

Resale Agreement

Between

Qwest Corporation

And

Rough Rider Telco

In the State of North Dakota

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Section 1.0 - GENERAL TERMS

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1.2 This Agreement is effective upon the approval of the Commission, and is between Rough Rider Telco, (“Reseller”) a Minnesota corporation and Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”), a Colorado corporation, pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, for purposes of fulfilling Qwest’s obligations under Sections 222, 251(a), (b), and (c), 252, 271, and other relevant provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

1.3 This Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions and pricing under which Qwest will offer and provide to any requesting Reseller Ancillary services, and Telecommunications Services available for resale within the geographical areas in which both Parties are providing local exchange service at that time, and for which Qwest is the incumbent Local Exchange Carrier within the state of North Dakota for purposes of providing local Telecommunications Services. This Agreement is available for the term set forth herein.

1.4 Because the SGAT is Qwest’s standard contract offer, Resellers with a current Interconnection Agreement may opt into, through Section 252(i) of the Act, any provision of the SGAT by executing an appropriate amendment to its current Interconnection Agreement.

1.4.1 When opting into a provision contained in an existing Interconnection Agreement or the SGAT, Qwest may require Reseller to accept Legitimately Related provisions to ensure that the opted into provision retains the context set forth in the Interconnection Agreement or the SGAT. The expiration date of the Interconnection Agreement from which the opted into provision was selected or the expiration date specified in the SGAT respectively, whichever is closer to the present date, shall be considered Legitimately Related. In all other instances, Qwest bears the burden of establishing that an Interconnection Agreement or SGAT provision is Legitimately Related.

1.4.2 To opt into a provision of the SGAT through Section 252(i), Reseller must provide Qwest with written notice of such intention specifying in detail the provisions of the SGAT selected in the form of a proposed amendment to the Interconnection Agreement which has been signed by Reseller. Qwest shall make a form or sample amendment as well as the currently effective SGAT, available in electronic form for use by Reseller to prepare the written notice. Once Qwest receives such written notice, it shall have a reasonable period of time to submit a formal written response either accepting the change and signing the amendment or identifying those additional provisions that Qwest believes are Legitimately Related and must also be included as part of the amendment. If Qwest identifies additional provisions that Qwest believes are Legitimately Related, Qwest shall specify the provisions in the proposed amendment, if any, to which the additional provisions are not Legitimately Related and which could be included in a revised proposed amendment that would be acceptable to Qwest. Under ordinary circumstances, a reasonable period of time shall be deemed to be fifteen (15) business days. In addition, Qwest shall provide to Reseller in writing an explanation of why Qwest considers the provisions Legitimately Related, including legal, technical, or other considerations. In extraordinary circumstances, where Reseller’s requested modification is complex, Qwest shall have additional time to perform its review. When such extraordinary circumstances exist, Qwest will notify Reseller in

writing within fifteen (15) business days from the notice and advise Reseller that additional time is necessary. In no event shall a reasonable period of time be deemed to be greater than twenty (20) business days from the time of Reseller's notice.

1.4.3 If Qwest has identified additional provisions that Qwest believes are Legitimately Related and has specified provisions in the proposed amendment to which those provisions are not Legitimately Related, Reseller may provide Qwest with a revised proposed amendment that deletes the disputed provisions, which Qwest shall accept and sign. Regardless of whether Reseller provides Qwest with a revised proposed amendment, if Reseller disputes Qwest's written response that additional SGAT provisions are Legitimately Related, then Reseller may immediately demand that the dispute be submitted to dispute resolution and Reseller shall submit such dispute to dispute resolution within fifteen (15) Days from such receipt of Qwest's response. Reseller may, at its sole option, elect to have the dispute resolution conducted through one of the following methods of dispute resolution:

1.4.3.1 The dispute may be settled by the Commission. Such dispute resolution shall be conducted pursuant to Commission rules or regulations specifying a procedure for submission, hearing and resolving issues pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act or rules and regulations specifying procedures for submission of a dispute arising under an Interconnection Agreement, as appropriate. If the Commission shall not have established any such rules or regulations, Reseller may file a complaint with the Commission. The Commission may elect to hear the complaint under expedited procedures.

1.4.3.2 The dispute may be settled by arbitration. Such an arbitration proceeding shall be conducted by a single arbitrator. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted under the then-current rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA). The Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, not state law, shall govern the arbitrability of the dispute. All expedited procedures prescribed by AAA rules shall apply. The arbitrator's award shall be final and binding and may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Except for a finding of bad faith as set forth in 1.8.3.3, each Party shall bear its own costs and attorney's fees, and shall share equally in the fees and expenses of the arbitrator. The arbitration proceedings shall occur in the Denver metropolitan area or in another mutually agreed upon location.

1.4.3.3 Each Party to the dispute shall bear the responsibility of paying its own attorney's fees and costs in prosecuting/defending the action. However, if either Party is found to have brought or defended the action in "bad faith", then that Party shall be responsible for reimbursing the other Party for its reasonable attorney's fees and costs in prosecuting or defending the action.

1.4.4 If Qwest accepts a Reseller proposed change to adopt certain SGAT language and signs the amendment, the Parties shall begin abiding by the terms of the amendment immediately upon Reseller's receipt of the signed amendment. Qwest shall be responsible for submitting the proposed change to the Commission for its approval within ten (10) business days from receipt of the signed amendment. The amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval of the amendment by the Commission.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein and other good and valuable

consideration, the Parties agree as follows:

Section 2.0 - INTERPRETATION AND CONSTRUCTION

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

2.2 The provisions in this Agreement are intended to be in compliance with and based on the existing state of the law, rules, regulations and interpretations thereof, including but not limited to state rules, regulations, and laws, as of April 1, 2003 (the Existing Rules). Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed an admission by Qwest or Reseller concerning the interpretation or effect of the Existing Rules or an admission by Qwest or Reseller that the Existing Rules should not be changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude or estop Qwest or Reseller from taking any position in any forum concerning the proper interpretation or effect of the Existing Rules or concerning whether the Existing Rules should be changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified. To the extent that the Existing Rules are vacated, dismissed, stayed or materially changed or modified, then this Agreement shall be amended to reflect such legally binding modification or change of the Existing Rules. Where the Parties fail to agree upon such an amendment within sixty (60) Days after notification from a Party seeking amendment due to a modification or change of the Existing Rules or if any time during such sixty (60) Day period the Parties shall have ceased to negotiate such new terms for a continuous period of fifteen (15) Days, it shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution provision of this Agreement. It is expressly understood that this Agreement will be corrected, or if requested by Reseller, 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. Rates in Exhibit A will 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. Any amendment shall be deemed effective on the effective date of the legally binding change or modification of the Existing Rules for rates, and to the extent practicable for other terms and conditions, unless otherwise ordered. During the pendency of any negotiation for an amendment pursuant to this Section 2.2, the Parties shall continue to perform their obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, for up to sixty (60)

Days. If the Parties fail to agree on an amendment during the sixty (60) Day negotiation period, the Parties agree that the first matter to be resolved during Dispute Resolution will be the implementation of an interim operating agreement between the Parties regarding the disputed issues, to be effective during the pendency of Dispute Resolution. The Parties agree that the interim operating agreement shall be determined and implemented within the first fifteen (15) Days of Dispute Resolution and the Parties will continue to perform their obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, until the interim operating agreement is implemented. For purposes of this section, "legally binding" means that the legal ruling has not been stayed, no request for a stay is pending, and any deadline for requesting a stay designated by statute or regulation, has passed.

