qwest's compliance with the parity or benchmark criterion is measured will be

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extended on an hour-for-hour or day-for-day basis, as applicable, equal to the duration of the excusing event.

13.3.1 Qwest will not be excused from Tier 1 or Tier 2 payments for any reason except as described in Section 13.0. Qwest will have the burden of demonstrating that its non-conformance with the performance measurement was excused on one of the grounds described in this PAP. A party may petition the Commission to require Qwest to deposit disputed payments into an escrow account when the requesting party can show cause, such as grounds provided in the Uniform Commercial Code for cases of commercial uncertainty.

13.3.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this PAP, it shall not excuse performance that Qwest could reasonably have been expected to deliver assuming that it had designed, implemented, staffed, provisioned, and otherwise provided for resources reasonably required to meet foreseeable volumes and patterns of demands upon its resources by CLECs.

13.4 Qwest's agreement to implement these enforcement terms, and specifically its agreement to pay any "liquidated damages" or "assessments" hereunder, will not be considered as an admission against interest or an admission of liability in any legal, regulatory, or other proceeding relating in whole or in part to the same performance.

13.4.1 CLEC may not use: 1) the existence of this enforcement plan; or 2) Qwest's payment of Tier -1 "liquidated damages" or Tier 2 "assessments" as evidence that Qwest has discriminated in the provision of any facilities or services under Sections 251 or 252, or has violated any state or federal law or regulation. Qwest's conduct underlying its performance measures, however are not made inadmissible by its terms.

13.4.2 By accepting this performance remedy plan, CLEC agrees that Qwest's performance with respect to this remedy plan may not be used as an admission of liability or culpability for a violation of any state or federal law or regulation. (Nothing herein is intended to preclude Qwest from introducing evidence of any Tier 1 "liquidated damages" under these provisions for the purpose of offsetting the payment against any other damages or payments a CLEC might recover.) The terms of this paragraph do not apply to any proceeding before the Commission or the FCC to determine whether Qwest has met or continues to meet the requirements of section 271 of the Act.

13.5 By incorporating these liquidated damages terms into the PAP, Qwest and CLEC accepting this PAP agree that proof of damages from any non-conforming performance measurement would be difficult to ascertain and, therefore, liquidated damages are a reasonable approximation of any contractual damages that may result from a non-conforming performance measurement. Qwest and CLEC further agree that Tier 1 payments made pursuant to this PAP are not intended to be a

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penalty. The application of the assessments and damages provided for herein is not intended to foreclose other non-contractual legal and non-contractual regulatory claims and remedies that may be available to a CLEC.

13.6 This PAP contains a comprehensive set of performance measurements, statistical methodologies, and payment mechanisms that are designed to function together, and only together, as an integrated whole. To elect the PAP, CLEC must adopt the PAP in its entirety in its interconnection agreement with Qwest in lieu of other alternative standards or relief. Where alternative standards or remedies for Qwest's wholesale performance are available under rules, orders, or contracts, including interconnection agreements, CLEC will be limited to either PAP standards and remedies or the standards and remedies available under rules, orders or contracts and CLECs choice of remedies shall be specified in its interconnection agreement.

13.7 Any liquidated damages payment by Qwest under these provisions is not hereby made inadmissible in any proceeding related to the same conduct where Qwest seeks to offset the payments against any other damages a CLEC may recover; whether or not the nature of the damages sought by the CLEC is such that an offset is appropriate will be determined in the relevant proceeding.

13.8 To the extent Qwest believes that some Tier 2 payments required to be made under this PAP would duplicate payments that have been assessed by or on behalf of the Commission pursuant to any service quality rules or Commission orders, Qwest may make such Tier 2 payments to a special interest bearing escrow account and then dispute the payments before the South Dakota Commission. If Qwest can show that the payments relate to the same underlying activity or omission, it may retain the Tier 2 payments and any interest accrued on such payments.

13.9 Whenever a Qwest Tier 1 payment to an individual CLEC exceeds \$3 million in a month, Qwest may commence a proceeding to demonstrate why it should not be required to pay any amount in excess of the \$3 million. Upon timely commencement of the proceeding, Qwest must pay the balance of payments owed in excess of \$3 million into escrow, to be held by a third-party pending the outcome of the proceeding. To invoke these escrow provisions, Qwest must file, not later than the due date of the Tier 1 payments, its application. Qwest will have the burden of proof to demonstrate why, under the circumstances, it would be unjust to require it to make the payments in excess of \$3 million. If Qwest reports non-conforming performance to CLEC for three consecutive months on 20% or more of the measurements reported to CLEC and has incurred no more than \$1 million in liability to CLEC, then CLEC may commence a similar proceeding. In any such proceeding CLEC will have the burden of proof to demonstrate why, under the circumstances, justice requires Qwest to make payments in excess of the amount calculated pursuant to the terms of the PAP. The disputes identified in this section shall be resolved in a manner specified in the Dispute Resolution section of the SGAT with the CLEC.