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

Section 3.0 - Reseller 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 Reseller's execution of this Agreement. The Parties shall complete Qwest's "New Customer Questionnaire," as it applies to Reseller'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 Reseller plans to order these services)

Design Layout Request – LIS Trunking and Unbundled Loop (if Reseller 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 Reseller identification codes;

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

Collect credit information;

Obtain Billing information;

Create summary bills;

Establish input and output requirements;

Create and distribute Qwest and Reseller contact lists; and

Identify Reseller hours and holidays.

3.2.2 Resellers that have previously completed a Questionnaire need not fill out a new New Customer Questionnaire; however, Reseller 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, Reseller will need to complete the relevant new product questionnaire and amend this Agreement.

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 Reseller 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 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.

"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.

"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.

"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 Reseller delivers Automatic Location Identification (ALI) data for Reseller Customers. Access to

the ALI Gateway will be via a dial-up modem using a common protocol.

“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.

“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.

“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” - Reseller 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. Resellers may also utilize a Qwest Access Tandem for the exchange of local traffic as set forth in this Agreement.

“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.

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

"Commission" means the North Dakota Public Service 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.

"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 Reseller

Customer, measured in minutes, sub-minute increments, message units or otherwise, that is recorded by Qwest AMA equipment and forwarded to Reseller.

“Day” means calendar days unless otherwise specified.

“Desired Due Date” means the desired service activation date as requested by Reseller on a service order.

“Digital Signal Level” or “DSL” 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.

“Directory Assistance Database” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.

“Directory Assistance Lists” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.

“Effective Date” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.2

“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.

“Emergency Service Number” or “ESN” is a three (3) to five (5) 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 (2) 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 6.

"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)" 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 the 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.

"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 Reseller to confirm that the Reseller 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.

"Individual Case Basis" or "ICB" means each request will be priced individually.

"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.

"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.

"Legitimately Related" terms and conditions are those rates, terms, and conditions that relate solely to the individual interconnection, service or element being requested by Reseller 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.

"Line Information Database" or "LIDB" shall have the meaning as set forth in Section 6.

“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.

"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.

"Miscellaneous Charges" mean cost-based charges that Qwest may assess in addition to recurring and nonrecurring rates set forth in Exhibit A, for activities Reseller requests Qwest to perform, activities Reseller authorizes, or charges that are a result of Reseller'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.

“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 Reseller, automatically processes that transaction, returns the response to that transaction to Reseller 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 Reseller's OSS application, the processing time for Qwest's representatives should be the same as the processing time for Reseller's representatives. Current benchmarks using TCIF 98-006 averages between two (2) and four (4) 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.

"911 Service" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.

"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 (1) of the seven (7) 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 fifty (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 (3) digit indicator that is defined by the "A," "B" and "C" digits of each ten (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 (3) digit Switch entity code which is defined by the D, E, and F digits of a ten (10) digit telephone number within the NANP.

"Operational Support Systems" or "OSS" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.

"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.

"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 Reseller and "Parties" means Qwest and Reseller.

"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.

“POTS” means plain old telephone service.

"Proof of Authorization" (“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.

“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.

"Resale Agreement" or "Agreement" is an agreement entered into between Qwest and Reseller for ancillary services and resale of telecommunication services as a result of negotiations, adoption and/or arbitration or a combination thereof pursuant to Section 252 of the Act.

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

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

“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.”

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

“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.

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

“Stand-Alone Test Environment” or “SATE” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.

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

"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.

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

“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.

"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.

"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.

"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 Reseller 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 Reseller, 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.

"Work Locations" means any real estate that Reseller 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.

Section 5.0 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS

5.1 General Provisions

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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 Reseller 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 upon Commission approval, pursuant to Section 252 of the Act (the Effective Date). 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, Reseller may obtain Interconnection services under the terms and conditions of a then-existing AGREEMENT or Agreement to become effective at the conclusion of the term or prior to the conclusion of the term if Reseller 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 service, 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 line disconnected pursuant to this paragraph. The Billing Party will notify the billed Party in writing 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 Reseller 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, Reseller and Qwest shall pay all undisputed amounts due. Both Reseller and Qwest agree to expedite the investigation of any disputed amounts, promptly provide all documentation regarding the amount disputed that is reasonably requested by the other Party, and work in good faith in an effort to resolve and settle the dispute prior to initiating any other rights or remedies.

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

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

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

5.4.5 Each Party will determine the other Party's credit status based on previous payment history or credit reports such as Dun and Bradstreet. If a Party has not established satisfactory credit with the other Party according to the above provisions

or the Party is repeatedly delinquent in making its payments, or the Party is being reconnected after a disconnection of service or discontinuance of the processing of orders by the Billing Party due to a previous nonpayment situation, the Billing Party may require a deposit to be held as security for the payment of charges before the orders from the billed Party will be provisioned and completed or before reconnection of service. "Repeatedly delinquent" means any payment received thirty (30) calendar Days or more after the payment Due Date, three (3) or more times during a twelve (12) month period. The deposit may not exceed the estimated total monthly charges for an average two (2) month period within the 1st three (3) months for all services. The deposit may be a surety bond if allowed by the applicable Commission regulations, a letter of credit with terms and conditions acceptable to the Billing Party, or some other form of mutually acceptable security such as a cash deposit. Required deposits are due and payable within thirty (30) calendar Days after demand.

5.4.6 Interest will be paid on cash deposits at the rate applying to deposits under applicable Commission regulations. Cash deposits and accrued interest will be credited to the billed Party's account or refunded, as appropriate, upon the 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 (1) 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 Reseller 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 all insurance required by law and Commercial General Liability insurance covering claims for bodily injury, death, personal injury or property damage 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. Such coverage shall be written with insurers having a "Best's" rating of A- VII. Upon request each Party will provide a certificate of insurance evidencing coverage. Such certificate 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.

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 Reseller under this Agreement during the contract year in which the cause accrues or arises. Payments pursuant to the QPAP should not be counted against the limit provided for in the SGAT Section.

5.8.2 Neither Party shall be liable to the other for indirect, incidental, consequential, or special damages, including (without limitation) damages for lost profits, lost revenues, lost savings suffered by the other Party regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, warranty, strict liability, tort, including (without limitation) negligence of any kind and regardless of whether the Parties know the possibility that such damages could result. 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 or (ii) damage to tangible real or personal property proximately caused solely by such Party's negligent act or omission or that of their respective agents, subcontractors or employees.

5.8.5 Nothing contained in this Section 5.8 shall limit either Party's obligations of indemnification specified in this Agreement, nor shall this Section 5.8 limit a Party's

liability for failing to make any payment due under this Agreement.

5.9 Indemnity

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

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

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

5.9.2 The indemnification provided herein shall be conditioned upon:

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

5.9.2.2 If the indemnifying Party wishes to defend against such action, it shall give written notice to the indemnified Party of acceptance of the defense of such action. In such event, the Indemnifying Party shall have sole authority to defend any such action, including the selection of legal counsel, and the Indemnified Party may engage separate legal counsel only at its sole cost and

expense. In the event that the Indemnifying Party does not accept the defense of the action, the Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ counsel for such defense at the expense of the Indemnifying Party. Each Party agrees to cooperate with the other Party in the defense of any such action and the relevant records of each Party shall be available to the other Party with respect to any such defense.