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13.10 Any payments made by Qwest as a result of the PAP should not: 1) be included as expenses in any Qwest revenue requirement, or 2) be reflected in increased rates to CLECs for services and facilities provided pursuant to Section 251(c) of the Telecommunication Act of 1996 and priced pursuant to Section 252(d) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

13.11 This Exhibit K may be assigned as a part of any agreement to which SGAT Section 5.12.1 is applicable.

### 14.0 Reporting

14.1 Upon receiving effective section 271 authority from the FCC for a state, Qwest will provide CLEC that has an approved interconnection agreement with Qwest, a monthly report of Qwest's performance for the measurements identified in the PAP by the last day of the month following the month for which performance results are being reported. However, Qwest shall have a grace period of five business days, so that Qwest shall not be deemed out of compliance with its reporting obligations before the expiration of the five business day grace period. Qwest will collect, analyze, and report performance data for the measurements listed on Attachment 1 in accordance with the most recent version of the PIDs. Upon CLEC's request, data files of the CLEC's raw data, or any subset thereof, will be transmitted, without charge, to CLEC in a mutually acceptable format, protocol, and transmission medium.

14.2 Qwest will also provide the Commission a monthly report of aggregate CLEC performance results pursuant to the PAP by the last day of the month following the month for which performance results are being reported. However, Qwest shall have a grace period of five business days, so that Qwest shall not be deemed out of compliance with its reporting obligations before the expiration of the five business day grace period. Individual CLEC reports of participating CLECs will also be available to the Commission upon request. By accepting this PAP, CLEC consents to Qwest providing CLEC's report and raw data to the State Commission. Pursuant to the terms of an order of the Commission, Qwest may provide CLEC-specific data that relates to the PAP, 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 the CLEC involved, in order to allow it to prosecute such procedures to their completion. Data files of participating CLEC raw data, or any subset thereof, will be transmitted, without charge, to the Commission in a mutually acceptable format, protocol, and transmission form.

14.3 In the event Qwest does not provide CLEC and the Commission with a monthly report by the last day of the month following the month for which performance results are being reported, Qwest will pay to the State a total of \$500 for each business day for which performance reports are 6 to 10 business days past the

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due date; \$1,000 for each business day for which performance reports are 11 to 15 business days past the due date; and \$2,000 for each business day for which performance results are more than 15 business days past the due date. If reports are on time but are missing performance results, Qwest will pay to the State a total of one-fifth of the late report amount for each missing performance measurement, subject to a cap of the full late report amount. These amounts represent the total payments for omitting performance measurements or missing any report deadlines, rather than a payment per report. Prior to the date of a payment for late reports, Qwest may file a request for a waiver of the payment, which states the reasons for the waiver. The Commission may grant the waiver, deny the waiver, or provide any other relief that may be appropriate.

14.4 To the extent that Qwest recalculates payments made under this PAP, such recalculation shall be limited to the preceding three years (measured from the later of the provision of a monthly credit statement or payment due date). Qwest shall retain sufficient records to demonstrate fully the basis for its calculations for long enough to meet this potential recalculation obligation. CLEC verification or recalculation efforts should be made reasonably contemporaneously with Qwest measurements. In any event, Qwest shall maintain the records in a readily useable format for one year. For the remaining two years, the records may be retained in archived format. Any payment adjustments shall be subject to the interest rate provisions of section 11.1.

### **15.0 Integrated Audit Program/Investigations of Performance Results**

15.1 Audits of the PAP shall be conducted under the auspices of the Commission in accordance with a detailed audit plan developed by an independent auditor and approved by the Commission. The Commission shall select the independent auditor with input from Qwest and the CLECs. The Commission will determine, based upon requests and upon its own investigation, which results and/or measures should be audited. The Commission may, at its discretion, conduct audits through participation in a collaborative process with other states.

15.1.1 The initial audit plan shall be conducted over two years, with audit periods subsequent to the initial audit to be determined by the Commission. The Commission will determine the scope of and procedure for the audit plan, which, at a minimum, will identify the specific performance measurements to be audited, the specific tests to be conducted, and the entity to conduct them. The initial audit plan will give priority to auditing the higher risk areas identified in the Final OSS Report.

15.1.2 The Commission will attempt to coordinate its audit plan with other audit plans that may be conducted by other state commissions so as to avoid duplication. The audit shall be conducted so as not to impede Qwest's ability to comply with the other provisions of the



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PAP and should be of a nature and scope that it can be conducted in accordance with the reasonable course of Qwest's business operations.

15.1.3 Any dispute arising out of the audit plan, the conduct of the audit, or audit results shall be resolved by the Commission.

15.2 Qwest must report to the Commission monthly any changes it makes to the automated or manual processes used to produce performance results including data collection, generation, and reporting. The reports must include sufficient detail to enable the parties to understand the scope and nature of the changes.

15.3 In the event of a disagreement between Qwest and CLEC as to any issue regarding the accuracy or integrity of data collected, generated, and reported pursuant to the PAP, Qwest and the CLEC shall first consult with one another and attempt in good faith to resolve the issue. If an issue is not resolved within 45 days after a request for consultation, CLEC and Qwest may, upon a demonstration of good cause (e.g., evidence of material errors or discrepancies), request an independent audit to be conducted, at the initiating party's expense. The independent auditor will assess the need for an audit based upon whether there exists a material deficiency in the data or whether there exists an issue not otherwise addressed by the audit plan for the current cycle. The Commission will resolve any dispute by any party questioning the independent auditor's decision to conduct or not conduct a CLEC requested audit and the audit findings, should such an audit be conducted. Audit findings will include: (a) general applicability of findings and conclusions (i.e., relevance to CLECs or jurisdictions other than the ones causing test initiation), (b) magnitude of any payment adjustments required and, (c) whether cost responsibility should be shifted based upon the materiality and clarity of any Qwest non-conformance with measurement requirements (no pre-determined variance is appropriate, but should be based on the auditor's professional judgment). CLEC may not request an audit of data more than three years from the later of the provision of a monthly credit statement or payment due date.

15.4 Expenses for the audit of the PAP and any other related expenses incurred by the Commission, except that which may be assigned under section 15.3, shall be paid first from the Tier 2 funds in the Special Fund. If no Special Fund is in existence or Tier 2 funds are not otherwise sufficient to cover audit costs in whole or in part, the Commission will develop an additional funding method that will include contributions from CLECs' Tier 1 payments and from Qwest.

15.5 Any party may petition the Commission to request that Qwest investigate any consecutive Tier 1 miss or any second consecutive Tier 2 miss to determine the cause of the miss and to identify the action needed in order to meet the standard set forth in the performance measurements. Qwest will report the results of its investigation to the Commission, and to the extent an investigation determines that a CLEC was responsible in whole or in part for the Tier 2 misses, Qwest may petition the Commission to request that it receive credit against future Tier 2 payments in an amount equal to the Tier 2

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payments that should not have been made. Qwest may also request that the relevant portion of subsequent Tier 2 payments will not be owed until any responsible CLEC problems are corrected. For the purposes of this sub-section, Tier 1 performance measurements that have not been designated as Tier 2 will be aggregated and the aggregate results will be investigated pursuant to the terms of this agreement.

### 16.0 Reviews

16.1 Every six (6) months beginning six months after the effective date of 271 approval by the FCC for the state of South Dakota, Qwest, CLECs, and the Commission shall participate in a review of the performance measurements to determine whether the measurements should be added, deleted, or modified; whether the applicable benchmark standards should be modified or replaced by standards; and whether to move a classification of a measurement to High, Medium, or Low or Tier 1 to Tier 2. Criteria for review of performance measurement, other than for possible reclassification, shall be whether there exists an omission or failure to capture intended performance, and whether there is duplication of another measurement. After the Commission considers changes proposed in the six month review process, it shall determine what, if any, changes shall be made by Qwest. The Commission retains its independent authority under state law to initiate a proceeding to review the PAP at any time and to order changes to any provisions of the PAP, after notice and hearing, and consistent with due process and other rights of all parties. No new performance measurements shall be added to the PAP that have not been subject to observation as a diagnostic measurement for a period of six (6) months, unless ordered otherwise by the Commission. Any changes made pursuant to this section shall apply to and modify this agreement.