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

5.10 Intellectual Property

5.10.1 Except for a license to use any facilities or equipment (including software) solely for the purposes of this Agreement or to receive any service solely (a) as provided in this Agreement or (b) as specifically required by the then-applicable federal and state rules and regulations relating to Interconnection and access to telecommunications facilities and services, nothing contained within this Agreement shall be construed as the grant of a license, either express or implied, with respect to any patent, copyright, trade name, trademark, 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 Reseller 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 Reseller 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 Reseller 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 Reseller 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 Reseller.

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, Reseller may use the phrase "Reseller is a Reseller of Qwest Services" (the "Authorized Phrase") in

Reseller'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 Reseller.

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

5.10.6.3 The Authorized Phrase, when displayed, appears only in text form (Reseller 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 Reseller's name and in no event shall exceed 8 point size.

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

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

5.10.6.6 Upon termination of Reseller'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 Reseller shall immediately cease any and all such use of the Authorized Phrase. Reseller shall either promptly return to Qwest or destroy all materials in its possession or control displaying the Authorized Phrase.

5.10.7 Qwest and Reseller 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.

5.11 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. Qwest will provide notice to CLEC after all required state and federal approvals for the transfer have been issued. 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 Reseller'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 (1) 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 Customer specific, facility specific, or usage specific information, other than End User Customer information communicated for the purpose of providing Directory Assistance or publication of directory database, or (ii) in written, graphic, electromagnetic, or other tangible form and marked at the time of delivery as "Confidential" or "Proprietary", or (iii) communicated and declared to the receiving Party at the time of delivery, or by written notice given to the receiving Party within ten (10) calendar Days after delivery, to be "Confidential" or "Proprietary" (collectively referred to as "Proprietary Information"), shall remain the property of the disclosing Party. A Party who receives Proprietary Information via an oral communication may request written confirmation that the material is Proprietary Information. A Party who delivers Proprietary Information via an oral communication may request written confirmation that the Party receiving the information understands that the material is Proprietary Information. Each Party shall have the right to correct an inadvertent failure to identify information as Proprietary Information by giving written notification within thirty (30) Days after the information is disclosed. The receiving Party shall from that time forward, treat such information as Proprietary Information.

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

5.16.3 Each Party shall keep all of the other Party's Proprietary Information confidential and will disclose it on a need to know basis only. Each Party shall use the other Party's Proprietary Information only in connection with this Agreement and in accordance with Applicable Law, including but not limited to, 47 U.S.C. § 222. In accordance with Section 222 of the Act, when either Party receives or obtains Proprietary Information from the other Party for purposes of providing any Telecommunications Services, that Party shall use such information only for such purpose, and shall not use such information for its own marketing efforts. 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. Violations of these obligations shall subject a Party's employees to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. 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 Reserved For Future Use

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 Reseller 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 Reseller, upon meeting the requisite showing, to obtain provisional remedies (including injunctive relief) from a court before, during or after the pendency of any arbitration proceeding brought pursuant to this Section 5.18. However, once a decision is reached by the Arbitrator, such decision shall supersede any provisional remedy.

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

5.18.3 If the vice-presidential level representatives or the designated representative with authority to make commitments have not reached a resolution of the

Dispute within fifteen (15) calendar Days after the Resolution Request (or such longer period as agreed to in writing by the Parties), or if either Party fails to designate such vice-presidential level representative or their representative with authority to make commitments within seven (7) calendar Days after the date of the Resolution Request, then either Party may request that the Dispute be settled by arbitration. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party may request that the Dispute be settled by arbitration two (2) calendar Days after the Resolution Request pursuant to the terms of Section 5.18.3.1. In any case, the arbitration proceeding shall be conducted by a single arbitrator, knowledgeable about the Telecommunications industry unless the Dispute involves amounts exceeding five million (\$5,000,000) in which case the proceeding shall be conducted by a panel of three (3) arbitrators, knowledgeable about the Telecommunications industry. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted under the then-current rules for commercial disputes of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or J.A.M.S./Endispute, at the election of the Party that initiates dispute resolution under this Section 5.18. Such rules and procedures shall apply notwithstanding any part of such rules that may limit their availability for resolution of a Dispute. The Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. Sections 1-16, not state law, shall govern the arbitrability of the Dispute. The arbitrator shall not have authority to award punitive damages. The arbitrator's award shall be final and binding and may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Each Party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees, and shall share equally in the fees and expenses of the arbitrator. The arbitration proceedings shall occur in the Denver, Colorado metropolitan area or in another mutually agreeable location. It is acknowledged that the Parties, by mutual, written agreement, may change any of these arbitration practices for a particular, some, or all Dispute(s). The Party which sends the Resolution Request must notify the Secretary of the Commission of the arbitration proceeding within forty-eight (48) hours of the determination to arbitrate.

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

5.18.3.2 There shall be no discovery except for the exchange of documents deemed necessary by the arbitrator to an understanding and determination of the Dispute. Qwest and 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 Reseller in accordance with applicable federal law and the state law of North Dakota. It shall be interpreted solely in accordance with applicable federal law and the state law of North 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, Reseller will ensure that to the extent any activities which it undertakes in the facility disturb such suspect materials, such Reseller 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 Reseller or equipment placement activities that result in the generation of asbestos-containing material, Reseller 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 Reseller if Qwest undertakes any asbestos control or asbestos abatement activities that potentially could affect Reseller 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 Reseller at the addresses shown below:

Qwest Corporation
Director Interconnection Compliance
1801 California, Room 2410
Denver, CO 80202
Email: IntAgree@qwest.com
Phone: 303-965-3029
Fax: 303-896-7007

With copy to:

Qwest Law Department
Attention: Corporate Counsel, Interconnection
1801 California Street, 49th Floor
Denver, CO 80202

and to Reseller at the address shown below:

Rough Rider Telco
William Staycoff
P.O. Box 43956
Brooklyn Park, Minnesota 55444
Phone: (763) 503-3029
Fax: (763) 585-4886
E-Mail: bill@telecombillingservicesinc.com

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 Reseller 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.

5.30.2 Intentionally Left Blank.

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

5.31 Entire Agreement

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

5.32 Pick and Choose

5.32.1 The Parties agree to comply with Section 252(i) of the Act and rules promulgated thereunder when Reseller opts into provisions of an interconnection agreement.

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 Reseller for resale by Reseller, the Parties also acknowledge that Reseller is required to provide its Telecommunications Services to Qwest for resale by Qwest. Upon request by Qwest, Reseller 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 Reseller must use to access Qwest's OSS at no cost to Reseller. If Reseller asks Qwest personnel to travel to Reseller's location to deliver training, Reseller will pay Qwest's reasonable travel related expenses. Qwest may also offer to Reseller 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 Customers 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 User Customers, 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 Reseller 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 Customers 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 Reseller whenever E911/911 service would be provided on the same line if provided by Qwest to a Qwest retail End User Customer.

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 Reserved for Future Use.

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 Customer that early terminates a CSA, including payment of any early termination charges. Where Reseller seeks to continue serving an End User Customer presently served through a resold Qwest CSA, but wishes to provide such service through alternate resale arrangements, Qwest shall provide Reseller the same waivers of early termination liabilities as it makes to its own End User Customers 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 Reseller to existing End User Customers 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 Reseller'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 Reseller 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. Reseller may purchase multiple common blocks within a single Central Office switching system when Reseller requires different dialing plans, feature access arrangements and station line or system restrictions within a single system operation. Reseller 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 (1) 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 Reseller's location. A location is defined as the site where Qwest facilities (cable plant from the serving Central Office Switch) meet Reseller facilities (inside wire). In a multi-tenant building, Qwest may bring facilities directly to a single Point of Interconnection with Reseller 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 Reseller facilities termination point is considered a location. Where Reseller has multiple buildings within contiguous property (campus), such buildings will be provisioned and billed as a single location. Contiguous property is defined as property owned or leased by Reseller 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. Where Reseller has Centrex station lines from multiple Central Office switching systems, within the same Qwest Wire Center, and provisioned to the same location, Reseller 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 Reseller system to a single Reseller serving location for rating purposes. Reseller may not specify a Central Office as a Reseller 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 Reseller for its own use and not resold to End User Customers must be identified by Reseller as such, and Reseller will pay Qwest retail prices for such services.

6.2.3 Qwest shall provide to Reseller 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 User Customers. Qwest shall also provide resold services to Reseller in accordance with the Commission's retail service quality requirements, if any. Qwest further agrees to reimburse Reseller for credits or fines and penalties assessed against Reseller as a result of Qwest's failure to provide service to Reseller, 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 Reseller 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 Reseller 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 Reseller. Qwest is not required to provide service credits for service failures that are the fault of Reseller;
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- d) Intentionally Left Blank.
- e) In no case shall Qwest's credits to Reseller exceed the amount Qwest would pay a Qwest End User Customer under the service quality requirements, less any wholesale discount applicable to Reseller's resold services; and
- f) In no case shall Qwest be required to provide duplicate reimbursement or payment to Reseller for any service quality failure incident.

6.2.3.2 Fines and Penalties - Qwest shall be liable to pay to Reseller 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 Reseller 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 Reseller. Qwest is not required to pay fines and penalties for service failures that are the fault of Reseller;
- c) Qwest shall not be liable to provide fines and penalties to CLEC if CLEC is not subject to the Commission's fine and penalty requirements for service quality;
- d) In no case shall Qwest's fines and penalties to Reseller exceed the amount Qwest would pay the Commission under the service quality plan; and
- e) In no case shall Qwest be required to provide duplicate reimbursement or payment to Reseller for any service quality failure incident.

6.2.4 In the event that there are existing agreements between Reseller and Qwest for resale under Qwest retail Tariff discounts, Reseller may elect to continue to

obtain services for resale under the existing agreements and retail Tariff discounts, or Reseller may elect to terminate such existing agreements and obtain such services by adopting this Agreement pursuant to the General Terms of this Agreement. If Reseller 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 Reseller's End User Customer based on End User Customer information provided to Qwest by Reseller. Qwest will place Reseller's End User Customer's listings in Qwest's Directory Assistance Database and will include such listings in Qwest's Directory Assistance Service. 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 Reseller, for Reseller'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 Reseller to provide accurate End User Customer information for listings in any databases in which Qwest is required to retain and/or maintain such information. Qwest shall provide Reseller's End User Customer information to the Automatic Location Identification/Database Management System (ALI/DMS). Qwest shall use its standard process to update and maintain Reseller's End User Customer service information in the ALI/DMS used to support E911/911 services on the same schedule that it uses for its retail End User Customers. Qwest assumes no liability for the accuracy of information provided by Reseller.

6.2.9 If Qwest provides and Reseller accepts Qwest's Directory Assistance Service or operator services for Reseller's resold local Exchange Service lines, such directory assistance and operator services may be provided with branding as provided in this Agreement in the sections for Directory Assistance Service, and the section for operator services.

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

6.2.11 When End User Customers switch from Qwest to Reseller, or to Reseller from any other Reseller and if they do not change their service address to an address served by a different Central Office, such End User Customers 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 Reseller for any reason, Reseller 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 Reseller's End User Customers. Qwest will provide notice to Reseller 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 Reseller 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 retail Tariff and Commission rules. Under such circumstances, Qwest will develop and provide to Reseller 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 User Customers. If the quote is accepted by Reseller, Reseller 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 Reseller.

6.3.3 A Subscriber Line Charge (SLC), or any subsequent federally mandated charge to End User Customers, will continue to be paid by Reseller 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 Reseller will pay to Qwest the Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) change charge without discount for Reseller End User Customer changes of Interexchange or IntraLATA Carriers. Any change in Reseller's End User Customer's Interexchange or IntraLATA Carrier must be requested by Reseller on behalf of its End User Customer, and Qwest will not accept changes to Reseller's End User Customer's Interexchange or IntraLATA Carrier(s) from anyone other than Reseller.

6.3.5 Reseller agrees to pay Qwest when its End User Customer 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 Reseller with sufficient information to enable Reseller to bill

its End User Customers.

6.3.6 Miscellaneous charges applicable to services ordered for resale by Reseller will apply if such Miscellaneous charges apply for equivalent services ordered by Qwest retail End User Customers, except that Reseller 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 Reseller 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 Reseller's bill(s).

6.3.9 If rates for services resold by Reseller under this Agreement change, based on changes in Qwest's Tariffs, catalogs, price lists or other retail Telecommunications Services offerings, charges billed to Reseller 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 Reseller's request for use by Reseller's End User Customers. 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 Reseller, or Reseller's agent, shall act as the single point of contact for its End User Customer's 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. Reseller's End User Customers contacting Qwest in error will be instructed to contact Reseller; and Qwest's End User Customers contacting Reseller 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 Reseller from discussing its products and services with Reseller's or Qwest's End User Customers who call the other Party seeking such information.

6.4.2 Reseller 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 Product Catalog (PCAT) available on Qwest's public web site located at <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/pcat>. Information shall be provided using Qwest's designated Local Service Request (LSR) format which may include the LSR, End User Customer 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 Reseller for resale under this Agreement as Qwest provides to itself, its Affiliates, its subsidiaries, other Resellers, and Qwest retail End User Customers. The installation, Provisioning, maintenance, and repair processes for Reseller's resale service requests are detailed in the Support Functions Section of this Agreement, and are applicable whether Reseller's resale service requests are submitted via Operational Support System or by facsimile.

6.4.4 Reseller is responsible for providing to Qwest complete and accurate End User Customer listing information including initial and updated information for Directory Assistance Service, 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 Customer, or the End User Customer's New Service Provider orders the discontinuance of the End User Customer's existing Qwest service, in anticipation of End User Customer moving to a New Service Provider, Qwest will render its closing bill to the End User Customer, discontinuing Billing as of the date of the discontinuance of Qwest's service to the End User Customer. If the Current Service Provider, or if the End User Customer's New Service Provider orders the discontinuance of existing resold service from Reseller, Qwest will bill the Current Service Provider for service through the date the End User Customer receives resold service from the Current Service Provider. Qwest will notify Reseller by Operational Support System interface, facsimile, or by other agreed-upon processes when an End User Customer moves from the Current Service Provider to a New Service Provider. Qwest will not provide the Current Service Provider with the name of the New Service Provider selected by the End User Customer.

6.4.6 Reseller shall provide Qwest and Qwest shall provide Reseller with points of contact for order entry, problem resolution and repair of the resold services. These points of contact will be identified for both Reseller 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 Customer, Reseller shall be responsible for obtaining and having in its possession Proof of Authorization (POA), as set forth in the POA Section of this Agreement.

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

6.5 Billing

6.5.1 Qwest shall bill Reseller and Reseller shall be responsible for all applicable charges for the resold services as provided herein. Reseller 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 Reseller resells to an End User Customer under this Agreement.

6.5.2 Qwest shall provide Reseller, 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 Section 9.2.5, Billing information including (1) a summary bill, and (2) individual End User Customer sub-account information consistent with the samples available for Reseller review.

6.6 Maintenance and Repair

6.6.1 Qwest will maintain its facilities and equipment used to provide Reseller resold services. Reseller or its End User Customers 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 Reseller's End User Customer's premises, other than by connection or disconnection to any interface between Qwest and the End User Customer's facilities, without the written consent of Qwest.

6.6.2 Maintenance and Repair procedures are detailed in Section 9.

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

SECTION 7.0 – WHITE PAGES DIRECTORY LISTINGS

7.1 Description

7.1.1 White Pages Listings Service (Listings) consists of Qwest placing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of Reseller's End Users in Qwest's listing database, based on End User information provided to Qwest by Reseller. Qwest is authorized to use Reseller End User listings as noted below.

7.2 Terms and Conditions

7.2.1 Reseller 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 Reseller's End Users at no charge.

7.2.2 Reseller 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.

7.2.3 Information on submitting and updating listings is available in "Qwest Facility Based and Co-Provider Listings User Documents." Qwest will furnish Reseller the listings format specifications. Directory publishing schedules and deadlines will be provided to Reseller.

7.2.4 If Reseller provides its End User's listings to Qwest, Reseller grants Qwest access to Reseller'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 Reseller's listings supplied to Qwest by Reseller 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 Reseller End User listings in the Directory Assistance Database. Qwest will incorporate Reseller'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.

7.2.5 Reseller End User Customer Listings will be treated the same as Qwest's End User Customer Listings. Prior written authorization from Reseller, which authorization may be withheld, shall be required for Qwest to sell, make available, or release Reseller's End User Customer Listings to directory publishers, or other third parties other than Directory Assistance providers. No prior authorization from Reseller shall be required for Qwest to sell, make available, or release Reseller's End User Customer Directory Assistance Listings to Directory Assistance providers. Listings shall not be provided or sold in such a manner as to segregate End User Customers by Carrier. Qwest will not charge Reseller for updating and maintaining Qwest's Listings databases. Reseller will not receive compensation from Qwest for any sale of Listings by Qwest as provided for under this Agreement.

7.2.6 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.

7.2.7 Qwest is responsible for maintaining listings, including entering, changing, correcting, rearranging and removing listings in accordance with Reseller orders.

7.2.8 Qwest provides non-discriminatory appearance and integration of white pages listings for all Reseller's and Qwest's End Users. All requests for white pages directory listings, whether Reseller or Qwest End Users, follow the same processes for entry into the listings database.

7.2.9 Qwest will take reasonable steps in accordance with industry practices to accommodate nonpublished and nonlisted listings provided that Reseller has supplied Qwest the necessary privacy indicators on such listings.

7.2.10 Reseller white pages listings will be in the same font and size as listings for Qwest End Users, and will not be separately classified.

7.2.11 Qwest processes for publication of white pages directory listings will make no distinction between Reseller and Qwest subscribers. Reseller listings will be provided with the same accuracy and reliability as Qwest's End User listings. Qwest will ensure Reseller 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.

7.2.12 Qwest shall ensure its third party publisher distributes appropriate alphabetical and classified directories (white and yellow pages) and recycling services to Reseller 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.

7.2.13 Reseller 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. Reseller 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.

7.2.14 Reserved for Future Use.

7.2.15 Reseller shall be solely responsible for knowing and adhering to state laws or rulings regarding listings and for supplying Qwest with the applicable listing information.

7.2.16 Reseller agrees to provide to Qwest its End User names, addresses and telephone numbers in a standard mechanized format, as specified by Qwest.

7.2.17 Reseller will supply its ACNA/CIC or CLCC/OCN, as appropriate, with each order to provide Qwest the means of identifying listings ownership.

7.2.18 Prior to placing listings orders on behalf of End Users, Reseller shall be

responsible for obtaining, and have in its possession, Proof of Authorization (POA), as set forth in Section 5.3 of this Agreement.

7.2.19 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.

7.2.20 Qwest will provide Reseller a reasonable opportunity to verify the accuracy of the listings to be included in the white pages directory and Directory Assistance.

7.2.21 Reseller may review and if necessary edit the white page listings prior to the close date for publication in the directory.

7.2.22 Reseller is responsible for all dealings with, and on behalf of, Reseller's End Users, including:

7.2.22.1 All End User account activity (e.g., End User queries and complaints);

7.2.22.2 All account maintenance activity (e.g., additions, changes, issuance of orders for listings to Qwest);

7.2.22.3 Determining privacy requirements and accurately coding the privacy indicators for Reseller's End User information (if End User information provided by Reseller to Qwest does not contain a privacy indicator, no privacy restrictions will apply); and

7.2.22.4 Any additional services requested by Reseller's End Users.

7.2.23 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 Reseller 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 Reseller, Qwest shall enter into negotiations with Reseller for Reseller's use of subscriber list information for purposes other than publishing directories, and Qwest and Reseller will enter into a written contract if agreement is reached for such use.

7.2.23.1 Qwest shall use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that its retail End User listings provided to Reseller 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 Reseller including End User requested restrictions on use, such as nonpublished and nonlisted restrictions.

7.2.24 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 Reseller contained in Qwest's listings database so that Reseller'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.

7.2.25 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.

7.2.26 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 Reseller space in the Customer guide pages of the white pages directory for the purpose of notifying Customers how to reach Reseller 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.

7.3 Rate Elements

The following rate elements apply to White Pages Listings and are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

7.3.1 Primary Listings; and

7.3.2 Premium/Privacy Listings.

7.4 Ordering Process

7.4.1 Qwest provides training on white page listings requests and submission processes. The ordering process is similar to the service ordering process.

7.4.2 Reseller 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 Resellers, which is available on-line through the PCAT, (<http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/>) or will be provided in hard copy to Reseller upon request. Initial information and directions are available in PCAT.

7.4.3 Reseller can submit the OBF forms incorporated in the Local Service Request via the IMA-EDI, IMA-GUI, or fax.

SECTION 8.0 - NETWORK SECURITY

8.1 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.

8.2 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. Reseller is responsible for covering its employees on such security requirements and penalties.

8.3 The Qwest telecommunications network is 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.

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

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

8.6 Each Party shall comply at all times with Qwest security and safety procedures and requirements while performing work activities on Qwest's Premises.

8.7 Reseller will train its employees, agents and vendors on Qwest security policies and guidelines.

8.8 No flammable or explosive fluids or materials are to be kept or used anywhere within the Qwest buildings or on the grounds.

8.9 No flammable or explosive fluids or materials are to be kept or used anywhere within the Qwest buildings or on the grounds.

8.10 No weapons of any type are allowed on Qwest Premises. Vehicles on Qwest property are subject to this restriction as well.

8.11 Revenue Protection. Qwest shall make available to Reseller 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.

8.11.1 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.

8.11.2 Uncollectable 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.

8.11.3 Qwest shall be responsible for any direct uncollectable 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.

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

8.11.5 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.).

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

8.12 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.

8.13 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 Reseller, for any lines served from Qwest Wire Centers or cross boxes.

8.14 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. Reseller 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 Reseller 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. Reseller 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 9.0 - ACCESS TO OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS (OSS)

9.1 Description

9.1.1 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 Reseller'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 Reseller. 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 Reseller needs require. Qwest shall provide notification to Reseller consistent with the provisions of the Change Management Process (CMP) set forth in Section 9.2.6.

9.1.2 Through its electronic gateways and manual processes, Qwest shall provide Reseller 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 Reseller 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 Reseller 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 9. Qwest shall deploy the necessary systems and personnel to provide sufficient access to each of the necessary OSS functions. Qwest shall provide assistance for Reseller to understand how to implement and use all of the available OSS functions. Qwest shall provide Reseller sufficient electronic and manual interfaces to allow Reseller equivalent access to all of the necessary OSS functions. Through its website, training, disclosure documentation and development assistance, Qwest shall disclose to Reseller any internal business rules and other formatting information necessary to ensure that Reseller's requests and orders are processed efficiently. Qwest shall provide training to enable Reseller to devise its own course work for its own employees. Through its documentation available to Reseller, 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.

9.2 OSS Support for Pre-Ordering, Ordering and Provisioning

9.2.1 Local Service Request (LSR) Ordering Process

9.2.1.1 Qwest shall provide electronic interface gateways for submission of LSRs, including both an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) interface and a Graphical User Interface (GUI).

9.2.1.2 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.

9.2.1.3 The GUI shall provide a single interface for Pre-Order and Order transactions from Reseller 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.

9.2.1.4 Functions Pre Ordering, Qwest will provide real time, electronic access to pre-order functions to support Reseller's ordering via the electronic interfaces described herein. Qwest will make the following real time pre-order functions available to Reseller:

9.2.1.4.1 Features, services and Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) options for IntraLATA toll and InterLATA toll available at a valid service address;

9.2.1.4.2 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;

9.2.1.4.3 Telephone number request and selection;

9.2.1.4.4 Reservation of appointments for service installations requiring the dispatch of a Qwest technician on a non-discriminatory basis;

9.2.1.4.5 Information regarding whether dispatch is required for service installation and available installation appointments;

9.2.1.4.6 Service address verification;

9.2.1.4.7 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 shall apply only to Reseller orders for Unbundled Loops or Loop combinations.

9.2.1.4.8 A list of valid available CFAs for Unbundled Loops.

9.2.1.4.9 A list of one to five (1-5) individual Meet Points or a range of Meet Points for shared Loops.

9.2.1.4.10 Design Layout Record (DLR) Query which provides the layout for the local portion of a circuit at a particular location where applicable.

9.2.1.5 Dial-Up Capabilities

9.2.1.5.1 Reserved for Future Use.

9.2.1.5.2 Reserved for Future Use.

9.2.1.5.3 When Reseller requests from Qwest more than fifty (50) SecurIDs for use by Reseller Customer service representatives at a single Reseller location, Reseller shall use a T1 line instead of dial-up access at that location. If Reseller is obtaining the line from Qwest, then Reseller 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 Reseller.

9.2.1.6 Access Service Request (ASR) Ordering Process

9.2.1.6.1 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 Reseller to adjust system requirements.

9.2.1.7 Facility Based EDI Listing Process Qwest shall provide a Facility Based EDI Listing interface to enable Reseller 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 Reseller to adjust system requirements.

9.2.1.8 Qwest will establish interface contingency plans and disaster recovery plans for the interfaces described in this Section. Qwest will work cooperatively with Resellers through the CMP process to consider any suggestions made by Resellers to improve or modify such plans. Reseller specific requests for modifications to such plans will be negotiated and mutually agreed upon between Qwest and Reseller.

9.2.1.9 Ordering and Provisioning - Qwest will provide access to ordering and status functions. Reseller 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.

9.2.1.9.1 Qwest shall provide all Provisioning services to Reseller during the same business hours that Qwest provisions services for its End User Customers. Qwest will provide out-of-hours Provisioning services to Reseller 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.

9.2.1.9.2 When Reseller places an electronic order, Qwest will provide Reseller 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 Reseller 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 Reseller that the service order record has been completed, and 2) Billing completion that notifies the Reseller that the service order has posted to the Billing system.

9.2.1.9.3 When Reseller places a manual order, Qwest will provide Reseller with a manual firm order confirmation notice. The confirmation notice will follow industry-standard formats. Upon completion of the order, Qwest will provide Reseller 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 Reseller that the service order record has been completed, and 2) Billing completion that notifies the Reseller that the service order has posted to the Billing system.

9.2.1.9.4 When Reseller 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 9.

9.2.1.9.5 When Reseller 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 9.

9.2.1.9.6 Business rules regarding rejection of LSRs or ASRs are subject to the provisions of Section 9.2.6.

9.2.1.9.7 Ordering and Provisioning – Qwest will provide access to ordering and status functions. Reseller 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 Reseller, Qwest shall advise the Reseller End User Customer to notify Reseller immediately if the Reseller End User Customer requests a service change at the time of installation.

9.2.2 Maintenance and Repair

9.2.2.1 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 Reseller while the Trouble Report (TR) is open and a Qwest technician is working on the resolution. Reseller may also report trouble through manual processes. For designed services, the TR will not be closed prior to verification by Reseller that trouble is cleared.

9.2.3 Interface Availability

9.2.3.1 Qwest shall make its OSS interfaces available to Resellers during the hours listed in the Gateway Availability PIDs.

9.2.3.2 Qwest shall notify Resellers in a timely manner regarding system downtime through mass email distribution and pop-up windows as applicable.

9.2.4 Billing

9.2.4.1 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.

9.2.4.2 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 Reseller.

9.2.5 Outputs

Output information will be provided to Reseller 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 Reseller 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

9.2.5.1 Bills

9.2.5.1.1 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 Reseller. These bills are segmented by state and bill cycle. The number of bills received by Reseller is dictated by the product ordered and the Qwest region in which Reseller is operating.

9.2.5.1.2 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.

9.2.5.2 Files and Reports

9.2.5.2.1 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 Reseller 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 Reseller with the same level of precision and accuracy it provides itself. This file will be provided for Resale.

9.2.5.2.2 The charge for this Daily Usage Record File is contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

9.2.5.2.3 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 Reseller and exchange with other Resellers 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.

9.2.5.2.4 Loss Report provides Reseller 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 Resellers 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 Resale.

9.2.5.2.5 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 Resale.

9.2.5.2.6 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 Reseller. Category 1101 series records are used to exchange detailed access usage information.

9.2.5.2.7 Reserved for Future Use.

9.2.5.2.8 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.

9.2.6 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 Reseller and Qwest to discuss Reseller and Qwest change requests (CR), CMP notifications, systems release life cycles, and communications; (ii) provide a forum for Resellers 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 Reseller 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 Resellers, including the availability of web-based tools; (x) documentation provided by Qwest that is effective in enabling Resellers to build an electronic gateway; and (xi) a process for changing CMP that calls for collaboration among Resellers and Qwest and requires agreement by the CMP participants. Pursuant to the scope and procedures set forth in Exhibit G, Qwest will submit to Resellers through the CMP, among other things, modifications to existing products and product and technical documentation available to Resellers, introduction of new products available to Resellers, discontinuance of products available to Resellers, 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 Resellers 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.

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

9.2.6.2 Release updates will be implemented pursuant to the CMP set forth in Exhibit G.

9.2.6.3 Notwithstanding any other provisions 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 the SGAT without requiring the execution or filing of any amendment to this Agreement.

9.2.7 Reseller Responsibilities for Implementation of OSS Interfaces

9.2.7.1 Before any Reseller implementation can begin, Reseller must completely and accurately answer the Reseller Questionnaire.

9.2.7.2 Once Qwest receives a complete and accurate New Customer Questionnaire, Qwest and Reseller will mutually agree upon time frames for implementation.

9.2.8 Qwest Responsibilities for On-going Support for OSS Interfaces

9.2.8. 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.

9.2.8.1.1 Qwest will provide written notice to Reseller of the need to migrate to a new release.

9.2.8.2 Qwest will provide an EDI Implementation Coordinator to work with Reseller for business scenario re-certification, migration and data conversion strategy definition.

9.2.8.3 Re-certification is the process by which Resellers demonstrate the ability to generate correct functional transactions for enhancements not previously certified. Qwest will provide the suite of tests for re-certification to Reseller with the issuance of the disclosure document.

9.2.8.4 Qwest shall provide training mechanisms for Reseller to pursue in educating its internal personnel. Qwest shall provide training necessary for Reseller to use Qwest's OSS interfaces and to understand Qwest's documentation, including Qwest's business rules.

9.2.9 Reseller Responsibilities for On-going Support for OSS Interfaces

9.2.9.1 If using the GUI interface, Reseller will take reasonable efforts to train Reseller personnel on the GUI functions that Reseller will be using.

9.2.9.2 An exchange protocol will be used to transport EDI formatted content. Reseller must perform certification testing of exchange protocol prior to using the EDI interface.

9.2.9.3 Qwest will provide Reseller 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 Reseller :

9.2.9.3.1 Connectivity Testing – Reseller 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 Reseller or Qwest has implemented environment changes when moving into production.

9.2.9.3.2 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 Reseller during its development and implementation of EDI. The SATE provides Reseller the opportunity to validate its technical development efforts built via Qwest documentation without the need to schedule test times. This testing verifies Reseller'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.

9.2.9.3.3 Interoperability Testing – Reseller has the option of

participating with Qwest in Interoperability testing to provide Reseller with the opportunity to validate technical development efforts and to quantify processing results. Interoperability testing verifies Reseller'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 Reseller 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

9.2.9.3.5 If Reseller is using EDI, Qwest shall provide Reseller with a pre-allotted amount of time to complete certification of its business scenarios. Qwest will allow Reseller 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 Reseller's business plan. It is the sole responsibility of Reseller to schedule an appointment with Qwest for certification of its business scenarios. Reseller 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 Reseller, it is the sole responsibility of Reseller to schedule new appointments for certification of its business scenarios. Qwest will make reasonable efforts to accommodate Reseller schedule. Conflicts in the schedule could result in certification being delayed. If a delay is due to Qwest, Qwest will honor Reseller's schedule through the use of alternative hours.

9.2.9.4 If Reseller is using the EDI interface, Reseller must work with Qwest to certify the business scenarios that Reseller will be using in order to ensure successful transaction processing. Qwest and Reseller shall mutually agree to the business scenarios for which Reseller requires certification. Certification will be granted for the specified release of the EDI interface. If Reseller is certifying multiple products or services, Reseller has the option of certifying those products or services serially or in parallel where Technically Feasible.

9.2.9.4.1 For a new software release or upgrade, Qwest will provide Reseller a stable testing environment that mirrors the production environment in order for Reseller to test the new release. For software releases and upgrades, Qwest has implemented the testing processes set forth in this Section.

9.2.9.5 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 Reseller as the new release is implemented. The suite of re-certification test scenarios will be provided to Reseller with the disclosure document. If a Reseller is certifying multiple products or services, Reseller has

the option of certifying those products or services serially or in parallel, where Technically Feasible.

9.2.9.6 Reseller will contact the Qwest EDI Implementation Coordinator to initiate the migration process. Reseller may not need to certify to every new EDI release, however, Reseller must complete the re-certification and migration to a new EDI release within six (6) months of the deployment of the new release. Reseller 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.

9.2.9.6.1 The following rules apply to initial development and certification of EDI interface versions and migration to subsequent EDI interface versions:

9.2.9.6.1.1 Stand Alone and/or Interoperability testing must begin on the prior release before the next release is implemented. Otherwise, Reseller will be required to move their implementation plan to the next release.

9.2.9.6.1.2 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, Reseller will be required to move their implementation plan to the next release.

9.2.9.6.1.3 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.

9.2.9.7 Reseller will be expected to execute the re-certification test cases in the stand alone and/or Interoperability test environments. Reseller will provide Purchase Order Numbers (PONs) of the successful test cases to Qwest.

9.2.9.7 Reseller will be expected to execute the re-certification test cases in the stand alone and/or Interoperability test environments. Reseller will provide Purchase Order Numbers (PONs) of the successful test cases to Qwest.

9.2.9.8 In addition to the testing set forth in other sections of Section 9.2.9, upon request by Reseller, Qwest shall enter into negotiations for comprehensive production test procedures. In the event that agreement is not reached, Reseller 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, Reseller 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 Reseller community, the costs shall be assigned to the Reseller requesting the test procedures.

9.2.9.9 Reserved for Future Use.

9.2.10 Reseller Support

9.2.10.1 Qwest shall provide documentation and assistance for Reseller to understand how to implement and use all of the available OSS functions. Qwest shall provide to Reseller in writing any internal business rules and other formatting information necessary to ensure that Reseller's requests and orders are processed efficiently. This assistance will include, but is not limited to contacts to the Reseller account team, training, documentation, and Reseller Help Desk. Qwest will also supply Reseller with an escalation level contact list in the event issues are not resolved via contacts to the Reseller account team, training, documentation, and Reseller Help Desk.

9.2.10.2 Reseller Help Desk

9.2.10.2.1 The Reseller Systems Help Desk will provide a single point of entry for Reseller to gain assistance in areas involving connectivity, system availability, and file outputs. The Reseller Systems Help Desk areas are further described below.

9.2.10.2.1.1 Connectivity covers trouble with Reseller'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.

9.2.10.2.1.2 System Availability covers system errors generated during an attempt by Reseller 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.

9.2.10.2.1.3 File Outputs covers Reseller'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.

9.2.10.3 Additional assistance to Resellers 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 Reseller to gain assistance in areas involving order submission and manual processes.

9.2.11 Compensation/Cost Recovery

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

9.3 Maintenance and Repair

9.3.1 Service Levels

9.3.1.1 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 Reseller repair status information in substantially the same time and manner Qwest provides for its retail services.

9.3.1.2 During the term of this Agreement, Qwest will provide necessary maintenance business process support to allow Reseller to provide similar service quality to that provided by Qwest to itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party.

9.3.1.3 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 Reseller 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.

9.3.2 Branding

9.3.2.1 Qwest shall use unbranded Maintenance and Repair forms while interfacing with Reseller End User Customers. Upon request, Qwest shall use Reseller provided and branded Maintenance and Repair forms. Qwest may not unreasonably interfere with branding by Reseller.

9.3.2.2 Except as specifically permitted by Reseller, in no event shall Qwest provide information to Reseller subscribers about Reseller or Reseller product or services.

9.3.2.3 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 Reseller or its Affiliates, except as expressly permitted by Reseller.

9.3.3 Service interruptions

9.3.3.1 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".

9.3.3.2 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 Impaired Party shall advise the Impairing Party that, unless promptly rectified, a temporary discontinuance of the use of any circuit, facility or equipment may be required. The Impairing Party and the Impaired Party agree to work together to attempt to promptly resolve the Impairment of Service. If the Impairing Party is unable to promptly remedy the Impairment of Service, the Impaired Party may temporarily discontinue use of the affected circuit, facility or equipment.

9.3.3.3 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.

9.3.3.4 . 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.

9.3.3.5 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.

9.3.3.5.1 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 Resellers as itself, its End User Customers, its Affiliates, or any other party.

9.3.3.5.2 The Parties shall cooperate in isolating trouble conditions.

9.3.4 Trouble Isolation

9.3.4.1 Pursuant to the applicable exchange and network service catalog, Qwest will bill appropriate Maintenance of Service charges, set forth in

Exhibit A, for dispatched work done by Qwest where the trouble is found to be on the end user's side of the NID or trouble is found to be in Reseller 's portion of the network.

9.3.4.2 Maintenance of Service, set forth in Exhibit A, may be imposed by Qwest on Reseller for other internal repair work incurred on behalf of Reseller and later found to be in Reseller network components.

9.3.5 Inside Wire Maintenance

9.3.5.1 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 Reseller or its end users.

9.3.6 Testing/Test Requests/Coordinated Testing/UNEs

9.3.6.1 Qwest shall have no obligation to test an end user's line or circuit, but may in appropriate circumstances.

9.3.6.2 Prior to any test being conducted on a line, Qwest must receive a trouble report from Reseller .

9.3.6.3 Qwest end users are not given test results. On manually reported trouble, Qwest will not provide to Reseller the test results for its trouble reports. For electronically reported trouble, Reseller may be provided various basic test results.

9.3.6.4 Qwest's test systems do not support testing of Unbundled Network Elements. Reseller shall isolate the trouble condition on UNE end users to Qwest's portion of the end user's service before Qwest accepts a trouble report for that end user.

9.3.7 Work Center Interfaces

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

9.3.8 Misdirected Repair Calls

9.3.8.1 Reseller and Qwest will employ the following procedures for handling misdirected repair calls:

9.3.8.1.1 Reseller and Qwest will provide their respective end users with the correct telephone numbers to call for access to their respective repair bureaus.

9.3.8.1.2 End users of Reseller shall be instructed to report all cases of trouble to Reseller . End users of Qwest shall be instructed to report all cases of trouble to Qwest.

9.3.8.1.3 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 Reseller from discussing its products and services with Reseller's or Qwest's End User Customers who call the other Party seeking such information.

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

9.3.8.1.5 In responding to repair calls, Reseller's End User Customers contacting Qwest in error will be instructed to contact Reseller; and Qwest's End User Customers contacting Reseller 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 Reseller from discussing its products and services with Reseller's or Qwest's End User Customers who call the other Party seeking such information.

9.3.9 Major Outages/Restoral/Notification

9.3.9.1 Qwest will notify Reseller of major network outages as soon as is practical. This notification will be via e-mail to Reseller 's identified contact. With the minor exception of certain proprietary information, Qwest will utilize the same thresholds and processes for external notification as it does for internal purposes. This major outage information will be sent via e-mail on the same frequency schedule as is provided internally within Qwest. Service restoration will be non-discriminatory, and will be accomplished as quickly as possible according to Qwest and/or industry standards.

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

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

9.3.10 Protective Maintenance

9.3.10.1 Qwest will perform scheduled maintenance of substantially the same quality to that which it provides to itself.

9.3.10.2 Qwest will work cooperatively with Reseller to develop industry-wide processes to provide as much notice as possible to Reseller of pending maintenance activity. Such process work will include establishment of reasonable thresholds and notification standards.

9.3.11 Hours of Coverage

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

9.3.12 Escalations

9.3.12.1 Qwest will provide trouble escalation procedures to Reseller . Such procedures will be based on the processes Qwest employs for its own end users. Qwest escalations are manual processes.

9.3.12.2 Qwest repair escalations begin with calls to the up-front trouble reporting centers.

9.3.13 Dispatch

9.3.13.1 Qwest will provide maintenance dispatch personnel on the same schedule as it provides for its own end users.

9.3.13.2 Upon the receipt of a trouble report from Reseller , Qwest will do all that is reasonable and practical, according to internal and industry standards, to resolve the repair condition. Qwest will dispatch repair personnel on occasion to repair the condition. It will be Qwest's decision whether or not to send a technician out on a dispatch. Qwest reserves the right to make this dispatch decision based on the best information available to it in the trouble resolution process. It is not always necessary to dispatch to resolve trouble; should Reseller require a dispatch when Qwest believes the dispatch is not necessary, appropriate charges will be billed by Qwest to Reseller for those dispatch-related costs in accordance with Exhibit A.

9.3.13.3 For POTS lines, Qwest will not request authorization from Reseller prior to dispatch. For lines supported by Qwest's designed services process, Qwest may accept Reseller authorization to dispatch. Qwest's operational processes are regularly reviewed and may be altered in the future. Should processes be changed, Reseller will be notified.

9.3.13.4 Reseller shall perform appropriate trouble isolation and screening prior to submitting a trouble report to Qwest.

9.3.14 Electronic Reporting

9.3.14.1 Reseller may submit Trouble Reports through the electronic bonding or GUI interfaces provided by Qwest.

9.3.15 Intervals/Parity

9.3.15.1 Similar trouble conditions, whether reported on behalf of Qwest end users or on behalf of Reseller end users, will receive similar commitment intervals.

9.3.16 Jeopardy Management

9.3.16.1 Notification to Reseller will be given on the same basis that a trouble report interval is likely to be missed.

9.3.17 Trouble Screening

9.3.17.1 Reseller shall screen and test its end user trouble reports completely enough to insure that it sends to Qwest only trouble reports that involve Qwest facilities.

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

9.3.18 Maintenance Standards

9.3.18.1 Qwest will cooperate with Reseller to meet the maintenance standards outlined in this Agreement.

9.3.18.2 On manually reported trouble, Qwest will inform Reseller of repair completion as soon as is practical after its completion. On electronically reported trouble reports the electronic system will automatically update status information, including trouble completion, across the joint electronic gateway.

9.3.19 End User Interfaces

9.3.19.1 Reseller will be responsible for all interactions with its end users including service call handling and notifying its end users of trouble status and resolution.

9.3.19.2 All Qwest employees who perform repair service for Reseller end users will be trained in non-discriminatory behavior.

9.3.20 Repair Call Handling

9.3.20.1 Manually reported repair calls by Reseller to Qwest will be answered with substantially the same quality and speed as Qwest answers calls from its own end users.

9.3.21 Single Point of Contact

9.3.21.1 Qwest will provide a single point of contact for Reseller 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 Reseller for each category of trouble situation being encountered.

9.3.22 Network Information

9.3.22.1 Qwest maintains an information database, available to Reseller for the purpose of allowing Reseller to obtain information about Qwest's NPAs, LATAs, Access Tandems and central offices.

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

9.3.22.3 CPNI information and NXX activity reports are also included in this database.

9.3.22.4 ICONN is updated every two (2) weeks.

9.3.23 Maintenance Windows

9.3.23.1 Generally, Qwest performs major switch maintenance activities off-hours, during certain "maintenance windows".

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

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

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

Section 10.0 - Qwest Dex

10.1 Qwest and Reseller 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 Reseller and directory publishers, including Qwest Dex. Qwest acknowledges that Reseller may request Qwest to facilitate discussions between Reseller and Qwest Dex.

Section 11.0 – SERVICE PERFORMANCE

11.1 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. The PIDs, together with applicable modifications, that apply to and are governed by the Performance Assurance Plan (PAP) are presented in Appendices A and B of Exhibit K to this Agreement. Modifications of PIDs that apply to the PAP shall be made in accordance with Section 18 of Exhibit K. Only those PAP provisions applicable to Resold Services under this Agreement shall apply.

Section 12.0 - SIGNATURE PAGE

By signing below, and in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, Reseller adopts this AGREEMENT and upon receipt by Qwest, the Parties agree to abide by the terms and conditions set forth in this Interconnection Agreement.

Rough Rider Telco

Qwest Corporation

Signature

Signature

Name Printed/Typed

L.T. Christensen

Name Printed/Typed

Title

Director – Business Development

Title

Date

Date