16.1.1 Notwithstanding section 16.1, if any agreements on adding, modifying, deleting, performance measurements as permitted by section 16.1 are reached between Qwest and CLECs participating in an industry Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) PID administration forum, those agreements shall be incorporated into the QPAP and modify the agreement between CLEC and Qwest at any time those agreements are submitted to and approved by the Commission, whether before or after a six-month review.

16.1.2 Nothing in this PAP precludes the Commission from modifying the PAP based upon its independent state law authority, subject to judicial challenge. Nothing in this PAP constitutes a grant of authority by either party to this agreement nor does it constitute a waiver by either party to this agreement of any claim either party may have that the Commission lacks jurisdiction to make any modifications to this PAP,

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including any modifications resulting from the process described in Section 16.0.

16.2 Two years after the effective date of the first FCC 271 approval of the PAP, the Commission, by itself or in conjunction with other state commissions, may conduct a review by a independent third party to examine the continuing effectiveness of the PAP as a means of inducing compliant performance. Except for expenses which may be assigned under section 15.3, the expenses of any review by the state of South Dakota, or if the Commission participates in a multistate review, the expenses shall be paid first from the Tier 2 funds in the Special Fund. If no Special Fund is in existence or Tier 2 funds are not otherwise sufficient to cover audit costs in whole or in part, the Commission will develop an additional funding method that will include contribution from CLECs' Tier 1 payments and from Qwest.

16.3 Qwest will make the PAP available for CLEC interconnection agreements. Upon Qwest's elimination of its Section 272 affiliate or upon it exiting the interLATA market, Qwest may petition the Commission to phase out the PAP. At that time, a review of the PAP shall be conducted to determine whether a phase-out of the PAP is appropriate.

### **17.0 (Reserved for Future Use)**

### **18.0 Dispute Resolution**

Except as otherwise provided in the PAP, the Commission shall resolve any disputes.

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### Attachment 1: Tier 1 and Tier 2 Performance Measurements Subject to Per Occurrence Payment

Performance Measurement		Tier 1 Payments			Tier 2 Payments		
		Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High
<b>GATEWAY</b>							
Timely Outage Resolution	GA-7						X
<b>PRE-ORDER/ORDERS</b>							
LSR Rejection Notice Interval	PO-3 <sup>a</sup>	X					
Firm Order Confirmations On Time	PO-5	X				X	
Work Completion Notification Timeliness	PO-6 <sup>b</sup>	X					
Billing Completion Notification Timeliness	PO-7 <sup>b</sup>	X					
Jeopardy Notice Interval	PO-8	X					
Timely Jeopardy Notices	PO-9	X					
Release Notifications	PO-16						X
(Expanded) – Manual Service Order Accuracy	PO-20 <sup>c</sup>		X				
<b>ORDERING AND PROVISIONING</b>							
Installation Commitments Met	OP-3			X		X	
Installation Intervals	OP-4 <sup>d</sup>			X		X	
New Service Quality	OP-5a,b <sup>e</sup>			X		X	
Delayed Days	OP-6 <sup>f</sup>			X		X	
Number Portability Timeliness	OP-8			X		X	
Coordinated Cuts On Time – Unbundled Loops	OP-13a			X		X	
LNP Disconnect Timeliness	OP-17			X		X	
<b>MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR</b>							
Out of Service Cleared within 24 hours	MR-3			X			
All Troubles Cleared within 4 hours	MR-5			X			
Mean time to Restore	MR-6a,b,c,d <sup>g</sup> , e <sup>g</sup>			X			
Repair Repeat Report Rate	MR-7			X		X	
Trouble Rate	MR-8			X		X	
LNP Trouble Reports Cleared within 24 Hours	MR-11			X		X	
<b>BILLING</b>							
Time to Provide Recorded Usage Records	BI-1	X					X
Billing Accuracy-Adjustments for Errors	BI-3	X					
Billing Completeness	BI-4	X				X	
<b>NETWORK PERFORMANCE</b>							
Trunk Blocking	NI-1			X			X
NXX Code Activation	NP-1			X			X

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- a. PO-3 is limited to PO-3a-1, PO-3b-1, and PO-3c.
- b. PO-6 is included with PO-7 as two "families:" PO-6a/PO-7a and PO-6b/PO-7b. Measurements within each family share a single payment opportunity with only the measurements with the highest payment being paid.
- c. Low Volume Exception: In lieu of Section 2.4 for PO-20, where CLEC order volumes for a given month are less than 17 in Phase 1, less than 13 in Phase 2, and less than 10 in Phase 3 and subsequent phases, a benchmark standard of "no more than one order with PO-20 errors" is applied. Under this provision, no payment applies if there is only one order with errors.  
  
Stabilization Period: For each phase beginning with Phase 1, there will be no more than a 3-month measurement stabilization period for all fields introduced in that phase. Performance results that include all such fields are not subject to payments during the measurement stabilization period.
- d. OP-4 is included with OP-6 as five "families:" OP-4a/OP-6-1, OP-4b/OP-6-2, OP-4c/OP-6-3, OP-4d/OP-6-4, and OP-4e/OP-6-5. Measurements within each family share a single payment opportunity with only the measurement with the highest payment being paid.
- e. Low volume treatment for OP-5b will apply if both (1) the CLEC volume of orders is less than or equal to 29 (the denominator of OP-5t) and (2) the number of orders with trouble in OP-5a is no more than one. When these two conditions are met, a standard of no more than one order with new service trouble applies.
- f. For purposes of the PAP, OP-6a and OP-6b will be combined and treated as one. The combined OP-6 breaks down to OP-6-1 (within MSA), OP-6-2 (outside MSA), OP-6-3 (no dispatch), OP-6-4 (zone 1), and OP-6-5 (zone 2).
- g. Applicable only to xDSL-I capable loops.

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## **Attachment 2: Performance Measurements Subject to Per Measurement Caps**

### Billing

Time to Provide Recorded Usage Records – BI-1 (Tier 1/Tier 2)  
Billing Accuracy – Adjustments for Errors – BI-3 (Tier 1)  
Billing Completeness – BI-4 (Tier 1/Tier 2)

Exhibit L

**ADVICE ADOPTION LETTER**

Director of Interconnection Compliance  
C/O Heidi Higer  
Qwest  
1801 California, Room 2410  
Denver, CO 80202

Re: Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") New Product: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Sir or Madam:

By its signature below, \_\_\_\_\_ ("CLEC") hereby agrees to be bound by the rates, terms and conditions that Qwest has offered and provided on its Web Site for the New Qwest Product identified above as an amendment to its Interconnection Agreement with Qwest for the state(s) of \_\_\_\_\_.

CLEC certifies that the rates, terms, and conditions contained on Attachment A (attached hereto) are the rates, terms and conditions contained on Qwest's web site that have been provided for the New Product identified above.

CLEC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit M

**INTERIM ADVICE ADOPTION LETTER**

Director of Interconnection Compliance  
C/O Heidi Higer  
Qwest  
1801 California, Room 2410  
Denver, CO 80202

Re: Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") New Product: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Sir or Madam:

By its signature below, \_\_\_\_\_ ("CLEC") hereby agrees to be bound by the rates, terms and conditions that Qwest has offered and provided on its Web Site for the New Qwest Product identified above as an interim amendment to its Interconnection Agreement with Qwest for the state(s) of \_\_\_\_\_.

CLEC certifies that the rates, terms, and conditions contained on Attachment A (attached hereto) are the rates, terms and conditions contained on Qwest's web site that have been provided for the New Product identified above.

Qwest acknowledges that CLEC believes that the rates, terms and conditions for the Qwest New Product should be altered and that CLEC enters into this Interim Advice Adoption Letter with the express intention to renegotiate the rates, terms and conditions associated with the Qwest New Product pursuant to the terms of Section 1.7.1.2 of the SGAT. CLEC enters into this Interim Advice Adoption Letter without prejudice to or waiver of any of its rights to challenge the terms and conditions of this Interim Advice Adoption Letter under the Interconnection Agreement, the Act, FCC or state Commission rules.

CLEC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**EXHIBIT N**

<b>Merged Entities</b>	<b>Legal Treatment of Legacy Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Operations</b>	<b>Successor Entity</b>
Brooks Fiber Communications of Idaho, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
Brooks Fiber Communications of Minnesota, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
Brooks Fiber Communications of New Mexico, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
Brooks Fiber Communications of Tucson, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
Brooks Fiber Communications of Tulsa, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
Brooks Fiber Communications of Utah, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
Intermedia Communications LLC	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
Jones Lightwave of Denver, Inc. d/b/a MFS Telecom of Denver, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.	transfer of CLEC assets	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Arizona, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Denver, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Iowa, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Minneapolis/St. Paul, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Nebraska, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Oregon, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Seattle, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC

MFS Telecom, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
MFS Telephone, Inc.	merger	MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC