

## SECTION 9.0 - UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS

### 9.1 General Terms

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

9.1.1.1 UNEs shall only be obtained for the provision of Telecommunications Services, which do not include telecommunications utilized by CLEC for its own administrative use.

9.1.1.2 CLEC may not access UNEs for the exclusive provision of Mobile Wireless Services or Interexchange Services.

9.1.1.3 If CLEC accesses and uses a UNE consistently with Section 9.1.2, CLEC may provide any Telecommunications Services over the same UNE.

9.1.1.4 To submit an order to obtain a high capacity Loop or transport UNE, CLEC must undertake a reasonably diligent inquiry and, based on that inquiry, self-certify that, to the best of its knowledge, its request is consistent with the requirements discussed in Sections IV, V, and VI of the Triennial Review Remand Order and that it is therefore entitled to unbundled access to the particular Network Elements sought pursuant to section 251(c)(3) of the Act. As part of such reasonably diligent inquiry, CLEC shall ensure that a requested unbundled DS1 or DS3 Loop is not in a Wire Center identified on the list provided by Qwest of Wire Centers that meet the applicable non-impairment thresholds as specified in Section 9.2, and that a requested unbundled DS1, DS3 and/or dark fiber transport circuit UNE is not between Wire Centers found identified on the list of Wire Centers that meet the applicable non-impairment threshold as specified in Section 9.6. CLEC shall provide a letter or other mutually agreed upon form to document its compliance. CLEC will maintain appropriate records that document what CLEC relied upon to support its certification.

9.1.1.4.1 Upon receiving a request for access to a dedicated transport or high-capacity loop UNE that indicates that the UNE meets the relevant factual criteria discussed in sections V and VI of the Triennial Review Remand Order, Qwest must immediately process the request, if the UNE is in a location that does not meet the applicable non-impairment thresholds as specified in Section 9.2 or Section 9.6. To the extent that Qwest seeks to challenge any other such UNEs, it subsequently can raise that issue through the dispute resolution procedures provided for in this Agreement.

9.1.1.5 If it is determined by CLEC or Qwest that CLEC's access to or use of UNEs is inconsistent with Existing Rules, except due to change of law, CLEC has thirty (30) calendar Days to convert such UNEs to alternate service arrangements and CLEC

is subject to back billing for the difference between rates for the UNEs and rates for the Qwest alternate service arrangements. CLEC is also responsible for all non-recurring charges associated with such conversions.

9.1.1.6 When CLEC submits an order to convert a special access circuit to a UNE and that circuit has previously been exempt from the special access surcharge pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 69.115, CLEC shall document in its certification when and how the circuit was modified to permit interconnection of the circuit with a local exchange subscriber line.

9.1.1.7 To the extent it is Technically Feasible, CLEC may Commingle Telecommunications Services purchased on a resale basis with an Unbundled Network Element or combination of Unbundled Network Elements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following are not available for resale Commingling:

- a) Non-telecommunications services;
- b) Enhanced or Information services;
- c) Features or functions not offered for resale on a stand-alone basis or separate from basic Exchange Service; and
- d) Network Elements offered pursuant to Section 271.

9.1.1.8 CLEC may Commingle UNEs and combinations of UNEs with wholesale services and facilities (e.g., switched and special access services offered pursuant to Tariff), and request Qwest to perform the necessary functions to provision such Commingling. CLEC will be required to provide the CFA (Connecting Facility Assignment) of CLEC's network demarcation (e.g., Collocation or multiplexing facilities) for each UNE, UNE Combination, or wholesale service when requesting Qwest to perform the Commingling of such services. Qwest shall not deny access to a UNE on the grounds that the UNE or UNE Combination shares part of Qwest's network with access services.

9.1.1.8.1 When a UNE and other service are Commingled, the service interval for each facility being Commingled will apply only as long as a unique provisioning process is not required for the UNE or service due to the Commingling. Performance measurements and/or remedies do not apply to the total Commingled arrangement but do apply to each facility or service ordered within the Commingled arrangement. Work performed by Qwest to provide Commingled services that are not subject to standard provisioning intervals will not be subject to performance measures and remedies, if any, contained in this Agreement or elsewhere, by virtue of that service's inclusion in a requested Commingled service arrangement. Provisioning intervals applicable to services included within a requested Commingled service arrangement will not begin to run until CLEC provides a complete and accurate service request, necessary CFAs to Qwest, and Qwest completes work required to perform the Commingling that is in addition to work required to provision the service as a stand-alone facility or service.

9.1.1.8.2 Qwest will not combine or Commingle services or Network

Elements that are offered by Qwest solely pursuant to Section 271 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, with Unbundled Network Elements or combinations of Unbundled Network Elements.

9.1.1.8.3 Services are available for Commingling only in the manner in which they are provided in Qwest's applicable product Tariffs, catalogs, price lists, or other Telecommunications Services offerings.

9.1.1.8.3.1 Entrance Facilities and mid-span meet SPOI obtained pursuant to Section 7 of this Agreement are not available for Commingling.

9.1.1.9 Ratcheting. To the extent that CLEC requests Qwest to commingle a UNE or a UNE Combination with one or more facilities or services that CLEC has obtained at wholesale from Qwest pursuant to a method other than unbundling under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, Qwest will not be required to bill that wholesale circuit at multiple rates, otherwise known as ratcheting. Such commingling will not affect the prices of UNEs or UNE Combinations involved.

9.1.1.9.1 To the extent a multiplexed facility is included in a Commingled circuit then: (1) the multiplexed facility will be ordered and billed at the UNE rate if and only if all circuits entering the multiplexer are UNEs and (2) in all other situations the multiplexed facility will be ordered and billed pursuant to the appropriate Tariff.

#### 9.1.1.10 Service Eligibility Criteria

The following Service Eligibility Criteria apply to combinations and/or Commingling of high capacity (DS1 and DS3) Loops and interoffice transport (high capacity EELs). This includes new UNE EELs, EEL conversions (including commingled EEL conversions), or new commingled EELs (e.g., high capacity loops attached to special access transport).

9.1.1.10.1 Except as otherwise provided in this Section 9.1.10, Qwest shall provide access to Unbundled Network Elements and Combinations of Unbundled Network Elements without regard to whether CLEC seeks access to the Unbundled Network Elements to establish a new circuit or to convert an existing circuit from a service to Unbundled Network Elements.

9.1.1.10.2 CLEC must certify that the following Service Eligibility Criteria are satisfied to: (1) convert a special access circuit to a high capacity EEL, (2) to obtain a new high capacity EEL; or (3) to obtain at UNE pricing any portion of a Commingled circuit that includes a high capacity Loop and transport facility or service. Such certification shall be in accordance with all of the following Sections.

9.1.1.10.2.1 State Certification. CLEC has received state certification to provide local voice service in the area being served or, in the absence of a state certification requirement, has complied with registration, tariffing, filing fee, or other regulatory requirements applicable to the provision of local voice service in that area.

9.1.1.10.2.2 Per Circuit Criteria. The following criteria are satisfied for each combined circuit, including each DS1 circuit, each DS1 EEL, and each DS1-equivalent circuit on a DS3 EEL:

9.1.1.10.2.3 Telephone Number Assignment. Each circuit to be provided to each End User Customer will be assigned a local telephone number prior to the provision of service over that circuit. This requires that each DS1 circuit must have at least one (1) local telephone number and each DS3 circuit has at least twenty-eight (28) local telephone numbers. The origination and termination of local voice traffic on each local telephone number assigned to a circuit shall not include a toll charge and shall not require dialing special digits beyond those normally required for a local voice call. CLEC will provide local telephone number assignments by circuit;

9.1.1.10.2.4 911 or E911. Each circuit to be provided to each End User Customer will have 911 or E911 capability prior to the provision of service over that circuit. CLEC will provide evidence of 911 or E911 capability for each circuit to be provided to each End User Customer.

9.1.1.10.2.5 Collocation. CLEC will provide evidence that each circuit terminates in a Collocation arrangement by providing the associated CFA. In addition:

a) Each circuit to be provided to each End User Customer will terminate in a Collocation arrangement that is established pursuant to Section 251(c)(6) of the Act and located at Qwest's Premises within the same LATA as the End User Customer's premises, when Qwest is not the collocator, and cannot be at an Interexchange Carrier POP or ISP POP location;

b) Each circuit to be provided to each End User Customer will terminate in a Collocation arrangement that is located at the third party's premises within the same LATA as the End User Customer's premises, when Qwest is the collocator; and

c) When a DS1 or DS3 EEL Loop is connected to a multiplexed facility, the multiplexed facility must be terminated in a Collocation arrangement that is established pursuant to Section 251(c)(6) of the Act and located at Qwest's Premises within the same LATA as the End User Customer's premises, when Qwest is not the collocator, and cannot be at an Interexchange Carrier POP or ISP POP location.

9.1.1.10.2.6 Interconnection Trunking. CLEC must arrange for the meaningful exchange of traffic which must include hand-offs of local voice calls that flow in both directions. Those arrangements that do not include two way LIS trunks cannot be attributed towards satisfaction of this criterion. CLEC will identify the Interconnection trunk(s) satisfying this criterion. At a minimum, each DS1 circuit must be served by a DS0 equivalent LIS trunk in the same LATA and state as the End User

Customer served by the circuit. For each twenty-four (24) DS1 circuits, CLEC must maintain at least one (1) active DS1 LIS trunk in the same LATA and state as the End User Customer served by the circuit.

9.1.1.10.2.6.1 Calling Party Number. Each circuit to be provided to each End User Customer will be served by an Interconnection trunk over which CLEC will transmit the Calling Party Number in connection with calls exchanged over the trunk. For each twenty-four (24) DS1 EELs or other facilities having equivalent capacity, CLEC will have at least one (1) active DS1 LIS trunk over which CLEC will transmit the Calling Party Number in connection with calls exchanged over the trunk. If the Calling Party Number is not exchanged over an Interconnection trunk, that trunk shall not be counted towards meeting this criteria. For each circuit, CLEC will identify the Interconnection trunk satisfying this criterion.

9.1.1.10.2.7 End Office Switch. Each circuit to be provided to each End User Customer will be served by an End Office Switch capable of switching local voice traffic. CLEC must certify that the switching equipment is either registered in the LERG as a Class 5 Switch or that it can switch local voice traffic. CLEC will provide written documentation of the Switch type and CLLI code for the Switch satisfying this criterion.

9.1.1.10.3 With each order, CLEC must provide certification and the identified supporting information to Qwest through a certification letter, or other mutually agreed upon communication, that each individual high capacity loop in combination, or Commingled, with a Qwest-provided high capacity transport facility or service, meets the Service Eligibility Criteria set forth above before Qwest will provision or convert the high capacity facility in combination or Commingled.

9.1.1.10.4 CLEC's high capacity combination or Commingled facility Service Eligibility shall remain valid only so long as CLEC continues to meet the Service Eligibility Criteria set forth above. If CLEC's Service Eligibility on a given high capacity combination or Commingled facility is no longer valid, CLEC must submit a service order converting the facility to the appropriate private line/special access service within thirty (30) Days.

9.1.1.10.5 Service Eligibility Audits. In order to confirm reasonable compliance with these requirements, Qwest may perform Service Eligibility Audits of CLEC's records. Service Eligibility Audits shall be performed in accordance with the following guidelines:

9.1.1.10.5.1 Qwest may, upon thirty (30) Days written notice to CLEC that has purchased high capacity combination and Commingled facilities, conduct a Service Eligibility Audit to ascertain whether those high capacity facilities were eligible for UNE treatment at the time of Provisioning or conversion and on an ongoing basis thereafter.

9.1.1.10.5.2 CLEC shall make reasonable efforts to cooperate with any Service Eligibility Audit by Qwest and shall maintain and provide Qwest

with relevant records (e.g., network and circuit configuration data, local telephone numbers) which demonstrate that CLEC's high capacity combination and Commingled facilities meet the Service Eligibility Criteria.

9.1.1.10.5.3 An independent auditor hired and paid for by Qwest shall perform any Service Eligibility Audits, provided, however, that if a Service Eligibility Audit reveals that CLEC's high capacity combination and Commingled facility circuit(s) do not meet or have not met the Service Eligibility Criteria, then CLEC shall reimburse Qwest for the cost of the audit. To the extent the independent auditor's report concludes that CLEC complied in all material respects with the Service Eligibility Criteria, Qwest shall reimburse CLEC for its costs associated with the Service Eligibility Audit.

9.1.1.10.5.4 An independent auditor must perform its evaluation in accordance with the standards established by the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and during normal business hours, unless there is a mutual agreement otherwise.

9.1.1.10.5.5 Qwest shall not exercise its Service Eligibility Audit rights with respect to CLEC (excluding Affiliates), more than once in any calendar year, unless an audit finds non-compliance. If a Service Eligibility Audit does find non-compliance, Qwest shall not exercise its Service Eligibility Audit rights for sixty (60) Days following that audit, and if any subsequent Service Eligibility Audit does not find non-compliance, then Qwest shall not exercise its Service Eligibility Audit rights for the remainder of the calendar year.

9.1.1.10.5.6 At the same time that Qwest provides notice of a Service Eligibility Audit to CLEC under this paragraph, Qwest shall send a copy of the notice to the Federal Communications Commission.

9.1.1.10.5.7 Service Eligibility Audits conducted by Qwest for the purpose of determining compliance with Service Eligibility Criteria shall not effect or in any way limit any audit or Dispute Resolution rights that Qwest may have pursuant to other provisions of this Agreement.

9.1.1.10.5.8 Qwest shall not use any other audit rights it may have under this Agreement to audit for compliance with the Service Eligibility Criteria of this Section. Qwest shall not require a Service Eligibility Audit as a prior prerequisite to Provisioning combination and Commingled facilities.

9.1.1.10.5.9 CLEC shall maintain appropriate records to support its Service Eligibility Criteria. However, CLEC has no obligation to keep any records that it does not keep in the ordinary course of its business.

9.1.1.10.5.10 If a Service Eligibility Audit demonstrates that a high capacity combination and Commingled facilities do not meet the Service Eligibility Criteria above, the CLEC must convert all non-compliant circuits

to private line/special access circuits and CLEC must true-up any difference in payments within thirty (30) days

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

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

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

9.1.2.1.2 If cable capacity is available, Qwest will complete incremental facility work (i.e., conditioning, place a drop, add a Network Interface Device, and other routine network modifications as described below) in order to complete facilities to the End User Customer's premises.

9.1.2.1.2.1 Qwest shall make all routine network modifications to unbundled Loop and transport facilities used by CLEC where the requested loop or transport facility has already been constructed. Qwest shall perform these routine network modifications to unbundled Loop or transport facilities in a non-discriminatory fashion, without regard to whether the Loop or transport facility being accessed was constructed on behalf, or in accordance with the specifications, of any carrier.

9.1.2.1.2.2 A routine network modification is an activity that Qwest regularly undertakes for its own retail End User Customers. Routine network modifications include, but are not limited to, rearranging or

splicing of cable; adding an equipment case; adding a doubler or repeater; adding a smart jack; installing a repeater shelf; adding a line card; deploying a new multiplexer or reconfiguring an existing multiplexer; and attaching electronic and other equipment that Qwest ordinarily attaches to a DS1 loop to activate such loop for its own retail End User Customer. They also include activities needed to enable CLEC to light a dark fiber transport facility. Routine network modifications may entail activities such as accessing manholes, deploying bucket trucks to reach aerial cable, and installing equipment casings. Routine network modifications do not include the installation of new aerial or buried cable for CLEC.

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

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

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

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

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9.1.4 Qwest will provide a connection between Unbundled Network Elements and a Demarcation Point. Such connection is an Interconnection Tie Pair (ITP). An ITP is required for



each Unbundled Network Element or ancillary service delivered to CLEC. The ITP provides the connection between the Unbundled Network Element and the ICDF or other Central Office Demarcation Point. The ITP is ordered in conjunction with a UNE. The charges for the ITP are contained in Exhibit A. The ITP may be ordered per termination. The Demarcation Point shall be:

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

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

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

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

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

necessary or reasonably requested by CLEC to assist in determining end-to-end transmission and circuit functionality of such UNE.

9.1.6.2 When elements are provisioned by Qwest in combination:

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.1.10 Channel Regeneration. Qwest's design will ensure the cable between the Qwest-provided active elements and the DSX will meet the proper signal level requirements. Channel regeneration will not be charged for separately for Interconnection between a Collocation space and Qwest's network. Cable distance limitations are based on ANSI Standard T1.102-1993 "Digital Hierarchy – Electrical Interface; Annex B."

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

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

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9.1.15 Expedite requests for designed Unbundled Network Elements are allowed. Expedites are requests for intervals that are shorter than the interval defined in Qwest's Service Interval Guide (SIG) or Individual Case Basis (ICB) due date.

9.1.15.1 CLEC will request an expedite for designed Unbundled Network Elements, including an expedited Due Date, on the Local Service Request (LSR) or the Access Service Request (ASR), as appropriate.

9.1.15.2 The request for an expedite will be allowed only when the request meets the criteria outlined in the Pre-Approved Expedite Process in Qwest's Product Catalog for expedites at Qwest's wholesale web site.

## 9.2 Unbundled Loops

### 9.2.1 Description

The Unbundled Loop is defined as a transmission facility between a distribution frame (or its equivalent) in a Qwest Central Office and the Loop Demarcation Point at an End User Customer's premises. The Unbundled Loop includes all features, functions, and capabilities of such transmission facility. Those features, functions, and capabilities include, but are not limited to, attached electronics that are necessary for the full functionality of the loop (except those electronics used for the provision of Advanced Services, such as Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexers), and line conditioning. The Unbundled Loop includes DS0, DS1, and DS3 Loops.

9.2.1.1 Loop Demarcation Point – For the purposes of this Section, Loop Demarcation Point is the point where Qwest owned or controlled facilities cease, and CLEC, End User Customer, owner or landlord ownership of facilities begins.

9.2.1.2 FTTH and FTTC Loops. For purposes of this Section, a Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) loop is a local Loop consisting entirely of fiber optic cable, whether dark or lit, and serving an End User Customer's Premises, or, in the case of predominantly residential multiple dwelling units (MDUs), a fiber optic cable, whether dark or lit, that extends to the MDU's minimum point of entry (MPOE). For purposes of this Section, a Fiber-to-the-Curb (FTTC) loop is a local loop consisting of fiber optic cable connecting to a copper distribution plant loop that is not more than 500 feet from the End User Customer's Premises or, in the case of predominantly residential MDU, not more than 500 feet from the MDU's MPOE. The fiber optic cable in a FTTC must connect to a copper distribution plant loop at a serving area interface from which every other copper distribution subloop also is not more than 500 feet from the respective End User Customer's Premises.

9.2.1.2.1 FTTH/FTTC New Builds. Qwest shall have no obligation to provide access to an FTTH/FTTC loop as an Unbundled Network Element in any situation where Qwest deploys such a loop to an End User Customer's Premises that had not previously been served by any loop facility prior to October 2, 2003.

9.2.1.2.2 FTTH/FTTC Overbuilds. Qwest shall have no obligation to provide access to an FTTH/FTTC loop as an Unbundled Network Element in any situation where Qwest deploys such a loop parallel to, or in replacement of, an existing copper loop facility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where Qwest deploys a FTTH/FTTC loop parallel to, or in replacement of, an existing copper

loop facility:

9.2.1.2.2.1 Qwest shall: (i) leave the existing copper loop connected to the End User Customer's Premises after deploying the FTTH/FTTC loop to such Premises, and (ii) upon request provide access to such copper loop as an Unbundled Network Element. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Qwest shall not be required to incur any expense to ensure that any such existing copper loop remains capable of transmitting signals prior to receiving a request from CLEC for access, as set forth above, in which case Qwest shall restore such copper loop to serviceable condition on an Individual Case Basis. Any such restoration shall not be subject to Performance Indicator Definition or other performance service measurement or intervals. Qwest's obligations under this subsection 9.2.1.2.2 shall terminate when Qwest retires such copper Loop in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.2.1.2.3 below.

9.2.1.2.2.2 In the event Qwest, in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.2.1.2.3 below, retires the existing copper loop connected to the End User Customer's Premises, Qwest shall provide access, as an Unbundled Network Element, over the FTTH/FTTC loop to a 64 kbps transmission path capable of voice grade service.

9.2.1.2.3 Retirement of Copper Loops or Copper Subloops and Replacement with FTTH/FTTC Loops. In the event Qwest decides to replace any copper loop or copper Subloop with a FTTH/FTTC Loop, Qwest will: (i) provide notice of such planned replacement on its web site ([www.qwest.com/disclosures](http://www.qwest.com/disclosures)); (ii) provide e-mail notice of such planned retirement to CLECs; and (iii) provide public notice of such planned replacement to the FCC. Such notices shall be in addition to any applicable state Commission notification that may be required. Any such notice provided to the FCC shall be deemed approved on the ninetieth (90<sup>th</sup>) Day after the FCC's release of its public notice of the filing, unless an objection is filed pursuant to the FCC's rules. In accordance with the FCC's rules: (i) a CLEC objection to a Qwest notice that it plans to replace any copper Loop or copper subloop with a FTTH/FTTC Loop shall be filed with the FCC and served upon Qwest no later than the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) business day following the release of the FCC's public notice of the filing and (ii) any such objection shall be deemed denied ninety (90) Days after the date on which the FCC releases public notice of the filing, unless the FCC rules otherwise within that period.

9.2.1.3 Hybrid Loops. A "Hybrid Loop" is an Unbundled Loop composed of both fiber optic cable, usually in the feeder plant, and copper wire or cable, usually in the distribution plant.

9.2.1.3.1 Broadband Services. When CLEC seeks access to a Hybrid Loop for the provision of broadband services, including DS1 or DS3 capacity, but not DSL, Qwest shall provide CLEC with non-discriminatory access on an unbundled basis to time division multiplexing features, functions, and capabilities of that Hybrid Loop, only where impairment has been found to exist to establish a complete transmission path between Qwest's Central Office and an End User Customer's premises. This access shall include access to all features, functions,

and capabilities of the Hybrid Loop that are not used to transmit packetized information.

9.2.1.3.2 Narrowband Services. When CLEC seeks access to a Hybrid Loop for the provision of narrowband services, Qwest may either:

- a) Provide non-discriminatory access, on an unbundled basis, to an entire Hybrid Loop capable of voice-grade service (i.e., equivalent to DS0 capacity), using time division multiplexing technology; or
- b) Provide nondiscriminatory access to a spare home-run copper loop serving that End User Customer on an unbundled basis.

## 9.2.2 Terms and Conditions

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

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

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

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

9.2.2.2.1 If Qwest uses Integrated Digital Loop Carrier (IDLC) systems to provide the Unbundled Loop, Qwest will first attempt, to the extent possible, to make alternate arrangements such as Line and Station Transfers (LST), to permit CLEC to obtain a contiguous copper Unbundled Loop. If a LST is not available, Qwest may also seek alternatives such as Integrated Network Access (INA), hair pinning, or placement of a Central Office terminal, to permit CLEC to obtain an Unbundled Loop. If no such facilities are available, Qwest will make every feasible effort to provision Unbundled Loops over the IDLC in order to provide the Unbundled Loop for CLEC.

9.2.2.2.1.1 In areas where Qwest has deployed amounts of IDLC that are sufficient to cause reasonable concern about CLEC's ability to provide service through available copper facilities on a broad scale, CLEC shall have the ability to gain access to Qwest information sufficient to provide CLEC with a reasonably complete identification of such available copper facilities. Qwest shall be entitled to mediate access in a manner reasonably related to the need to protect Confidential or Proprietary Information. CLEC shall be responsible for Qwest's incremental costs to provide such information or access mediation.

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

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

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9.2.2.3.1.1 DS1 Unbundled Loops. Subject to the cap described in Section 9.2.2.3.1.1.1, Qwest shall provide CLEC with non-discriminatory access to a DS1 Loop on an unbundled basis to any building not served by a Wire Center with at least 60,000 Business Lines and at least four (4) Fiber-based Collocators. Once a Wire Center exceeds both of these thresholds, no future DS1 Loop unbundling will be required in that Wire Center.

9.2.2.3.1.1.1 Cap on Unbundled DS1 Loop Circuits. CLEC may obtain a maximum of ten (10) unbundled DS1 Loops to any single building in which DS1 Loops are available as Unbundled Loops.

9.2.2.3.1.2 DS3 Unbundled Loops. Subject to the cap described in Section 9.2.2.3.1.2.1, Qwest shall provide CLEC with non-discriminatory access to a DS3 Loop on an unbundled basis to any building not served by a Wire Center with at least 38,000 Business Lines and at least four (4) Fiber-based Collocators. If a Wire Center exceeds both of these thresholds, no future DS3 Loop unbundling is required in that Wire Center.

9.2.2.3.1.2.1 Cap on Unbundled DS3 Loop Circuits. CLEC may obtain a maximum of a single unbundled DS3 Loop to any single building in which DS3 Loops are available as unbundled Loops.

9.2.2.3.1.3 Qwest shall make a list available to CLEC of those Wire Centers that satisfy the above criteria and update that list as additional Wire Centers meet these criteria.

9.2.2.3.2 If CLEC orders a 2/4 wire non-loaded or ADSL compatible Unbundled Loop for an End User Customer served by a digital loop carrier system, Qwest will conduct an assignment process which considers the potential for an LST or alternative copper facility. If no copper facility capable of supporting the requested service is available, then Qwest will reject the order.

9.2.2.4 Non-Loaded Loops. CLEC may request that Qwest provide a non-loaded Unbundled Loop. In the event that no such facilities are available, CLEC may request that Qwest condition existing spare facilities. CLEC may indicate on the LSR that it pre-approves conditioning if conditioning is necessary. If CLEC has not pre-approved conditioning, Qwest will obtain CLEC's consent prior to undertaking any conditioning efforts. Upon CLEC pre-approval or approval of conditioning, and only if conditioning is necessary, Qwest will dispatch a technician to condition the Loop by removing load coils and excess Bridged Taps to provide CLEC with a non-loaded Loop. CLEC will be charged the nonrecurring conditioning charge (i.e., cable unloading and Bridged Taps removal), if applicable, in addition to the Unbundled Loop installation nonrecurring charge.

9.2.2.4.1 Where Qwest fails to meet a Due Date for performing Loop conditioning, CLEC shall be entitled to a credit equal to the amount of any conditioning charges applied, where it does not secure the Unbundled Loop involved within three (3) months of such Due Date. Where Qwest does not perform conditioning in accord with the standards applicable under this Agreement, CLEC shall be entitled to a credit of one-half (1/2) of the conditioning charges made, unless CLEC can demonstrate that the Loop as conditioned is incapable of substantially performing the functions normally within the parameters applicable to such Loop as this Agreement requires Qwest to deliver it to CLEC. In the case of such fundamental failure, CLEC shall be entitled to a credit of all conditioning charges, except where CLEC asks Qwest to cure any defect and Qwest does so. In the case of such cure, CLEC shall be entitled to the one-half (1/2) credit identified above.

9.2.2.5 When CLEC requests a Basic Rate ISDN capable or an xDSL-I capable Loop, Qwest will dispatch a technician, if necessary, to provide Extension Technology that takes into account for example: the additional regenerator placement, Central Office powering, Mid-Span repeaters, if required, and BRITE cards in order to provision the Basic Rate ISDN capable and xDSL-I capable Loop. Extension Technology may be required in order to bring the circuit to the specifications necessary to accommodate the requested service. If the circuit design requires Extension Technology, to bring it up to the design standards, it will be added by Qwest, at no charge. Extension Technology can also be requested by CLEC to meet its specific needs. If Extension Technology is requested by CLEC, but is not required to meet the technical standards, then Qwest will provide the requested Extension Technology and will charge CLEC. Qwest will

provision ISDN (BRI) capable and xDSL-I capable Loops using the specifications in the Technical Publication 77384. Refer to that document for more information. CLEC will be charged an Extension Technology recurring charge in addition to the Unbundled Loop recurring charge, if applicable, as specified in Exhibit A of this Agreement. The ISDN Capable Loop may also require conditioning (e.g., removal of load coils or Bridged Taps).

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

9.2.2.6.1 DS1 capable Loops provide a transmission path between a Central Office network interface at a DS1 panel or equivalent in a Qwest serving Central Office and the network interface at the End User Customer location. DS1 capable Loops transport bi-directional DS1 signals with a nominal transmission rate of 1.544 Mbit/s. DS1 capable Loops shall meet the design requirements specified in Technical Publication 77384 (Unbundled Loops) and 77375 (DS1).

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

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

9.2.2.8 Loop Qualification Tools. Qwest offers five (5) Loop qualification tools: the ADSL Loop Qualification Tool, Raw Loop Data Tool, POTS Conversion to Unbundled Loop Tool, MegaBit Qualification Tool, and ISDN Qualification Tool. These and any future Loop qualification tools Qwest develops will provide CLEC access to Loop qualification information in a nondiscriminatory manner and will provide CLEC the same Loop qualification information available to Qwest. CLEC may request an audit of Qwest's company records, back office systems and databases pertaining to Loop information pursuant to Section 18 of this Agreement.

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

9.2.2.8.2 Raw Loop Data Tools. Qwest offers two (2) types of Raw Loop Data Tool. If CLEC has a digital certificate, CLEC may access the Wire Center Raw Loop Data Tool via [www.ecom.qwest.com](http://www.ecom.qwest.com). The Wire Center Raw Loop Data Tool provides CLEC the following information: Wire Center CLLI code, cable name, pair name, terminal address, MLT distance, segment (F1, F2), sub-segment (e.g., 1 of F1), segment length, segment gauge, Bridged Taps length by



segment, Bridged Taps offset distance, load coil type, and pair gain type. CLEC may also access the IMA Raw Loop Data Tool for Loop specific information. The IMA Raw Loop Data Tool may be accessed through IMA-GUI or IMA-EDI. This tool provides CLEC the following information: Wire Center CLLI code, cable name, pair name, terminal address, MLT distance, segment (F1, F2), sub-segment (e.g., 1 of F1), segment length, segment gauge, Bridged Taps length by segment, Bridged Taps offset distance, load coil type, number of loads, and pair gain type.

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

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

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

9.2.2.8.6 If the Loop make-up information for a particular facility is not contained in the Loop qualification tools, if the Loop qualification tools return unclear or incomplete information, or if CLEC identifies any inaccuracy in the information returned from the Loop qualification tools, and provides Qwest with the basis for CLEC's belief that the information is inaccurate, then CLEC may request, and Qwest will perform a manual search of the company's records, back office systems and databases where Loop information resides. Qwest will provide CLEC, via email, the Loop information identified during the manual search within forty-eight (48) hours of Qwest's receipt of CLEC's request for manual search. The email will contain the following Loop makeup information: composition of the Loop material; location and type of pair gain devices, the existence of any terminals, such as Remote Terminals or digital loop terminals, Bridged Tap, and load coils; Loop length, and wire gauge. In the case of Loops served by digital loop carrier, the email will provide the availability of spare feeder and distribution facilities that could be used to provision service to the End User Customer, including any spare facilities not connected to the Switch and Loop makeup for such spare facilities. After completion of the investigation, Qwest will load the information into the Loop Facilities Assignment and Control System (LFACS) database, which will populate this Loop information into the fields in the Loop qualification tools.

9.2.2.9 Provisioning Options. The following provisioning options are available for Unbundled Loop elements. Charges for these Provisioning options vary depending on the type of Loop requested. Rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement. Testing parameters are described below and in Qwest Technical Publication 77384, Qwest Interconnection Service – Unbundled Loop.

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

9.2.2.9.1.1 For an existing End User Customer, the Basic Installation option is a "lift and lay" procedure. The Central Office Technician (COT) "lifts" the Loop from its current termination and "lays" it on a new termination connecting to CLEC. There is no associated circuit testing performed.

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

9.2.2.9.1.3 For basic installation of existing 2/4 wire analog Loops, Qwest provides a Quick Loop with or without Local Number Portability (LNP) option, that enables CLEC to receive the Quick Loop installation interval as set forth in Exhibit C. Quick Loop installation without LNP includes only a simple lift and lay procedure. Quick Loop with LNP installation provides a lift and lay, and the LNP functions. Quick Loop is not available with cooperative testing, coordinated installation, or when unbundling from an IDLC to a copper alternative.

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

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

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

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

9.2.2.9.3 Coordinated Installation With Cooperative Testing. Coordinated Installation With Cooperative Testing may be ordered for new or existing service.

For both new and existing service, CLEC must designate a specific "Appointment Time" when it submits the LSR. On the Due Date (DD), at CLEC's designated Appointment Time, the Qwest Implementor/Tester contacts CLEC to ensure CLEC is ready for installation. If CLEC is not ready within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled Appointment Time, then CLEC must reschedule the installation by submitting a supplemental LSR for a new Due Date and Appointment Time. If Qwest is not ready within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled Appointment Time, Qwest will waive the nonrecurring charge for the installation option, and the Parties will attempt to set a new appointment for the same day. If Qwest fails to perform cooperative testing due to Qwest's fault, Qwest will waive the nonrecurring charge for the installation option. If CLEC still desires cooperative testing, the Parties will attempt to set a new Appointment Time on the same day and, if unable to do so, Qwest will issue a jeopardy notice and a FOC with a new Due Date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a) 2-Wire and 4-Wire Analog Loops

No Opens, Grounds, Shorts, or Foreign Volts

Insertion Loss = 0 to -8.5 dB at 1004 Hz

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

b) 2-Wire and 4-Wire Non-Loaded Loops

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

Insertion Loss = 0 to -8.5 dB at 1004 Hz

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

c) Basic Rate ISDN and xDSL-I-Capable Loops

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

Insertion Loss =  $\leq$  40 dB at 40 kHz

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

d) DS1-Capable Loops

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

e) DS3-Capable Loops

Continuity Testing

f) ADSL-Compatible Loops

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

Insertion Loss =  $\leq$  41 dB at 196 kHz

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

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

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

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

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

9.2.2.9.7.4 Qwest will schedule the appropriate number of employees prior to the cut, normally not to exceed four (4) employees, based upon information provided by CLEC. If the Project Coordinated Installation includes LNP, CLEC will also have appropriate personnel scheduled for the negotiated FDT. If CLEC's information is modified during the installation, and, as a result, non-scheduled employees are required, CLEC shall be charged a three (3) hour minimum callout charge per each additional non-scheduled employee. If the installation is either cancelled, or supplemented to change the Due Date, within twenty-four (24) hours of the negotiated FDT, CLEC will be charged a one (1) Person three (3) hour minimum charge. For Project Coordinated Installations with LNP, if the Coordinated Installation is cancelled due to a Qwest error or a new Due Date is requested by Qwest, within twenty-four (24) hours of the negotiated FDT, Qwest may be charged by CLEC one (1) Person three (3) hour minimum charge as set forth in Exhibit A.

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

9.2.2.9.7.6 If CLEC orders Project Coordinated Installation with LNP, Qwest shall ensure that any LNP order activity requested in conjunction with a Project Coordinated Installation shall be implemented in a manner that avoids interrupting service to the End User Customer.

9.2.2.10 CLEC may request Qwest to Commingle DS1 or DS0 analog voice grade unbundled Loops with DS3 or DS1 multiplexed facilities ordered by CLEC from Qwest's special access or private line Tariffs. Terms and conditions for this Commingled arrangement are provided in Section 9.23.8 of this Agreement.

9.2.2.11 In order to properly maintain and modernize the network, Qwest may

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

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

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

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9.2.2.15 Reuse of Loop Facilities

9.2.2.15.1 When an End User Customer contacts Qwest with a request to convert their local service from CLEC to Qwest, Qwest will notify CLEC of the loss of the End User Customer, and will disconnect the Loop Qwest provided to CLEC. Qwest will disconnect the Loop only where Qwest has obtained proper Proof of Authorization.

9.2.2.15.2 When CLEC contacts Qwest with a request to convert an End User Customer from their Current Service Provider to CLEC, CLEC is responsible for notifying the Current Service Provider of the conversion. Qwest will disconnect the Loop Qwest provided the Current Service Provider and, at CLEC's request, where technically compatible, will reuse the Loop for the service requested by CLEC (e.g., resale service).

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

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

9.2.2.16 Lack of Facilities; Priority Right to Facilities. In the event Qwest notifies

CLEC that facilities ordered are not available from Qwest at the time of the order, Qwest shall maintain the order as pending for a period of thirty (30) business days. If facilities become available to fill the order within that thirty (30) business day period, Qwest shall notify CLEC of such availability. CLEC and Qwest acknowledge that the availability of facilities hereunder is on a first come, first served basis. Any facility orders placed by any other provider, including Qwest, which predate CLEC's order shall have priority for any facilities made available under the terms of this section.

### 9.2.3 Rate Elements

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

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

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

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

9.2.3.3.1 DS0, DS1, and DS3-Capable Loop Conversion Nonrecurring rates associated with the conversion of special access or private lines to Unbundled Loops.

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

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

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

9.2.3.7 Out of Hours Coordinated Installations.

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

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



## 9.2.4 Ordering Process

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

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

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

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

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

9.2.4.3.1.2 For a 2/4 wire non-loaded Loop, ADSL-compatible Loop, ISDN-capable Loop, and xDSL-I-capable Loop, Qwest will return a Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) to CLEC within seventy-two (72) hours from receipt of a valid and accurate LSR. Return of such FOC will indicate that Qwest has identified a Loop assignment. Such FOC will provide CLEC with a firm Due Date commitment or indication that appropriate facilities are not available to fill CLEC's order.

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

9.2.4.3.1.2.2 If CLEC has not pre-approved Loop conditioning and Qwest determines that the Loop contains load coils, Qwest will notify CLEC via a reject notification. CLEC must

submit a new version of the LSR approving Loop conditioning. In this scenario, the Application Date will correspond to the date the new version is received by Qwest.

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

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

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

9.2.4.6 Upon CLEC request, Qwest will convert special access or private line circuits to Unbundled Loops provided the service originates at CLEC's Collocation in the Serving Wire Center. The Loop conversion ordering process applies.

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9.2.4.8 When ordering Unbundled Loops, CLEC is responsible for obtaining or providing facilities and equipment that are compatible with the service CLEC seeks to provide.

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

9.2.4.9.1 When load coils and Bridged Taps do not exist, CLEC may request the standard Due Date interval, which will apply upon submission of a complete and accurate LSR.

9.2.4.9.2 When load coils and/or Bridged Taps do exist, CLEC will request the minimum fifteen (15) business days Desired Due Date. CLEC can determine the existence of load coils or Bridged Taps by using one of the Loop make-up tools. CLEC may pre-approve line conditioning on the LSR and, by doing so, CLEC agrees to pay any applicable conditioning charges. If CLEC did not request the fifteen (15) day interval and Qwest determines that conditioning is

required, then the fifteen (15) business day interval starts when the need for conditioning is identified and CLEC approves the conditioning charges.

#### 9.2.4.10 Out of Hours Coordinated Installations

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

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

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

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

### 9.2.5 Maintenance and Repair

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

9.2.5.2 When CLEC requests that Qwest perform trouble isolation with CLEC, a Maintenance of Service charge will apply if the trouble is found to be on the End User Customer's side of the Loop Demarcation Point. If the trouble is on the End User Customer's side of the Loop Demarcation Point, and CLEC authorizes Qwest to repair the trouble on CLEC's behalf, Qwest will charge CLEC the appropriate Additional Labor Charges set forth in Exhibit A in addition to the Maintenance of Service charge.

9.2.5.3 When CLEC elects not to perform trouble isolation and Qwest performs tests on the Unbundled Loop at CLEC's request, a Maintenance of Service charge shall apply if the trouble is not in Qwest's facilities. Maintenance and Repair processes are set forth in Section 12.3 of this Agreement. Maintenance of Service charges are set forth in Exhibit A.

9.2.5.4 Qwest will maintain detailed records of trouble reports of CLEC-ordered Unbundled Loops, comparing CLEC provided data with internal data, and evaluate such reports on at a minimum of a quarterly basis to determine the cause of Loop problems.

Qwest will conduct a quarterly root cause analysis of problems associated with Loops provided to CLEC by Qwest. Based on this analysis, Qwest will take corrective measure to fix persistent and recurrent problems, reporting to CLEC on the analysis and the process changes that are instituted implemented to fix the problems.

9.2.5.5 Qwest shall allow access to the NID for testing purposes where access at the Demarcation Point is not adequate to allow testing sufficient to isolate troubles; in the event that Qwest chooses not to allow such access, it shall waive any trouble isolation charges that may otherwise be applicable.

## 9.2.6 Spectrum Management

9.2.6.1 Qwest will provide 2/4 Wire non-loaded Loops, ADSL-compatible Loops, ISDN-capable Loops, xDSL-I-capable Loops, DS1-capable Loops, and DS3-capable Loops (collectively referred to in this Section 9.2.6 as "xDSL Loops") in a non-discriminatory manner to permit CLEC to provide Advanced Services to its End User Customers. Such Loops are defined herein and are in compliance with FCC requirements and guidelines recommended by the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council (NRIC) to the FCC, such as guidelines set forth in T1-417.

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

9.2.6.2.1 CLEC information provided to Qwest pursuant to Section 9.2.6.2 shall be deemed Confidential Information and Qwest may not distribute, disclose or reveal, in any form, this material other than as allowed and described in subsections of 9.2.6.2.

9.2.6.2.2 The Parties may disclose, on a need to know basis only, CLEC Confidential Information provided pursuant to Section 9.2.6.2, to legal personnel, if a legal issue arises, as well as to network and growth planning personnel responsible for spectrum management functions. In no case shall the aforementioned personnel who have access to such Confidential Information be involved in Qwest's retail marketing, sales or strategic planning.

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

9.2.6.4 Qwest recognizes that the analog T1 service traditionally used within its network is a "known Disturber" as designated by the FCC. Qwest will place such T1s, by whomever employed, within binder groups in a manner that minimizes interference. Where such placement is insufficient to eliminate interference that disrupts other

services being provided, Qwest shall, whenever it is Technically Feasible, replace its T1s with a technology that will eliminate undue interference problems. Qwest also agrees that any future "known Disturber" defined by the FCC or the Commission will be managed as required by industry standards, FCC rules and orders.

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

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

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9.2.6.8 Qwest will not have the authority to unilaterally resolve any dispute over spectral interference among Carriers. Qwest shall not disconnect Carrier services to resolve a spectral interference dispute, except when voluntarily undertaken by the interfering Carrier or Qwest is ordered to do so by the Commission or other authorized dispute resolution body. CLEC may submit any claims for resolution under Section 5.18 of this Agreement.

9.2.6.9 Qwest will deploy remote DSL technology in a manner that will minimize spectrum compatibility issue in the future. Where CLEC demonstrates to Qwest that it has deployed Central Office based DSL services serving a reasonably defined area, it shall be entitled to require Qwest to take appropriate measures to mitigate the demonstrable adverse effects on such service that arise from Qwest's use of repeaters or remotely deployed DSL service in that area. It shall be presumed that the costs of such mitigation will not be chargeable to any CLEC or to any other Customer; however, Qwest shall have the right to rebut this presumption, which it may do by demonstrating to the Commission by a preponderance of the evidence that the incremental costs of mitigation would be sufficient to cause a substantial effect upon other Customers (including but not limited to CLECs securing UNEs) if charged to them. Upon such a showing, the Commission may determine how to apportion responsibility for those costs, including, but not limited to CLECs taking services under this Agreement.

### **9.3 Subloop Unbundling**

#### **9.3.1 Description**

9.3.1.1 An Unbundled Subloop is defined as the distribution portion of a copper Loop or hybrid Loop comprised entirely of copper wire or copper cable that acts as a transmission facility between any point that it is Technically Feasible to access at terminals in Qwest's outside plant (originating outside of the Central Office), including inside wire owned or controlled by Qwest, and terminates at the End User Customer's premises. An accessible terminal is any point on the Loop where technicians can

access the wire within the cable without removing a splice case to reach the wire within. Such points may include, but are not limited to, the pole, pedestal, Network Interface Device, minimum point of entry, single point of Interconnection, Remote Terminal, Feeder Distribution Interface (FDI), or Serving Area Interface (SAI). CLEC shall not have access on an unbundled basis to a feeder subloop defined as facilities extending from the Central Office to a terminal that is not at the End User Customer's premises or multiple tenant environment (MTE). CLEC shall have access to the feeder facilities only to the extent it is part of a complete transmission path, not a subloop, between the Central Office and the End User Customer's premises or MTE. This section does not address unbundled Dark Fiber MTE Subloop which is addressed in Section 9.7. Due to the limited number of locations in North Dakota where Qwest owns premises cable, campus cable or inside wiring, Qwest will provide premises cable, campus cable or inside wiring ownership notification at each MTE terminal.

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

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

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

9.3.1.1.4 Prior to the development of such standard terms and conditions, Qwest shall impose in the six (6) areas identified in Section 9.3.1.1.2 above, only those requirements or intervals that are reasonably necessary, and shall make its determinations within ten (10) business days and shall apprise CLEC of the conditions for access. If there is a dispute regarding the conditions for access, Qwest shall attempt to accommodate access pending resolution of the specific issues in dispute.

9.3.1.1.4.1 MTE Terminals: Accessible terminals within a building in a MTE environment or accessible terminals physically attached to a building in a MTE environment. Qwest Premises located on real

property that constitutes a campus environment, yet are not within or physically attached to a non-Qwest owned building, are not considered MTE Terminals.

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

9.3.1.2 Standard Subloops available.

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

9.3.1.3 Standard Subloop Access

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

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

9.3.1.4 Field Connection Point

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

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

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

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

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

#### 9.3.1.5 MTE Point of Interconnection (MTE-POI)

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

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

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

### 9.3.2 Standard Subloops Available

#### 9.3.2.1 Distribution Loops

9.3.2.1.1 Two-Wire/Four-Wire Unbundled Distribution Loop: a Qwest-provided facility from the Qwest accessible terminal to the Demarcation Point or Network Interface Device (NID) at the End User Customer location. The Two-Wire/Four-Wire Unbundled Distribution Loop is suitable for local exchange-type services. CLEC can obtain access to this Unbundled Network Element at any Technically Feasible accessible terminal.

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



9.3.2.1.3 Intra-building Cable Loop: a Qwest-provided facility from the building terminal inside a MTE to the Demarcation Point at the End User Customer premises inside the same building. This Subloop element only applies when Qwest owns the intra-building cable.

9.3.2.1.4 To the extent CLEC accesses a Subloop in a campus environment from an accessible terminal that serves multiple buildings, CLEC can access the Subloop by ordering a Distribution Loop pursuant to either Section 9.3.2.1.1 or 9.3.2.1.2. A campus environment is one piece of property, owned by one (1) Person or entity, on which there are multiple buildings.

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### 9.3.3 MTE Terminal Subloop Access: Terms and Conditions

9.3.3.1 Access to Distribution Loops or Intra-building Cable Loops at an MTE Terminal within a non-Qwest owned MTE is done through an MTE-POI. Collocation is not required to access Subloops used to access the network infrastructure within an MTE, unless CLEC requires the placement of equipment in a Qwest Premises. Cross Connect Collocation, as defined in Section 9.3, refers to creation of a cross connect field and does not constitute Collocation as defined in Section 8. The terms and conditions of Section 8 do not apply to Cross Connect Collocation if required at or near an MTE.

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

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

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

9.3.3.5 If there is space in the building for CLEC to enter the building and terminate its facilities without Qwest having to rearrange its facilities, CLEC must seek to use such space. In such circumstances, an inventory of CLEC's terminations within the MTE shall be input into Qwest's systems to support Subloop orders before Subloop orders are provisioned or in conjunction with the first Subloop order in the MTE. If CLEC requires immediate access to the Subloop, then CLEC may access the Subloop element prior to the completion of the inventory per Section 9.3.5.4.7. Qwest shall have five (5) calendar Days from receipt of a written request from CLEC, in addition to the interval set forth in Section 9.3.5.4.1, to input the inventory of CLEC's terminations into its systems. Qwest may seek an extended interval if the work cannot reasonably be completed within the stated interval. In such cases, Qwest shall provide written notification to CLEC of the extended interval Qwest believes is necessary to complete the work. CLEC may dispute

the need for, and the duration of, an extended interval, in which case Qwest must request a waiver from the Commission to obtain the extended interval. If CLEC submits a Subloop order before Qwest inputs the inventory into its systems, Qwest shall process the order in accordance with Section 9.3.5.4.1.

9.3.3.6 If CLEC connects Qwest's Subloop element to CLEC's facilities using any temporary wiring or cut-over devices, CLEC shall remove any remaining temporary wiring or cut-over devices and install permanent wiring within ninety (90) calendar Days. All wiring arrangements, temporary and permanent, must adhere to the National Electric Code.

9.3.3.7 If there is no space for CLEC to place its building terminal or no accessible terminal from which CLEC can access such Subloop elements, and Qwest and CLEC are unable to negotiate a reconfigured Single Point of Interconnection (SPOI) to serve the MTE, Qwest will either rearrange facilities to make room for CLEC or construct a single point of access that is fully accessible to and suitable for CLEC. Qwest's obligation to construct a SPOI is limited to those MTEs where Qwest has distribution facilities to that MTE and owns, controls, or leases the inside wire at the MTE. In addition, Qwest shall have an obligation only when CLEC indicates that it intends to place an order for access to an unbundled Subloop Network Element via a SPOI. In such instances, CLEC shall pay Qwest a nonrecurring charge, which shall be ICB, based on the scope of the work required. If CLEC requests that a new SPOI be established, then CLEC shall pay Qwest a nonrecurring charge that shall be ICB, based on the scope of the work required. If the MTE Terminal is hard wired in such a manner that a network Demarcation Point cannot be created, Qwest will rearrange the terminal to create a cross connect field and Demarcation Point. Charges for such rearrangement shall be recovered through recurring termination charges.

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

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

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

9.3.3.8 At no time shall either Party rearrange the other Party's facilities within the MTE or otherwise tamper with or damage the other Party's facilities within the MTE. This does not preclude normal rearrangement of wiring or jumpers necessary to connect

inside wire or intrabuilding cable to CLEC facilities in the manner described in the MTE Access Protocol. If such damage accidentally occurs, the Party responsible for the damage shall immediately notify the other and shall be financially responsible for restoring the facilities and/or service to its original condition. Any intentional damage may be reported to the proper authorities and may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

#### **9.3.4 Detached Terminal Subloop Access: Terms and Conditions**

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

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

##### **9.3.4.3 Field Connection Point**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **9.3.5 Ordering/Provisioning**

#### **9.3.5.1 All Subloop Types**

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

9.3.5.1.2 CLEC shall identify Subloop elements by NC/NCI codes. This information shall be kept confidential and used solely for spectrum management purposes.

#### **9.3.5.2 Additional Terms for Detached Terminal Subloop Access**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.3.5.4.4 CLEC may only submit orders for Subloop elements after the facilities are rearranged and/or a new facility constructed, if either are necessary. CLEC will populate the LSR with the termination information provided by CLEC at the completion of the inventory process except when submitting LSRs during the creation of the inventory.

9.3.5.4.5 If CLEC orders Intrabuilding Cable Loop, CLEC shall dispatch a technician to run a jumper between its Subloop elements and Qwest's Subloop elements to make a connection at the MTE-POI in accordance with the MTE Access Protocol. If CLEC ordered a Subloop type other than Intrabuilding Cable Loop, Qwest will dispatch a technician to run a jumper between CLECs Subloop elements and Qwest's Subloop elements to make a connection at the MTE-POI. CLEC, at its option, may request that Qwest run the jumper for intrabuilding cable in MTEs when the inventory is done and a complete LSR has been submitted.

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

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

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

#### 9.3.5.5 FCP Ordering Process

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.3.5.5.2.1.4 Payment for the remaining nonrecurring charges shall be upon the RFS date. Upon completion of the

construction activities and payment of the remaining nonrecurring charge, Qwest will schedule with CLEC an inspection of the FCP with CLEC if requested. Upon completion of the Acceptance inspection, CLEC will be provided the assignments and necessary ordering information. With prior arrangements, CLEC can request testing of the FCP at the time of the Acceptance inspection. If Qwest, despite its best efforts, including notification through the contact number on the Cross Connect Collocation Application, is unable to schedule the Acceptance inspection with CLEC within twenty-one (21) calendar Days of the RFS, Qwest shall activate the applicable charges.

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

### 9.3.6 Rate Elements

#### 9.3.6.1 All Subloop Types

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

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

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#### 9.3.6.3 Additional rates for Detached Terminal Subloop Access:

9.3.6.3.1 Cross Connect Collocation Charge: CLEC shall pay the full nonrecurring charge for creation of the Cross Connect Collocation set forth in Exhibit A upon submission of the Collocation Application. The FCP Request Form shall not be considered completed in its entirety until complete payment is submitted to Qwest.

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

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

#### 9.3.6.4 Additional Rates for MTE Terminal Subloop Access

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

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

### **9.3.7 Repair and Maintenance**

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

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

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## **9.5 Network Interface Device (NID)**

### **9.5.1 Description**

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

9.5.1.1 Simple NID - The modular NID is divided into two (2) components, one containing the over-voltage unit (protector) and the other containing the End User Customer's on-premises inside wiring termination, and a modular plug which connects



the inside wire to the distribution plant or dial tone source. The non-modular NID is a protector block with the inside wire terminated directly on the distribution facilities.

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

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

## 9.5.2 Terms and Conditions

9.5.2.1 CLEC may use the existing Qwest NID to terminate its drop if space permits, otherwise a new NID or other Technically Feasible Interconnection point is required. If CLEC installs its own NID, CLEC may connect its NID to the Qwest NID by placing a cross connect between the two. When Provisioning a NID-to-NID connection, CLEC will isolate the Qwest facility in the NID by unplugging the modular unit. If CLEC requires that a non-modular unit be replaced with a modular NID, Qwest will perform the replacement for the charge described in Section 9.5.3.1. If CLEC is a facilities-based provider up to and including its NID, the Qwest facility currently in place, including the NID, will remain in place.

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

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

9.5.2.1.3 Pursuant to generally acceptable work practices, and provided the inside wire re-termination is required to meet service requirements of either Parties' End User Customer, either Party may remove the inside wire from the NID and connect that wire to that Party's own NID. Future installation of Qwest NIDs will be such that it will not unnecessarily impede access to the End User Customer's wiring.

9.5.2.1.4 CLEC may enter the subscriber access chamber or End User Customer side of a dual chamber NID enclosure for the purpose of NID-to-NID connections.

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

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

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

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

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

### **9.5.3 Rate Elements**

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

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

As of the Effective Date of this Agreement, Qwest has not implemented charges for this recurring rate element, but reserves the right to assess such a charge in the future.

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

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

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

#### **9.5.4 Ordering Process**

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9.5.4.2 CLEC may access a MTE NID after determining that the terminal in question is a NID, per the process identified in Section 9.3. If the terminal is a NID and CLEC wishes to access the End User Customer field of the NID, no additional verification is needed by Qwest. CLEC shall tag its jumper wire.

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

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

#### **9.5.5 Maintenance and Repair**

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

## 9.6 Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)

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

### 9.6.1 Description

9.6.1.1 Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT) provides CLEC with a Network Element of a single transmission path between Qwest Wire Centers in the same LATA and state. A UDIT can provide a path between one (1) CLEC's Collocation in one (1) Qwest Wire Center and a different CLEC's Collocation in another Qwest Wire Center. UDIT is a distance-sensitive, flat-rated bandwidth-specific interoffice transmission path designed to a DSX in each Qwest Wire Center. UDIT is available in DS0 through DS3 bandwidths. CLEC can assign channels and transport its choice of voice or data. Specifications, interfaces and parameters are described in Qwest Technical Publication 77389.

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### 9.6.2 Terms and Conditions

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9.6.2.0.1 Qwest shall unbundle DS1 transport between any pair of Qwest Wire Centers except where, through application of "Tier" classifications, as defined in Section 4 of this Agreement, both Wire Centers defining the Route are Tier 1 Wire Centers. As such, Qwest must unbundle DS1 transport if a Wire Center at either end of a requested Route is not a Tier 1 Wire Center, or if neither is a Tier 1 Wire Center.

9.6.2.0.1.1 CLEC may obtain a maximum of ten (10) unbundled DS1 dedicated transport circuits on each Route where DS1 dedicated transport is available on an unbundled basis.

9.6.2.0.2 Qwest shall unbundle DS3 transport between any pair of Qwest Wire Centers except where, through application of "Tier" classifications, as defined in Section 4 of this Agreement, both Wire Centers defining the Route are either Tier 1 or Tier 2 Wire Centers. As such, Qwest must unbundle DS3 transport if a Wire Center on either end of a requested Route is a Tier 3 Wire Center.

9.6.2.0.2.1 CLEC may obtain a maximum of twelve (12) unbundled DS3 dedicated transport circuits on each Route where DS3 dedicated transport is available on an unbundled basis.

9.6.2.0.3 Qwest shall make available to CLEC a list of those Wire Centers that satisfy the above criteria and update that list as additional Wire Centers meet these criteria.

9.6.2.0.4 Qwest shall provide CLEC with unbundled access to dedicated transport except where it does not connect a pair of Qwest Wire Centers.

9.6.2.0.5 All services provided in this Section 9.6 are subject to the Ratcheting criteria as provided in Section 9.1.1.9 of this Agreement.

9.6.2.0.6 All services provided in this Section 9.6, when combined with high capacity Loops, are subject to the Service Eligibility Criteria as provided in Section 9.1.1.10 of this Agreement.

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

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9.6.2.3 With the exception of combinations provided through the UNE Combinations Section 9.23, CLEC may utilize any form of Collocation at both ends of the UDIT. Qwest's design will ensure the cable between the Qwest-provided active elements and the DSX will meet the proper signal level requirements. Channel regeneration will not be charged for separately for Interconnection between a Collocation space and Qwest's network. Cable distance limitations are based on ANSI Standard T1.102.1993 "Digital Hierarchy – Electrical Interface; Annex B."

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### **9.6.3 Rate Elements**

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

- a) DS1 Transport Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a 1.544 Mbps termination at a DSX or DCS. In addition to the fixed rate element, a per-mile rate element, as described below, also applies.

- b) DS1 Transport Facilities (Per Mile) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 1.544 Mbps between Qwest Wire Centers. This is a mileage sensitive element based on the V&H coordinates of the DS1 UDIT. The mileage is calculated between the originating and terminating Qwest Wire Centers.
- c) Intentionally Left Blank.
- d) DS1 Nonrecurring Charge. One-time charges apply for a specific work activity associated with installation of the DS1 service.
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9.6.3.2 DS3 UDIT rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement and include the following elements:

- a) DS3 Transport Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a 44.736 Mbps termination. In addition to the fixed rate element, a per-mile rate element, as described below, also applies.
- b) DS3 Transport Facilities (Per Mile) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides an interoffice transmission path of 44.736 Mbps between Qwest Wire Centers. This is a mileage sensitive element based on the V&H coordinates of the DS3 UDIT. The mileage is calculated between the originating and terminating Qwest Wire Centers.
- c) Intentionally Left Blank.
- d) DS3 Nonrecurring Charge. One-time charges apply for a specific work activity associated with installation of the DS3 service.
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9.6.3.3 DS0 UDIT rates are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement and include the following elements:

- a) DS0 Transport Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a 64 Kbps termination. In addition to the fixed rate element, a per-mile rate element, as described below, also applies.
- b) DS0 Transport Facilities (Per Mile) Rate Element. This recurring rate element provides a transmission path of 64 Kbps between Qwest Wire Centers. This is a mileage sensitive element based on the V&H coordinates of the DS0 UDIT. The mileage is calculated between the originating and terminating Qwest Wire Centers.
- c) DS0 Nonrecurring Charge. One-time charges apply for a specific work activity associated with installation of the DS0 service.

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

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

9.6.3.10 A nonrecurring charge is applied to the conversion of an existing private line/special access circuit to UDIT.

#### 9.6.4 Ordering Process

9.6.4.1 Ordering processes and installation intervals are as follows:

9.6.4.1.1 UDIT is ordered via the Access Service Request (ASR) process. Ordering processes are contained in the Access to OSS Section of this Agreement.

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9.6.4.1.3 The interval will start when Qwest receives a complete and accurate ASR. This date is considered the start of the installation interval if the order is received prior to 3:00 p.m. The installation interval will begin on the next business day for service requests received after 3:00 p.m. The installation intervals have been established and are set forth in Exhibit C, Section 2.0 of this Agreement.

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

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

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

- a) The original Due Date or CLEC-initiated subsequent Due Date was, or CLEC has been notified by Qwest that such Due Date will be, delayed ten (10) business days or longer; or

b) The original Due Date has been scheduled later than the expiration of the standard interval set forth in Exhibit C and CLEC cancels its order no later than ten (10) days before such original Due Date.

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

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

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

9.6.4.6 To convert an existing private line/special access circuit to UDIT, CLEC must submit two (2) ASRs to change the circuit identification, Network Channel Interface Code (NCI) and billing.

9.6.4.7 CLEC will submit an Access Service Request (ASR) for rearrangement including appropriate termination information (e.g. Connecting Facility Assignment (CFA) or Network Channel Codes/Network Channel Interface Codes (NC/NCI) codes.

## **9.6.5 Maintenance and Repair**

9.6.5.1 The Parties will perform cooperative testing and trouble isolation to identify where trouble points exist. CLEC Cross Connections will be repaired by CLEC and Qwest Cross Connections will be repaired by Qwest. Maintenance and Repair processes are contained in the Access to OSS Section of this Agreement.

## **9.6.6 Rearrangement**

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

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

9.6.6.3 CLEC will submit an ASR with the rearrange USOC and appropriate



termination information (e.g., CFA) or NC/NCI codes (Network Channel Codes/Network Channel Interface Codes).

## **9.7 Unbundled Dark Fiber**

Dedicated dark fiber shall be made available to CLEC on an unbundled basis as set forth below. Dark fiber transport consists of unactivated optical interoffice transmission facilities.

### **9.7.1 Description**

Unbundled Dark Fiber (UDF) is a deployed, unlit strand or strands of fiber that connects two (2) Wire Centers within Qwest's network within the same LATA or state. UDF exists in two (2) distinct forms: (a) UDF interoffice facility (UDF-IOF), which constitutes a deployed route between two (2) Qwest Wire Centers; and (b) UDF MTE Subloop that begins at or near an MTE premises to provide access to MTE premises wiring. Deployed Dark Fiber facilities shall include all local exchange Dark Fiber Qwest owns directly or to which it has a right to access under agreements with any other party affiliated or not, that do not prohibit Qwest's ability to provide access to another Person or entity. Deployed Dark Fiber facilities shall not be limited to facilities owned by Qwest, but will include in place and easily called into service facilities to which Qwest has otherwise obtained a right of access, including but not limited to capitalized Indefeasible Right to Use (IRUs) or capitalized leases. Qwest shall not be required to extend access in a manner that is inconsistent with the restrictions and other terms and conditions that apply to Qwest's access; however, in the case of access obtained from an Affiliate: (a) the actual practice and custom as between Qwest and the Affiliate shall apply, in the event that it provides broader access than does any documented agreement that may exist, and (b) any terms restricting access by CLEC that are imposed by the agreement with the Affiliate (excluding good-faith restrictions imposed by any agreement with a third party from whom the Affiliate has gained rights of access) shall not be applied to restrict CLEC access.

### **9.7.2 Terms and Conditions**

9.7.2.0 Qwest shall unbundle dark fiber transport between any pair of Qwest Wire Centers except where, through application of "Tier" classifications described in Section 4 of this Agreement, both Wire Centers defining the Route are either Tier 1 or Tier 2 Wire Centers. As such, Qwest must unbundle dark fiber transport if a Wire Center on either end of a requested Route is a Tier 3 Wire Center.

9.7.2.0.1 Qwest shall make a list available to CLEC of those Wire Centers that satisfy the above criteria and update that list as additional Wire Centers meet these criteria.

9.7.2.1 Qwest will provide CLEC with non-discriminatory access to UDF in accordance with Section 9.1. Qwest will provide UDF of substantially the same quality as the fiber facilities that Qwest uses to provide retail service to its own End User Customers.

9.7.2.2 Qwest provides access to unbundled Dark Fiber at:

9.7.2.2.1 Accessible terminations such as fiber distribution panels.

9.7.2.2.2 A point of technically feasible access is any point in Qwest's

outside plant at or near an MTE premises where a technician can access the wire or fiber within the cable without removing a splice case to reach the wire or fiber within to access the wiring in the MTE premises. Such points include, but are not limited to, a pole or pedestal, the network interface device, the minimum point of entry, the single point of interconnection, and the feeder/distribution interface.

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9.7.2.3 Qwest will provide CLEC with access to deployed Dark Fiber facilities. CLEC shall be responsible for obtaining and connecting electronic equipment, whether light generating or light terminating equipment, to the Dark Fiber at both ends, provided that if CLEC requests Qwest to obtain and connect the electronic equipment, Qwest will follow the requirements of Section 9.19 in deciding whether or not to build the facilities for CLEC.

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

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

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

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

9.7.2.6 Qwest will provide CLEC with access to the deployed Dark Fiber in its

network in either single-mode or multi-mode. During the inquiry process, Qwest will inform CLEC of the availability of single-mode and multi-mode fiber.

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

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

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

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9.7.2.12 CLEC must have established Collocation or other Technically Feasible means of network demarcation pursuant to Section 9.1.4 of this Agreement at both terminating points of the UDF-IOF. No Collocation is required in intermediate Wire Centers within a UDF or at Wire Centers where CLEC's UDFs are cross connected. CLEC has no access to UDF at those intermediate Wire Centers.

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

9.7.2.13 CLEC is responsible for all work activities at the MTE premises. All negotiations with the premises End User Customer and or premises owner are solely the responsibility of CLEC.

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9.7.2.15 Access to Dark Fiber MTE Subloops at or near an MTE Terminal within a non-Qwest owned MTE is done through an MTE-POI. Collocation is not required to access MTE Subloops.

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

9.7.2.17 Qwest and CLEC will jointly participate in continuity testing within the Provisioning interval established in Exhibit C. Qwest and CLEC must coordinate on the

date and time for this continuity testing. As part of their respective duties regarding this continuity test, Qwest shall furnish a light detector at one (1) termination point of the UDF, and CLEC shall furnish light generating equipment at the other termination point of the UDF as described below:

9.7.2.17.1 CLEC may identify on its order the Wire Center at which Qwest must provide a light detector and the Wire Center at which CLEC will provide light generating equipment. If CLEC does not identify the Wire Center on its order, Qwest and CLEC shall mutually agree on the Wire Center at which CLEC will provide the light generating equipment.

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

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### 9.7.3 Ordering Processes

Ordering processes and installation intervals are as follows:

9.7.3.1 The first step of the UDF ordering process is the inquiry process. The UDF inquiry is used to determine the availability of UDF.

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

9.7.3.1.2 Qwest will notify CLEC, within the interval set forth in Exhibit C of this Agreement, that: (i) UDF is available to satisfy CLEC's request, (ii) UDF is not available to satisfy CLEC's request; or (iii) Qwest, in writing, denies CLEC's request pursuant to Section 9.7.2.5(b). Qwest shall provide written notice of denials pursuant to (iii) above.

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

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

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

9.7.3.3.1 Termination at an MTE. CLEC shall access the UDF MTE Subloop on the MTE Premises at a Technically Feasible point if possible. If access is not Technically Feasible on the MTE Premises, then CLEC may request access to UDF MTE Subloop at a Technically Feasible point near the MTE Premises. Qwest will prepare and submit to CLEC a quote along with the original Field Verification Quote Preparation form (FVQP) within the interval set forth in Exhibit C. Quotes are on an Individual Case Basis (ICB) and will include costs and an interval in accordance with Exhibit C.

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

9.7.3.4 An order may be canceled any time up to and including the Service Date. Cancellation charges will apply in accordance with Exhibit A.

9.7.3.5 CLEC may reserve Dark Fiber for CLEC during Collocation builds. Prior to reserving space, CLEC must place an inquiry pursuant to Section 9.7.3.1 of this Agreement and receive a UDF inquiry response that reflects that the route to be reserved is available. CLEC is also strongly encouraged to request a field verification that the route to be reserved is available. If CLEC does not obtain a field verification, CLEC assumes the risk that records upon which the UDF inquiry response are based may be in error. CLEC may reserve UDF for thirty (30), sixty (60), or ninety (90) Days. CLEC must contact Qwest to extend or renew reservations if there is delay in completion of the Collocation build. All applicable UDF recurring charges specified in Section 9.7.5.2 will be assessed at the commencement of the reservation. Nonrecurring charges for Provisioning and cross connects will be assessed at the time of installation.

#### 9.7.4 Maintenance and Repair

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

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

#### 9.7.5 Rate Elements

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

a) Initial Records Inquiry (IRI). This rate element is a pre-order work effort that investigates the availability of UDF. This is a one-time charge for each route check requested by CLEC. A simple IRI determines if UDF is available between two (2) Qwest Wire Centers. A complex IRI is used to determine if a UDF MTE Subloop is available. Qwest will bill CLEC the IRI immediately upon receipt of the inquiry. The IRI is a record search and does not guarantee the availability of UDF.

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

c) Engineering Verification. This rate element is an additional records check for Unbundled Dark Fiber MTE Subloop.

9.7.5.2 The following rate elements (contained in Exhibit A) are used once the availability of UDF has been established and CLEC chooses to access UDF.

9.7.5.2.1 Unbundled Dark Fiber - Single Strand - IOF Rate Elements

a) UDF-IOF Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This rate element

is a recurring rate element and provides a termination at the interoffice FDP within the Qwest Wire Center. Two (2) UDF-IOF terminations apply per cross connect provided on the facility. Termination charges apply for each intermediate office terminating at an FDP or like cross connect point.

b) UDF-IOF Fiber Transport, (Per Strand) Rate Element. This recurring rate element applies per strand. This rate element provides a transmission path between Qwest Wire Centers. This rate element is mileage sensitive based on the route miles of the UDF rounded up to the next mile.

c) UDF-IOF Fiber Cross Connect Rate Element. This rate element has both a recurring and nonrecurring component and is used to extend the optical connection from the IOF FDP to CLEC's optical Demarcation Point (ICDF). A minimum of two (2) UDF-IOF fiber cross connects apply per strand. Cross connect charges apply for each intermediate office terminating at an FDP or like cross connect point. The nonrecurring rate will not be charged for cross connects already in place prior to CLEC's order for UDF-IOF.

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9.7.5.2.4 Unbundled Dark Fiber - Order Charge, First Strand/Route, Per Order.

9.7.5.2.4.1 This rate element is the nonrecurring component assessed for installation of Unbundled Dark Fiber, by the strand. The element applies for the first strand that is requested to terminate at a single location. See Exhibit A.

9.7.5.2.5 Unbundled Dark Fiber- Order Charge, Each Additional Strand/Route, Per Order.

9.7.5.2.5.1 This rate element is the nonrecurring component assessed for installation of each additional Unbundled Dark Fiber strand. The element applies to each additional strand ordered to the same location, on the same request. See Exhibit A.

9.7.5.2.6 Unbundled Dark Fiber per Pair - IOF Rate Elements

9.7.5.2.6.1 UDF-IOF Termination (Fixed) Rate Element. This rate element is a recurring rate element and provides a termination at the interoffice FDP within the Qwest Wire Center. Two UDF-IOF terminations apply per pair at each end of the facility. Termination charges apply for each intermediate Central Office terminating at an FDP or like cross connect point. See Exhibit A.

9.7.5.2.6.2 UDF-IOF Fiber Transport, (Pair) Rate Element. This

rate element is a recurring component and applies per pair. This rate element provides a transmission path between Qwest Wire Centers. The recurring component of this rate element is mileage sensitive based on the route miles of the UDF rounded up to the next mile. See Exhibit A.

9.7.5.2.7 UDF-IOF Fiber Cross Connect Rate Element. This rate element has both a recurring and nonrecurring component and is used to extend the optical connection from the IOF FDP to CLEC's optical Demarcation Point. A minimum of two (2) UDF-IOF fiber cross connects apply per pair. Cross connect charges apply for each intermediate Central Office terminating at an FDP or like cross connect point. The nonrecurring rate will not be charged for cross connects already in place prior to CLEC's order for UDF-IOF. See Exhibit A.

9.7.5.2.8 Unbundled Dark Fiber - Order Charge, First Pair/Route, Per Order.

9.7.5.2.8.1 This rate element is the nonrecurring component assessed for installation of Unbundled Dark Fiber, by the pair. The element applies for the first pair that is requested to terminate at a single location. See Exhibit A.

9.7.5.2.9 Unbundled Dark Fiber - Order Charge, Each Additional Pair/Route, Per Order, Location, Request.

9.7.5.2.9.1 This rate element is the nonrecurring component assessed for installation of each additional Unbundled Dark Fiber pair. The element applies to each additional pair ordered to the same location, or subsequent locations for the same CLEC. See Exhibit A.

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**9.18 Additional Unbundled Elements**



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

### 9.19 Construction Charges

Qwest will assess whether to build for CLEC in the same manner that it assesses whether to build for itself. Qwest will conduct an individual financial assessment of any request that requires construction of network capacity, facilities, or space for access to or use of UNEs. When Qwest constructs to fulfill CLEC's request for UNEs, Qwest will bid this construction on a case-by-case basis. Qwest will charge for the construction through nonrecurring charges and a term agreement for the remaining recurring charge, as described in the Construction Charges Section. When CLEC orders the same or substantially similar service available to Qwest End User Customers, nothing in this Section shall be interpreted to authorize Qwest to charge CLEC for special construction where such charges are not provided for in a Tariff or where such charges would not be applied to a Qwest End User Customer.

9.19.1 Qwest reserves the right to determine if Qwest will undertake requested construction. Some circumstances under which Qwest will reject a construction request include, but are not limited to, if it is determined that the requested element will jeopardize the reliability of Qwest's existing network, endanger Qwest's employees or consumers, is not consistent with the National Electrical Code (NEC), or does not meet Network Equipment Building Standards (NEBS) requirements. If Qwest agrees to construct a network element, the following will apply.

9.19.2 CLEC may request that Qwest construct new facilities for use in providing services offered as Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) using the CLEC-Requested Unbundled Network Elements Construction (CRUNEC) method. CRUNEC is not required for requests that can be resolved through facility work or assignments. CRUNEC is not available for requests for facilities that are not offered as UNEs. Qwest's CRUNEC applies to the following Wholesale products and services:

- Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL)
- Unbundled Subloop
- Unbundled Dark Fiber (UDF)
- Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)
- Unbundled Local Loop

9.19.2.1 To make a request for construction of facilities, CLEC must submit a CRUNEC request by contacting the Qwest service manager.

### 9.19.3 Rates for CRUNEC

9.19.3.1 A Records Quote Preparation Fee (RQPF) applies, and is a nonrecurring charge assessed prior to preparation of a Records Quotation, which is a high level overview and estimate of the cost of construction. This construction estimate is based on records only and is not binding on Qwest. Credit in the amount of the RQPF will be applied to the Construction Quote Preparation Fee that is described below.

9.19.3.2 The Construction Quote Preparation Fee (CQPF) is a nonrecurring charge assessed prior to preparation of the CRUNEC quotation. The CRUNEC quotation provides the amount CLEC will pay should it agree to pursue construction. Credit in the amount of the CQPF will be applied to the cost of construction if CLEC accepts the quoted CRUNEC price and agrees to pursue construction.

9.19.3.2.1 CLEC may choose to first receive a Records Quotation, or may choose to forego the Records Quotation and pay the CQPF for the CRUNEC quotation, at any time after receiving notification that facilities are not available to complete a service request.

9.19.3.3 Qwest will retain the CQPF if CLEC chooses not to proceed with the construction. At any point after remitting payment for construction, if CLEC decides to begin but then to discontinue construction, Qwest will refund the Construction payment, excluding expenditures already incurred by Qwest for work completed (including work Engineered, Furnished and/or Installed (EF&I)). Qwest will provide a brief description of work completed.

9.19.3.3.1 EF&I is defined as:

- Engineering labor to analyze the needs for the requested UNE and design and issue the required work orders
- Furnished material cost
- Installation labor costs to complete the work order

9.19.3.4 The amount of the CRUNEC quotation is determined using the same financial analysis criteria, and costs to recover for EF&I, that Qwest uses to assess whether to build the equivalent facilities for itself.

9.19.3.5 Rates are included in Exhibit A to this Agreement.

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## **9.23 Unbundled Network Element Combinations**

### **9.23.1 General Terms**

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

9.23.1.2 Qwest will offer to CLEC UNE Combinations, on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable and non-discriminatory in accordance with the terms

and conditions of this Agreement and the requirements of Section 251 and Section 252 of the Act, the applicable FCC rules, and other Applicable Laws. The methods of access to UNE Combinations described in this section are not exclusive. Qwest will make available any other form of access requested by CLEC that is consistent with the Act and the regulations thereunder. CLEC shall be entitled access to all combinations functionality as provided in FCC rules and other Applicable Laws. Qwest shall not require CLEC to access any UNE Combinations in conjunction with any other service or element unless specified in this Agreement or as required for Technical Feasibility reasons. Qwest shall not place any use restrictions or other limiting conditions on UNE Combinations accessed by CLEC, except as specified in this Agreement or required by Existing Rules.

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

9.23.1.2.2 CLEC may Commingle UNEs and combinations of UNEs with wholesale services and facilities (e.g., switched and special access services offered pursuant to Tariff), and request Qwest to perform the necessary functions to provision such Commingling. CLEC will be required to provide the Connecting Facility Assignment (CFA) of CLEC's network demarcation (e.g., Collocation or multiplexing facilities) for each UNE, UNE Combination, or wholesale service when requesting Qwest to perform the Commingling of such services. Qwest shall not deny access to a UNE on the grounds that the UNE or UNE Combination shares part of Qwest's network with access services. All requests for combinations and Commingling will be subject to the terms and conditions in Section 9.1. In addition to the UNE Combinations provided by Qwest to CLEC hereunder, Qwest shall permit CLEC to combine any UNE provided by Qwest with another UNE provided by Qwest or with compatible network components provided by CLEC or provided by third parties to CLEC in order to provide Telecommunications Services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CLEC can connect its UNE Combination to Qwest's Directory Assistance and operator services platforms.

9.23.1.3 When ordered as combinations of UNEs, Network Elements that are currently combined and ordered together will not be physically disconnected or separated in any fashion except for technical reasons or if requested by CLEC. Network Elements to be provisioned together shall be identified and ordered by CLEC as such. When CLEC orders in combination UNEs that are currently interconnected and functional, such UNEs shall remain interconnected or combined as a working service without any disconnection or disruption of functionality.

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

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

9.23.1.5.1 Is Technically Feasible;

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

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

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

9.23.1.6.1 Is Technically Feasible;

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

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

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

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## 9.23.2 Description

UNE Combinations are available in, but not limited to, the following standard products: EEL, subject to the limitations set forth below. If CLEC desires access to a different UNE Combination, CLEC may request access through the Special Request Process set forth in this Agreement. Qwest will provision UNE Combinations pursuant to the terms of this Agreement without requiring an amendment to this Agreement, provided that all of the UNEs included in the combination request, and their associated Billing rate elements are contained in this Agreement. If Qwest develops additional UNE Combination products, CLEC can order such products without using the Special Request Process, but CLEC may need to submit a New Customer Questionnaire and execute an amendment before ordering such products.

## 9.23.3 Terms and Conditions

9.23.3.1 Qwest shall provide non-discriminatory access to UNE Combinations on rates, terms and conditions that are non-discriminatory, just and reasonable. The quality of a UNE Combination Qwest provides, as well as the access provided to that UNE Combination, will be equal between all Carriers requesting access to that UNE Combination; and, where Technically Feasible, the access and UNE Combination provided by Qwest will be provided in "substantially the same time and manner" to that which Qwest provides to itself. In those situations where Qwest does not provide access to UNE Combinations itself, Qwest will provide access in a manner that provides CLEC with a meaningful opportunity to compete.

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9.23.3.7 Enhanced Extended Loop (EEL) -- EEL is a combination of Loop and dedicated interoffice transport and may also include multiplexing. EEL transport and Loop facilities may utilize DS0 through DS3 bandwidths. The terms and conditions of Section 9.6 shall apply to the Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport portion of the EEL. The terms and conditions of Section 9.2 shall apply to the Loop portion of the EEL. EEL is offered as a conversion from private line/special access or as new installation subject to the terms of Section 9.1.1.

9.23.3.7.1 Service Eligibility Criteria in Section 9.1.1.10 apply to combinations of high capacity (DS1 and DS3) Loops and interoffice transport (high capacity EELs). This includes new UNE EELs, EEL conversions (including commingled EEL conversions) or new commingled EELs (e.g., high capacity loops attached to special access transport). CLEC cannot utilize combinations of Unbundled Network Elements that include DS1 or DS3 Unbundled Loops and DS1 or DS3 unbundled dedicated interoffice transport (UDIT) to create high capacity EELs unless CLEC certifies to Qwest that the EELs meet the Service Eligibility Criteria in Section 9.1.1.10.

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9.23.3.7.2.11 CLEC may request the conversion of an existing private line/special access Service to an EEL. Retail and/or resale private line circuits (including multiplexing) may be converted to EEL if the conversion is Technically Feasible and they meet the terms of Section

9.1.1. Qwest will provide CLEC with conversions to EELs according to the standard intervals set forth in Exhibit C. Work performed by Qwest to provide Commingled EELs at CLEC's request or to provide services that are not subject to standard provisioning intervals will not be subject to performance measures and remedies, if any, contained in this Agreement or elsewhere, by virtue of that service's inclusion in a requested Commingled EEL service arrangement. Provisioning intervals applicable to services included in a requested Commingled service arrangement will not begin to run until CLEC provides a complete and accurate service request, necessary CFAs to Qwest, and Qwest completes work required to provide for the Commingling that is in addition to work required to provision the service as a stand-alone facility or service.

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9.23.3.7.2.12 EEL is a combination of Loop and dedicated interoffice transport used for the purpose of connecting an End User Customer to CLEC's Collocation. EEL can also be ordered as a new installation of circuits for the purpose of CLEC providing services to End User Customers.

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9.23.3.7.2.12.4 EEL combinations consist of Loops and interoffice transport of the same bandwidth (Point-to-Point EEL). High capacity point-to-point EELs must originate from a CLEC Collocation in a Wire Center other than the Serving Wire Center of the Loop. When multiplexing is requested, EEL may consist of Loops and interoffice transport of different bandwidths (multiplexed EEL).

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9.23.3.7.2.12.6 Installation intervals are set forth in Exhibit C and in the Service Interval Guide (SIG) on the following web site address: <http://www.qwest.com/carrier/guides/sig/index.html>.

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9.23.3.7.2.12.8 EEL is available only where existing facilities are available.

9.23.3.7.2.12.9 Rearrangements may be requested for work to be performed by Qwest on an existing EEL, or on some private line/special access circuits, when coupled with a conversion-as-specified request to convert to EEL.

9.23.3.8 Ordering

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9.23.3.8.2 CLEC will submit EEL orders using the LSR process.

9.23.3.8.3 Qwest will install the appropriate channel card based on the DS0 EEL Loop LSR order and apply the charges.

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9.23.3.8.5 One (1) LSR is required when CLEC orders Point-to-Point EEL. Multiplexed EEL and EEL Loops must be ordered on separate LSRs.

9.23.3.9 Rate Elements

9.23.3.9.1 EEL Loop. The EEL Loop is the Loop connection between the End User Customer premises and the Serving Wire Center. EEL Loop is available in DS0, DS1, and DS3 bandwidths. Recurring and nonrecurring charges as described in Exhibit A apply.

9.23.3.9.2 EEL Transport. EEL Transport consists of the dedicated interoffice facilities between Qwest Wire Centers. EEL Transport is available in DS0, DS1, and DS3 bandwidths. Recurring charges as described in Exhibit A apply.

9.23.3.9.3 EEL Multiplexing. EEL multiplexing is offered in DS3 to DS1 and DS1 to DS0 configurations. EEL multiplexing is ordered with EEL Transport. Recurring and nonrecurring charges set forth in Exhibit A apply.

9.23.3.9.4 DS0 Low Side Channelization and DS0 MUX Low Side Channelization. EEL DS0 Channel Cards are required for each DS0 EEL Loop or DS0 Unbundled Loop connected to a 1/0 Multiplexer. Channel Cards are available for Analog Loop Start, Ground Start, Reverse Battery, and No Signaling.

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9.23.3.9.6 A rearrangement nonrecurring charge as described in Exhibit A may be assessed on some requests for work to be performed by Qwest on an existing EEL, or on some private line/special access circuits, when coupled with a conversion-as-specified request to convert to EEL.

9.23.3.10 CLEC may request access to and, where appropriate, development of, additional UNE Combinations. For UNEs Qwest currently combines in its network, CLEC can use the Special Request Process (SRP) set forth in Exhibit F. For UNEs that Qwest does not currently combine, CLEC must use the Bona Fide Request Process (BFR). In its BFR or SRP request, CLEC must identify the specific combination of UNEs, identifying each individual UNE by name as described in this Agreement.

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9.23.3.12 If CLEC is obtaining services from Qwest under an arrangement or agreement that includes the application of termination liability assessment (TLA) or minimum period charges, and if CLEC wishes to convert such services to UNEs or a UNE Combination, the conversion of such services will not be delayed due to the applicability of TLA or minimum period charges. The applicability of such charges is governed by the terms of the original agreement, Tariff or arrangement. Nothing herein shall be construed as expanding the rights otherwise granted by this Agreement or by law to elect to make such conversions.

9.23.3.13 For installation of new UNE Combinations, CLEC will not be assessed UNE rates for UNEs ordered in combination until access to all UNEs that make up such combination have been provisioned to CLEC as a combination.

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9.23.3.16 In the event Qwest terminates the Provisioning of any UNE Combination service to CLEC for any reason, CLEC shall be responsible for providing any and all necessary notice to its End User Customers of the termination. In no case shall Qwest be responsible for providing such notice to CLEC's End User Customers. Qwest shall only be required to notify CLEC of Qwest's termination of the UNE Combination service on a timely basis consistent with Commission rules and notice requirements.

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

#### **9.23.4 Rates and Charges**

9.23.4.1 The rates and charges for the individual Unbundled Network Elements that comprise UNE Combinations are contained in Exhibit A for both recurring and nonrecurring application.

9.23.4.1.1 Recurring monthly charges for each Unbundled Network Element that comprise the UNE Combination shall apply when a UNE Combination is ordered. Rates are contained in Exhibit A.

9.23.4.1.2 Nonrecurring charges, if any, will apply based upon the cost to Qwest of Provisioning the UNE Combination and providing access to the UNE Combination. These nonrecurring charges, if any, are described in Exhibit A.



9.23.4.2 If the Commission takes any action to adjust the rates previously ordered, Qwest will make a compliance filing to incorporate the adjusted rates into Exhibit A. Upon the compliance filing by Qwest, the Parties will abide by the adjusted rates on a going-forward basis, or as ordered by the Commission.

9.23.4.3 CLEC shall be responsible for Billing its End User Customers served over UNE Combinations for all Miscellaneous Charges and surcharges required of CLEC by statute, regulation or otherwise required.

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9.23.4.6 Qwest shall have a reasonable amount of time to implement system or other changes necessary to bill CLEC for Commission-ordered rates or charges associated with UNE Combinations.

### 9.23.5 Ordering Process

9.23.5.1 UNE Combinations and associated products and services are ordered via an LSR or ASR, as appropriate. Ordering processes are contained in this Agreement and in the PCAT. The following is a high-level description of the ordering process:

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9.23.5.1.3 Step 1: Complete product questionnaire with account team representative.

9.23.5.1.4 Step 2: Obtain Billing Account Number (BAN) through account team representative.

9.23.5.1.5 Step 3: Allow two (2) to three (3) weeks from Qwest's receipt of a completed questionnaire for accurate loading of UNE Combination rates to the Qwest Billing system.

9.23.5.1.6 Step 4: After account team notification, place UNE Combination orders via an LSR or ASR, as appropriate.

9.23.5.1.7 Additional information regarding the ordering processes are located at: [http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/solutions/clecFacility/une\\_p\\_c.html](http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/solutions/clecFacility/une_p_c.html).

9.23.5.2 Prior to placing an order on behalf of each End User Customer, CLEC shall be responsible for obtaining and have in its possession a Proof of Authorization as set forth in this Agreement.

9.23.5.3 Standard service intervals for each EEL are set forth in Exhibit C. For UNE Combinations with appropriate retail analogues, CLEC and Qwest will use the standard Provisioning interval for the equivalent retail service. CLEC and Qwest can separately agree to Due Dates other than the standard interval.

9.23.5.4 Due Date intervals are established when Qwest receives a complete and accurate Local Service Request (LSR) or Access Service Request (ASR) made through the IMA, EDI or Exact interfaces or through facsimile. For EEL and all other UNE Combinations, the date the LSR or ASR is received is considered the start of the service interval if the order is received on a business day prior to 3:00 p.m. For EEL and all other UNE Combinations, the service interval will begin on the next business day for service requests received on a non-business day or after 3:00 p.m. on a business day. Business days exclude Saturdays, Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (4th of July), Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

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9.23.5.7 For UNE Combinations, CLEC shall provide Qwest and Qwest shall provide CLEC with points of contact for order entry, problem resolution, repair, and in the event special attention is required on service request.

### **9.23.6 Billing**

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

### **9.23.7 Maintenance and Repair**

9.23.7.1 Qwest will maintain facilities and equipment that comprise the service provided to CLEC as a UNE Combination. CLEC or its End User Customers may not rearrange, move, disconnect or attempt to repair Qwest facilities or equipment, other than by connection or disconnection to any interface between Qwest and the End User Customer, without the written consent of Qwest.

### **9.23.8 Loop-Mux Combination (LMC)**

#### **9.23.8.1 Description**

9.23.8.1.1 Loop-mux combination (LMC) is an unbundled Loop as defined in Section 9.2 of this Agreement (referred to in this Section as an LMC Loop) Commingled with a private line (PLT), or with a special access (SA), Tariffed DS1 or DS3 multiplexed facility with no interoffice transport. The PLT/SA multiplexed facility is provided as either an Interconnection Tie Pair (ITP) or Expanded Interconnection Termination (EICT) from the high side of the multiplexer to CLEC's Collocation. The multiplexer and the Collocation must be located in the same Qwest Wire Center.

9.23.8.1.2 LMC provides CLEC with the ability to access End User Customers and aggregate DS1 or DS0 unbundled Loops to a higher bandwidth via a PLT/SA DS1 or DS3 multiplexer. There is no interoffice transport between the multiplexer and CLEC's Collocation.

9.23.8.1.3 Qwest offers the LMC Loop as a billing conversion or as new provisioning.

#### 9.23.8.2 Terms and Conditions

9.23.8.2.1 An Extended Enhanced Loop (EEL) may be commingled with the PLT/SA multiplexed facility.

9.23.8.2.2 LMC Loops will be provisioned where existing facilities are available.

9.23.8.2.3 The PLT/SA DS1 or DS3 multiplexed facility must terminate in a Collocation.

9.23.8.2.4 The multiplexed facility is subject to all terms and conditions (ordering, provisioning, and billing) of the appropriate Tariff.

9.23.8.2.5 The multiplexer and the Collocation must be located in the same Qwest Wire Center.

9.23.8.2.6 Rearrangements may be requested for work to be performed by Qwest on an existing LMC Loop, or on some private line/special access circuits, when coupled with a conversion-as-specified request to convert to LMC Loop.

#### 9.23.8.3 Rate Elements

9.23.8.3.1 The LMC Loop is the Loop connection between the End User Customer Premises and the multiplexer in the serving Wire Center where CLEC is Collocated. LMC Loop is available in DS0 and DS1. Recurring and non-recurring charges apply.

9.23.8.3.2 DS0 Mux Low Side Channelization. LMC DS0 channel cards are required for each DS0 LMC Loop connected to a 1/0 LMC multiplexer. Channel cards are available for analog loop start, ground start, reverse battery, and no signaling. See channel performance for recurring charges as set forth in Exhibit A.

9.23.8.3.3 Nonrecurring charges for billing conversions to LMC Loop are set forth in Exhibit A.

9.23.8.3.4 A rearrangement nonrecurring charge as described in Exhibit A may be assessed on some requests for work to be performed by Qwest on an existing LMC Loop, or on some private line/special access circuits, when coupled with a conversion-as-specified request to convert to LMC Loop.

#### 9.23.8.4 Ordering Process

9.23.8.4.1 Ordering processes for LMC Loop(s) are contained in this Agreement and in Qwest's Product Catalog (PCAT). The following is a high-level description of the ordering process:

9.23.8.4.1.1 Step 1: Complete product questionnaire for LMC Loop(s) with account team representative.

9.23.8.4.1.2 Step 2: Obtain billing account number (BAN) through account team representative.

9.23.8.4.1.3 Step 3: Allow two (2) to three (3) weeks from Qwest's receipt of a completed questionnaire for accurate loading of LMC rates to the Qwest billing system.

9.23.8.4.1.4 Step 4: After account team notification, place LMC Loop orders via an LSR.

9.23.8.4.2 Prior to placing an order on behalf of each End User Customer, CLEC shall be responsible for obtaining and have in its possession a Proof of Authorization (POA) as set forth in this Agreement.

9.23.8.4.3 Standard service intervals for LMC Loops are in the Service Interval Guide (SIG) available at [www.qwest.com/wholesale](http://www.qwest.com/wholesale).

9.23.8.4.4 Due date intervals are established when Qwest receives a complete and accurate LSR made through the IMA or EDI interfaces or through facsimile. For LMC Loops, the date the LSR is received is considered the start of the service interval if the order is received on a business Day prior to 3:00 p.m. For LMC Loops, the service interval will begin on the next business Day for service requests received on a non-business day or after 3:00 p.m. on a business day. Business Days exclude Saturdays, Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (4<sup>th</sup> of July), Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

#### **9.23.8.5 Billing**

9.23.8.5.1 Qwest shall provide CLEC, on a monthly basis, within seven to ten (7 to 10) calendar Days of the last day of the most recent billing period, in an agreed upon standard electronic billing format, billing information including (1) a summary bill, and (2) individual End User Customer sub-account information.

#### **9.23.8.6 Maintenance and Repair**

9.23.8.6.1 Qwest will maintain facilities and equipment for LMC Loops provided under this Agreement. Qwest will maintain the multiplexed facility pursuant to the Tariff. CLEC or its End User Customers may not rearrange, move, disconnect or attempt to repair Qwest facilities or equipment, other than by connection or disconnection to any interface between Qwest and the End User Customer, without the prior written consent of Qwest.

## 9.24 Loop Splitting

### 9.24.1 Description

Loop Splitting provides CLEC/DLEC with the opportunity to offer advanced data service simultaneously with voice service over an existing Unbundled Loop by using the frequency range above the voice band on the copper Loop. The advanced data service may be provided by the Customer of Record (the voice service provider) or another data service provider chosen by the Customer of Record. The Splitter separates the voice and data traffic and allows the copper Loop to be used for simultaneous DLEC data transmission and CLEC provided voice service to the End User Customer. "CLEC" will herein be referred to as the voice service provider while "DLEC" will be referred to as the advanced data service provider. CLEC and DLEC may be the same entity.

9.24.1.1 With regard to Qwest's current requirement that Loop Splitting be offered over an existing Unbundled Loop, Qwest acknowledges that there are ongoing industry discussions regarding the Provisioning of Loop Splitting over a new Unbundled Loop. If as a result of those discussions, a process is developed for Loop Splitting over a new Loop, Qwest will amend its Agreement to eliminate the limitation of Loop Splitting to existing Unbundled Loops.

### 9.24.2 Terms and Conditions

#### 9.24.2.1 General

9.24.2.1.1 Qwest is not responsible for providing the Splitter, filter(s) and/or other equipment necessary for the End User Customer to receive separate voice and data service across a single copper Loop.

9.24.2.1.2 To order Loop Splitting, CLEC/DLEC must have a Splitter installed in the Qwest Wire Center that serves the End User Customer. The Splitter must meet the requirements for Central Office equipment Collocation set by the FCC or be compliant with ANSI T1.413.

9.24.2.1.3 There may only be one DLEC at any given time that provides advanced data service on any given Unbundled Loop.

9.24.2.1.4 If Loop Splitting is requested for an analog Loop, the Loop must be converted to a 2/4 wire non-loaded Loop or ADSL compatible Loop.

9.24.2.1.4.1 The Customer of Record will be able to request conditioning of the Unbundled Loop. Qwest will perform requested conditioning of Unbundled Loops to remove load coils and excess Bridged Taps under the terms and conditions associated with Loop conditioning contained in Section 9.2 of this Agreement.

9.24.2.1.4.2 If requested conditioning significantly degrades the existing service over the Unbundled Loop to the point that it is unacceptable to CLEC, Customer of Record shall pay to convert back to an analog Loop.

9.24.2.1.5 Splitters may be installed in Qwest Wire Centers at the discretion of CLEC/DLEC via the standard or Common Area Splitter Collocation arrangements set forth in the Collocation Section of this Agreement. Under either option, Splitters will be appropriately hard-wired or pre-wired so that points of termination are kept to a minimum. For Loop Splitting, Qwest shall use the same length of tie pairs as it uses for other split services provided under this Agreement, except for the additional CLEC-to-CLEC connection, which is required for Loop Splitting.

### 9.24.3 Rate Elements

The following Loop Splitting rate elements are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

#### 9.24.3.1 Recurring Rates for Loop Splitting

9.24.3.1.1 Interconnection Tie Pairs (ITP) - A monthly recurring charge to recover the costs associated with the use of ITPs.

9.24.3.1.2 OSS Charge – A monthly recurring charge to recover the cost of the OSS modifications necessary to provide access to the high frequency portion of the Unbundled Loop.

#### 9.24.3.2 Nonrecurring Rates for the Loop Splitting

9.24.3.2.1 Basic Installation Charge for Loop Splitting – A nonrecurring charge for Loop Splitting installed will apply.

#### 9.24.3.3 Nonrecurring Rates for Maintenance and Repair

9.24.3.3.1 Trouble Isolation Charge – A nonrecurring charge for trouble isolation will be applied in accordance with the Access to OSS – Maintenance and Repair Section.

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

#### 9.24.3.4 Rates for Splitter Collocation are included in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

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

## 9.24.4 Ordering Process

### 9.24.4.1 Loop Splitting

9.24.4.1.1 As a part of the pre-order process, CLEC/DLEC may access Loop characteristic information through the Loop Information Tool described in the Access to OSS Section. The Customer of Record will determine, in its sole discretion and at its risk, whether to add data services to any specific Unbundled Loop.

9.24.4.1.2 The Customer of Record will provide on the LSR, the appropriate frame terminations that are dedicated to Splitters. Qwest will administer all cross connects/jumpers on the COSMIC/MDF and IDF.

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

9.24.4.1.4 The Customer of Record shall not place orders for Loop Splitting until all work necessary to provision Loop Splitting in a given Qwest Wire Center, including, but not limited to, Splitter installation and tie cable reclassification or augmentation has been completed.

9.24.4.1.5 The Customer of Record shall submit the appropriate LSRs associated with establishing Unbundled Loop and Loop Splitting.

9.24.4.1.6 If the voice service is disconnected on a Loop Splitting arrangement, the Loop Splitting arrangement shall terminate. CLEC may arrange to provide DSL service to the End User Customer through purchase of another product.

## 9.24.5 Billing

9.24.5.1 Qwest shall provide a bill to the Customer of Record, 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.

9.24.5.2 Qwest shall bill the Customer of Record for all recurring and nonrecurring Loop Splitting rate elements.

## 9.24.6 Repair and Maintenance

9.24.6.1 Qwest will allow CLEC/DLEC to access Loop Splitting at the point where the combined voice and data Loop is cross connected to the Splitter.

9.24.6.2 The Customer of Record will be responsible for reporting to Qwest service troubles provided over Loop Splitting. Qwest will be responsible to repair troubles on the physical line between Network Interface Devices at the End User Customer premises and the point of demarcation in Qwest Wire Centers. Qwest, CLEC and DLEC each will be responsible for maintaining its equipment. The entity that

controls the Splitters will be responsible for their maintenance.

9.24.6.3 Qwest, CLEC and DLEC will continue to develop repair and maintenance procedures for Loop Splitting and agree to document final agreed to procedures in a methods and procedures document that will be made available on Qwest's web site.

#### **9.24.7 Customer of Record and Authorized Agents**

9.24.7.1 "Customer of Record" is defined for the purposes of this section as the voice service provider. Qwest will bill the Customer of Record for Loop Splitting. The Customer of Record may designate an authorized agent pursuant to the terms of sections 9.24.7.2 and 9.24.7.3 to perform ordering and/or Maintenance and Repair functions.

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

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



## **Section 10.0 – ANCILLARY SERVICES**

### **10.1 Intentionally Left Blank**

### **10.2 Local Number Portability**

#### **10.2.1 Description**

10.2.1.1 Local Number Portability (LNP) is defined by the FCC as the ability of users of Telecommunications Services to retain, at the same location, existing Telecommunications numbers without impairment of quality, reliability, or convenience when switching from one Telecommunications Carrier to another. Qwest will allow CLEC to port telephone numbers for its End User Customers in the same manner as Qwest ports telephone numbers for Qwest End User Customers. CLEC may port telephone numbers into and out of Qwest End Office Switches on behalf of an End User Customer using the FCC rules and industry guidelines as described in the following Sections.

10.2.1.2 Qwest uses the Location Routing Number (LRN) architecture. Under the LRN architecture, each End Office Switch is assigned a unique ten-digit LRN, the first six digits of which identify the location of that End Office Switch. The LRN technology is a triggering and addressing method which allows the re-homing of individual telephone numbers to other End Office Switches and ensures the proper routing of calls to ported telephone numbers through the use of a database and the signaling network. The LRN solution interrupts call processing through the use of an Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) trigger, commonly referred to as the LRN trigger. During this interruption, a query is launched to the LNP database in the signaling network and the call is re-addressed using the LRN information for the ported telephone number. The LRN will route the call to the proper End Office Switch destination. The actual routing of the call with either the dialed telephone number, for calls to non-ported telephone numbers, or the LRN, for calls to ported telephone numbers, observes the rules, protocols and requirements of the existing Public Office Dialing Plan (PODP).

#### **10.2.2 Terms and Conditions**

10.2.2.1 Qwest will provide Local Number Portability (LNP), also known as long-term number portability, in a non-discriminatory manner in compliance with the FCC's rules and regulations and the guidelines of the FCC's North American Numbering Council's (NANC) Local Number Portability Administration (LNPA) Working Group and the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS). Unless specifically excluded in Section 10.2.2.6, all telephone numbers assigned to an End User Customer are available to be ported through LNP. Mass calling events shall be handled in accordance with the industry's non-LRN recommendation (NANC's High Volume Call-In Networks dated February 18, 1998).

10.2.2.2 Each Party shall use reasonable efforts to facilitate the expeditious deployment of LNP. The Parties shall comply with the processes and implementation schedules for LNP deployment prescribed by the FCC. In accordance with industry guidelines, the publications of LNP capable End Office Switches and the schedule and status for future deployment will be identified in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG).

10.2.2.3 In connection with the provision of LNP, the Parties agree to support and comply with all relevant requirements or guidelines that are adopted by the FCC, or that are agreed to by the Telecommunications industry as a national industry standard.

10.2.2.4 Qwest will coordinate LNP with Unbundled Loop cutovers in a reasonable amount of time and with minimum service disruption, pursuant to Unbundled Loop provisions identified in Section 9 of this Agreement. CLEC will coordinate with Qwest for the transfer of the Qwest Unbundled Loop coincident with the transfer of the End User Customer's service to Qwest in a reasonable amount of time and with minimum service disruption. For coordination with Loops not associated with Qwest's Unbundled Loop offering, CLEC may order the LNP managed cut, as described in Section 10.2.5.4.

10.2.2.4.1 Parties understand that LNP order activity must be coordinated with facilities cutovers in order to ensure that the End User Customer is provided with uninterrupted service. If the Party porting the telephone number experiences problems with its port or provision of its Loop, and needs to delay or cancel the port and any Loop disconnection, that Party shall notify the other Party immediately. Parties will work cooperatively and take prompt action to delay or cancel the port and any Loop disconnection in accordance with industry (LNPA's National Number Porting Operations Team), accepted procedures to minimize End User Customer service disruptions.

10.2.2.4.2 Parties shall transmit a port create subscription or port concurrence message to the NPAC, in accordance with the FCC's LNPA Working Group's guidelines. Qwest will routinely send a concurrence message within the time frames established by the industry.

10.2.2.5 The Parties agree to implement LNP within the guidelines set forth by the generic technical requirements for LNP as specified in Section 21 of this Agreement.

10.2.2.6 Neither Party shall be required to provide Local Number Portability for telephone numbers that are excluded by FCC rulings (e.g. 500 and 900 NPAs, 950 and 976 NXX number services).

10.2.2.7 After an End Office Switch becomes equipped with LNP, all NXXs assigned to that End Office Switch will be defined as portable, to the extent Technically Feasible, and translations will be changed in each Party's Switches so that the portable NXXs are available for LNP database queries. When an NXX is defined as portable, it will also be defined as portable in all LNP-capable End Office Switches that have direct trunks to the End Office Switch associated with the portable NXX.

10.2.2.8 Each Party shall offer Local Number Portability to End User Customers for any portion of an existing DID block without being required to port the entire block of DID telephone numbers. Each Party shall permit End User Customers who port a portion of DID telephone numbers to retain DID service on the remaining portion of the DID telephone numbers.

10.2.2.9 At the time of porting a telephone number via LNP from Qwest, Qwest shall ensure that the LIDB entry for that telephone number is de-provisioned if the Qwest LIDB is not being used by CLEC.

10.2.2.10 Both Parties agree to follow the LNP End Office Switch request process established by the Parties and in compliance with industry guidelines.

10.2.2.11 NXX Migration, or Local Exchange Routing Guide Reassignment, reassigns the entire Central Office Code (NXX) to CLEC's End Office Switch if the code is used solely for one End User Customer. Where one Party has activated an entire NXX for a single End User Customer, or activated a substantial portion of an NXX for a single End User Customer with the remaining telephone numbers in the NXX either reserved for future use or otherwise unused, if such End User Customer chooses to receive service from the other Party, the first Party shall cooperate with the second Party to have the entire NXX reassigned to an End Office Switch operated by the second Party through the NANP administrator. In addition, both Parties agree to cooperate in arranging necessary updates and industry notification in the LERG (and associated industry databases, routing tables, etc.). Such transfer will be accomplished with appropriate coordination between the Parties and subject to appropriate industry lead-times (as identified in the LERG and the Central Office Code Administration guidelines) for movement of NXXs from one End Office Switch to another. Other applications of NXX migration will be discussed by the Parties as circumstances arise.

10.2.2.12 In connection with all LNP requests, the Parties agree to comply with the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) recommended standards for service provider Local Number Portability (NENA-02-011), as may be updated from time to time, regarding unlocking and updating End User Customers' telephone number records in the 911/Automatic Location Information (ALI) database. The Current Service Provider shall send the 911 unlock record on the completion date of the order to the 911 database administrator.

10.2.2.13 Porting of Reserved Numbers. The End User Customers of each Party may port Reserved Numbers from one Party to the other Party via LNP. Qwest will port telephone numbers previously reserved by the End User Customer via the appropriate retail Tariffs until these reservations expire. Qwest will reserve telephone numbers in accordance with the FCC's rules.

10.2.2.14 Limits on Subscriber Relocation. Qwest and CLEC agree that an End User Customer may geographically relocate at the same time as it ports its telephone number, using LNP, to the New Service Provider; provided, however, that the Current Service Provider may require that the End User Customer's relocation at the time of the port to the New Service Provider be limited to the geographic area represented by the NXX of the ported telephone number. The Current Service Provider may not impose a relocation limitation on the New Service Provider or the New Service Provider's subscribers that is more restrictive than that which the Current Service Provider would impose upon its own subscribers with telephone numbers having the same NXX as the telephone number(s) being ported. In addition, the Current Service Provider may not impose any restrictions on relocation within the same Rate Center by a ported End User Customer while that End User Customer is served by the New Service Provider.

### **10.2.3 Service Management System**

10.2.3.1 Each Party shall sign the appropriate NPAC user agreement(s) and obtain certification from the appropriate NPAC administrator(s) that the Party or the Party's Service Order Administration (SOA) and Local Service Management System

(LSMS) vendor(s) has systems and equipment that are compatible with the NPAC's established protocols and that the application of such systems and equipment is compatible with the NPAC.

10.2.3.2 Each Party shall cooperate to facilitate the administration of the SMS through the process prescribed in the documents referenced in Section 21.

#### **10.2.4 Database and Query Services**

10.2.4.1 The LNP database provides the call routing information used by Qwest's End Office Switches and Tandem Switches to route CLEC's End User Customer's calls to a ported telephone number or to terminate calls to CLEC's End User Customers using a ported telephone number. Qwest shall perform default LNP queries where CLEC is unable to perform its own query. CLEC shall perform default LNP queries where Qwest is unable to perform its own query. Qwest query services and charges are defined in FCC Tariff #5, including End Office and Tandem Switch Default Query Charges which are contained in Tariff Section 13 (Miscellaneous Service) and Database Query Charges which are contained in Tariff Section 20 (CCSAC Service Applications).

10.2.4.2 For local calls to a NXX in which at least one (1) telephone number has been ported via LNP at the request of CLEC, the Party that owns the originating Switch shall query an LNP database as soon as the call reaches the first LNP-capable Switch in the call path. The Party that owns the originating Switch shall query on a local call to a NXX in which at least one (1) telephone number has been ported via LNP prior to any attempts to route the call to any other Switch. Prior to the first telephone number in a NXX being ported via LNP at the request of CLEC, Qwest may query all calls directed to the NXX, subject to the Billing provisions as discussed in Section 10.2.4.1 and provided that Qwest queries shall not adversely affect the quality of service to CLEC's End User Customers as compared to the service Qwest provides its own End User Customers.

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

10.2.4.4 On calls originating from a Party's network, the Party will populate, if Technically Feasible, the Jurisdiction Information Parameter (JIP) with the first six digits of the originating LRN in the SS7 Initial Address Message.

10.2.4.5 Each Party shall cooperate in the process of porting telephone numbers from one Carrier to another so as to limit service outage for the ported End User Customer. Qwest shall update its LNP database from the NPAC SMS data within fifteen (15) minutes of receipt of a download from the NPAC SMS.

#### **10.2.5 Ordering**

10.2.5.1 Both Parties shall comply with ordering standards as developed by the industry and as described in Section 12 of this Agreement. LNP service is ordered via a Local Service Request and associated LNP forms. CLEC may order LNP either manually or through an electronic interface. The electronic gateway solution for ordering service is described in Section 12 of this Agreement.

10.2.5.2 Standard Due Date Intervals. Service intervals for LNP are described below. These intervals include the time for Firm Order Confirmation (FOC). Orders received after 7:00 p.m. (mountain time) are considered the next business day. The following service intervals have been established for LNP:

	Telephone Numbers To Port	Interval*
<u>Simple</u> (1FR/1FB)	1-5	3 business days (includes FOC 24 hr interval)
	6-50	4 business days (includes FOC 24 hr interval)
	51 or more	Project Basis
<u>Complex</u> (PBX Trunks, ISDN, Centrex)	1-25	5 business days (includes FOC 24 hr interval)
	26 or more	Project Basis

\*Intervals for LNP with Unbundled Loops shall be governed by Section 9.2.4.6 of the Agreement.

10.2.5.3 Most LNP order activity is flow-through, meaning that the ten (10) digit unconditional trigger, or Line Side Attribute (LSA) trigger, can be set automatically. CLEC may request any Due Date/Frame Due Time (DD/FDT) where the trigger can be set automatically, although there may be some instances when Qwest or the Number Portability Administration Center/Service Management System (NPAC/SMS) will provide prior electronic notice of specific blocks of time which cannot be used as a DD/FDT due to scheduled maintenance or other circumstances. If the DD/FDT on a flow-through cut is outside Qwest's normal business hours for LNP, Qwest will have personnel available in the repair center to assist in the event that CLEC experiences problems during the cut. In addition, Qwest allows CLEC to request a managed cut on a 24 X 7 basis in those situations where a cut would otherwise have been flow-through, but where CLEC has a business need to have Qwest personnel dedicated to the cut. The terms and conditions for managed cuts are described in 10.2.5.4.

10.2.5.3.1 Qwest will set the ten (10) digit unconditional trigger for telephone numbers to be ported, unless technically infeasible, by 11:59 p.m. (local time) on the business day preceding the scheduled port date. (A 10-digit unconditional trigger cannot be set for DID services in AXE10 and DMS10 End Office Switches thus managed cuts are required, at no charge.) The ten (10) digit unconditional trigger and End Office Switch translations associated with the End User Customer's telephone number will not be removed, nor will Qwest disconnect the End User Customer's Billing and account information, until 11:59 p.m. (local time) of the next business day after the Due Date. CLEC is required to make timely notifications of Due Date changes or cancellations by 8:00 p.m.

(mountain time) on the Due Date through a supplemental LSR order. In the event CLEC does not make a timely notification, CLEC may submit a late notification to Qwest as soon as possible but in no event later than 12:00 p.m. (mountain time) the next business day after the Due Date to Qwest's Interconnect Service Center in the manner set forth below. For a late notification properly submitted, Qwest agrees to use its best efforts to ensure that the End User Customer's service is not disconnected prior to 11:59 p.m. of the next business day following the new Due Date or, in the case of a cancellation, no disruption of the End User Customer's existing service. Late notifications must be made by calling Qwest's Interconnect Service Center followed by CLEC submitting a confirming supplemental LSR order.

10.2.5.4 LNP Managed Cut With CLEC-Provided Loop: A managed cut permits CLEC to select a project managed cut for LNP. Managed cuts are offered on a 24 X 7 basis.

10.2.5.4.1 The date and time for the managed cut requires up-front planning and may need to be coordinated between Qwest and CLEC. All requests will be processed on a first come, first served basis and are subject to Qwest's ability to meet a reasonable demand. Considerations such as system downtime, Switch upgrades, Switch maintenance, and the possibility of other CLECs requesting the same FDT in the same End Office Switch (Switch contention) must be reviewed. In the event that any of these situations would occur, Qwest will coordinate with CLEC for an agreed upon FDT, prior to issuing the Firm Order Confirmation (FOC). In special cases where a FDT must be agreed upon, the interval to reach agreement will not exceed two (2) days. In addition, standard intervals will apply.

10.2.5.4.2 CLEC shall request a managed cut by submitting a Local Service Request (LSR) and designating this order as a managed cut in the remarks section of the LSR form.

10.2.5.4.3 CLEC will incur additional charges for the managed cut dependent upon the FDT. The rates are based upon whether the request is within Qwest's normal business hours or out of hours. Qwest's normal business hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., End User Customer local time, Monday through Friday. The rate for managed cuts during normal business hours is the standard rate. The rate for managed cuts out of hours, except for Sundays and Holidays, is the overtime rate. Sundays and Holidays are at premium rate.

10.2.5.4.4 Charges for managed cuts shall be based upon actual hours worked in one-half (½) hour increments. Exhibit A of this Agreement contains the rates for managed cuts. CLEC understands and agrees that in the event CLEC does not make payment for managed cuts, unless disputed as permitted under Section 5.4 of this Agreement, Qwest shall not accept any new LSR requests for managed cuts.

10.2.5.4.5 Qwest will schedule the appropriate number of employees prior to the cut, normally not to exceed three (3) employees, based upon information provided by CLEC. CLEC will also have appropriate personnel scheduled for the negotiated FDT. If CLEC's information is modified during the cut, and, as a

result, non-scheduled employees are required, CLEC shall be charged a three (3) hour minimum callout charge per each additional non-scheduled employee. If the cut is either cancelled, or supplemented to change the Due Date, within twenty-four (24) hours of the negotiated FDT, CLEC will be charged a one person three (3) hour minimum charge. If the cut is cancelled due to a Qwest error or a new Due Date is requested by Qwest within twenty-four (24) hours of the negotiated FDT, Qwest may be charged by CLEC one person three (3) hour minimum charge as set forth in Exhibit A.

10.2.5.4.6 In the event that the LNP managed cut conversion is not successful, CLEC and Qwest agree to isolate and fix the problem in a timeframe acceptable to CLEC or the End User Customer. If the problem cannot be corrected within an acceptable timeframe to CLEC or the End User Customer, CLEC may request the restoration of Qwest service for the ported End User Customer. Such restoration shall begin immediately upon request. If CLEC is in error then a supplemental order shall be provided to Qwest. If Qwest is in error, no supplemental order or additional order will be required of CLEC.

10.2.5.4.7 Qwest shall ensure that any LNP order activity requested in conjunction with a managed cut shall be implemented in a manner that avoids interrupting service to the End User Customer, including, without limitation, ensuring that the End User Customer's Qwest Loop will not be disconnected prior to confirmation that CLEC's Loop has been successfully installed.

## **10.2.6 Maintenance and Repair**

10.2.6.1 Each Party is responsible for its own End User Customers and will have the responsibility for resolution of any service trouble report(s) from its End User Customers. End User Customers will be instructed to report all cases of trouble to their Current Service Provider.

10.2.6.2 Each Party will provide its respective End User Customers the correct telephone numbers to call for access to its respective repair bureau. Each Party will provide its repair contact telephone numbers to one another on a reciprocal basis.

10.2.6.3 Qwest will work cooperatively with CLEC to isolate and resolve trouble reports. When the trouble condition has been isolated and found to be within a portion of the Qwest network, Qwest will perform standard tests and isolate and repair the trouble within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the report.

10.2.6.4 Qwest will proactively test new Switch features and service offerings to ensure there are no problems with either the porting of telephone numbers or calls from Qwest End User Customers to CLEC End User Customers with ported telephone numbers or vice versa.

## **10.2.7 Rate Elements**

10.2.7.1 Qwest will comply with FCC and Commission rules on cost recovery for Local Number Portability.

## 10.3 911/E911 Service

### 10.3.1 Description

10.3.1.1 911 and E911 provides an End User Customer access to the applicable emergency service bureau, where available, by dialing a 3-digit universal telephone number (911).

10.3.1.2 Automatic Location Identification/Data Management System (ALI/DMS). The ALI/DMS database contains End User Customer information (including name, address, telephone number, and sometimes special information from the Current Service Provider or End User Customer) used to determine to which Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to route the call. The ALI/DMS database is used to provide more routing flexibility for E911 calls than Basic 911.

10.3.1.3 Basic 911 directly connects to the PSAP all 911 calls from one or more local exchange End Office Switches that serve a geographic area. E911 provides additional Selective Routing flexibility for 911 calls. E911 uses End User Customer data, contained in the ALI/DMS, to determine to which Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to route the call.

### 10.3.2 Terms and Conditions

10.3.2.1 Qwest will provide nondiscriminatory access to the same Basic 911 or Enhanced 911 features, functions and services that Qwest provides to its End User Customers. E911 functions provided to CLEC shall be at the same level of accuracy and reliability as for such support and services that Qwest provides to its End User Customers for such similar functionality.

10.3.2.2 In counties where Qwest has obligations under existing agreements as the primary provider of the 911 system to the county, CLEC will participate in the provision of the 911 System as described in Section 10.3.

10.3.2.3 Qwest shall conform to all state regulations concerning emergency services.

10.3.2.4 Qwest shall route E911 calls to the appropriate PSAP.

10.3.2.5 Each Party will be responsible for those portions of the 911 system for which it has total control, including any necessary maintenance to each Party's portion of the 911 system.

10.3.2.6 Qwest will provide CLEC with the identification of the Qwest 911 controlling office that serves each geographic area served by CLEC.

10.3.2.7 Qwest will provide CLEC with the ten-digit telephone numbers of each PSAP agency, for which Qwest provides the 911 function, to be used by CLEC to acquire emergency telephone numbers for operators to handle emergency calls in those instances where CLEC's End User Customer dials "0" instead of "911". It shall be the responsibility of CLEC to verify or confirm the appropriate use of the contact information provided by Qwest with each PSAP prior to offering 911 calls or publication of such data.



10.3.2.8 If a third party is the primary service provider to a county, CLEC will negotiate separately with such third party with regard to the provision of 911 service to the county. All relations between such third party and CLEC are separate from this Agreement and Qwest makes no representations on behalf of the third party.

10.3.2.9 If CLEC is the primary service provider to the county, CLEC and Qwest will negotiate the specific provisions necessary for providing 911 service to the county and will include such provisions in an amendment to this Agreement.

10.3.2.10 CLEC will separately negotiate with each county regarding the collection and reimbursement to the county of applicable End User Customer taxes for 911 service.

10.3.2.11 CLEC is responsible for network management of its network components in compliance with the Network Reliability Council Recommendations and meeting the network standard of Qwest for the 911 call delivery.

10.3.2.12 The Parties shall provide a single point of contact to coordinate all activities under this Agreement.

10.3.2.13 Neither Party will reimburse the other for any expenses incurred in the provision of E911 services. All costs incurred by the Parties for 911/E911 services shall be billed to the appropriate PSAP.

10.3.2.14 Qwest's designated E911 database provider, an independent third party, will be responsible for maintaining the E911 database. CLEC shall have non-discriminatory unbundled access to the E911 database, including the listings of other LECs for purposes of providing 911 services related to the public health, safety and welfare.

### **10.3.3 E911 Database Updates**

10.3.3.1 CLEC exchanges to be included in Qwest's E911 Database will be indicated via written notice to the appropriate 911 authority (state agency or PSAP administrator or county) and will not require an amendment to this Agreement.

10.3.3.2 Qwest's designated E911 database provider, an independent third party, will be responsible for maintaining the E911 database. Qwest, or its designated database provider, will provide to CLEC an initial copy of the most recent Master Street Address Guide (MSAG), and subsequent versions on a quarterly basis, at no charge. MSAGs provided outside the quarterly schedule will be provided and charged on an Individual Case Basis. The data will be provided in computer readable format. Qwest shall provide CLEC access to the Master Street Address Guide at a level of accuracy and reliability that is equivalent to the access Qwest provides to itself.

### **10.3.4 E911 Database Updates for Facilities-Based CLECs**

10.3.4.1 Qwest will ensure that the 911 database entries for CLEC will be maintained with the same accuracy and reliability that Qwest maintains for Qwest's own End User Customers.

10.3.4.2 For Selective Routing table updates, facilities-based CLECs will negotiate directly with Qwest's database provider for the input and validation of End User Customer data into the Qwest Automatic Location Identification (ALI) database. CLEC will negotiate directly with the PSAP (or PSAP agency's) DMS/ALI provider for input of End User Customer data into the ALI database. In most cases the Selective Routing table updates and the ALI database will be managed by the same provider. CLEC assumes all responsibility for the accuracy of the data that CLEC provides for MSAG preparation and E911 Database operation.

10.3.4.3 If it is facilities-based, CLEC will provide End User Customer data to Qwest's agent for the Qwest ALI database utilizing NENA-02-010 Recommended Formats and Protocols For ALI Data Exchange standards. Qwest will furnish CLEC any variations to NENA recommendations required for ALI database input.

10.3.4.4 If it is facilities-based, CLEC will provide End User Customer data to Qwest's database provider for Qwest's ALI database that is MSAG valid and meets all components of the NENA-02-011 Recommended Data Standards for Local Exchange Carriers, ALI Service Providers and 9-1-1 Jurisdictions standard format, as specified by Qwest.

10.3.4.5 If it is facilities-based, CLEC will update its End User Customer records provided to Qwest's database provider for Qwest's ALI database to agree with the 911 MSAG standards for its service areas.

10.3.4.6 Qwest's E911 database administrator, an independent third party, shall resolve failed Local Number Portability migrate records in accordance with the NENA standard, NENA-02-011 Sections 22B.1-2, for Qwest records where Qwest is the donor company as defined in the NENA standard. The Qwest E911 database administrator will compare CLEC's (i.e., recipient company as defined in the NENA standard) failed migrate records to the Regional Number Portability Administration Center's (NPAC) database once each business day to determine if the migrate record (i.e., ported telephone number) has been activated by the recipient company. If the migrate record has been activated by CLEC in the NPAC, the record shall be unlocked and the migrate record processed. If, at the end of ten (10) business days, the NPAC database does not show the migrate record as activated or the record owner identification does not match, the migrate record will be rejected. The E911 database administrator will send reports regarding CLEC's failed migrate records (i.e., 755 error code) and rejected migrate records (i.e., 760 error code) to CLEC or CLEC's designated database administrator. Qwest's E911 database administrator will also resolve failed migrate records for CLEC, if valid based on the NPAC database.

### **10.3.5 E911 Database Updates for Resale Based CLECs**

10.3.5.1 For resold services, Qwest, or its designated database provider, will provide updates to the ALI database in a manner that is at the same level of accuracy and reliability as such updates are provided for Qwest's End User Customers. For resold accounts, CLEC shall provide Qwest with accurate End User Customer location information to be updated to the ALI/DMS database. Qwest shall use its current process to update and maintain End User Customer information in the ALI/DMS database.

### 10.3.6 E911 Database Accuracy

10.3.6.1 E911 Database accuracy shall be measured jointly by the PSAPs and Qwest's database provider in a format supplied by Qwest. The reports shall be forwarded to CLEC by Qwest's database provider when relevant and will indicate incidents when incorrect or no ALI data is displayed. The reports provided to CLEC shall contain CLEC-specific information regarding CLEC's accounts.

10.3.6.2 Each discrepancy report will be jointly researched by Qwest and CLEC. Corrective action will be taken immediately by the responsible Party.

10.3.6.3 Each Party providing updates to the E911 database will be responsible for the accuracy of its End User Customer records. Each Party providing updates specifically agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other Party from any claims, damages, or suits related to the accuracy of End User Customer data provided for inclusion in the E911 Database.

10.3.6.4 Qwest and its vendor will provide non-discriminatory error correction for records submitted to the Automatic Location Identification (ALI) database. For resold accounts, if vendor detects errors, it will attempt to correct them. If vendor is unable to correct the error, vendor will contact Qwest for error resolution. For errors referred to Qwest, Qwest will provide the corrections in a non-discriminatory manner. If Qwest is unable to resolve the error, Qwest will contact the Resale-CLEC for resolution. In the case of facilities-based CLECs, the vendor will interface directly with CLEC to resolve record errors.

### 10.3.7 E911 Interconnection

10.3.7.1 If required by CLEC, Qwest shall interconnect direct trunks from CLEC's network to the Basic 911 PSAP, or the E911 tandem. Such trunks may alternatively be provided by CLEC. If provided by Qwest, such trunks will be provided on a non-discriminatory basis. Qwest shall provide special protection identification for CLEC 911 circuits in the same manner as Qwest provides for its 911 circuits.

10.3.7.1.1 The Parties shall establish a minimum of two (2) dedicated trunks from CLEC's Central Office to each Qwest 911/E911 Selective Router (i.e., 911 Tandem Office) that serves the areas in which CLEC provides Exchange Service, for the provision of 911/E911 services and for access to all subtending PSAPs (911 Interconnection Trunk Groups). CLEC can order diverse routing for 911/E911 circuits, if facilities are available. When Qwest facilities are available, Qwest will comply with diversity of facilities and systems as ordered by CLEC. Where there is alternate routing of 911/E911 calls to a PSAP in the event of failures, Qwest shall make that alternate routing available to CLEC.

10.3.7.1.2 911 Interconnection Trunk Groups must be, at a minimum, DS0 level trunks configured as a 2-wire analog interface or as part of a digital (1.544 Mbps) interface. Either configuration must use Centralized Automatic Message Accounting (CAMA) type signaling with MF tones that will deliver Automatic Number Identification (ANI) with the voice portion of the call, or Signaling System 7 (SS7) if available (i.e., other signaling technology as available). All 911 Interconnection trunk groups must be capable of transmitting and receiving

Baudot code necessary to support the use of Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TTY/TDDs).

10.3.7.1.3 Qwest shall begin restoration of 911/E911 trunking facilities immediately upon notification of failure or outage. Qwest must provide priority restoration of trunks or network outages on the same terms and conditions it provides itself. CLEC will be responsible for the isolation, coordination, and restoration of all 911 network maintenance problems to CLEC's demarcation. Qwest will be responsible for the coordination and restoration of all 911 network maintenance problems beyond the demarcation. Qwest repair service includes testing and diagnostic service from a remote location, dispatch of or in-person visit(s) of personnel. Where an on-site technician is determined to be required, a technician will be dispatched without delay. CLEC is responsible for advising Qwest of the circuit identification when notifying Qwest of a failure or outage. The Parties agree to work cooperatively and expeditiously to resolve any 911 outage. Qwest will refer network trouble to CLEC if no defect is found in Qwest's network. The Parties agree that 911 network problem resolution will be managed in an expeditious manner at all times.

10.3.7.2 For CLEC-identified 911 trunk blockages, Qwest agrees to take corrective action using the same trunking service procedures used for Qwest's own E911 trunk groups.

10.3.7.3 The Parties will cooperate in the routing of 911 traffic in those instances where the ALI/ANI information is not available on a particular 911 call.

10.3.7.4 For facilities-based CLEC using its own switch(es), Qwest shall provide 911 Interconnection, including the provision of dedicated trunks from CLEC End Office Switch to the 911 control office, at Parity with what Qwest provides itself.

10.3.7.5 For CLEC's resale local exchange lines, Qwest shall provide access to the same 911 trunks used for Qwest's retail End User Customers which extend from the Qwest End Office Switch to the Basic 911 PSAP or the E911 Tandem Switch. CLEC access to such 911 trunks shall be on a shared, non-discriminatory basis.

### **10.3.8 E911 and Number Portability**

10.3.8.1 When a Qwest telephone number is ported out, receiving CLEC shall be responsible to update the ALI/DMS database. When a CLEC telephone number is ported in, Qwest shall be responsible to update the ALI/DMS database.

### **10.3.9 Public Switch/Automatic Location Identification (PS/ALI) Service**

#### **10.3.9.1 PS/ALI Description**

10.3.9.1.1 Private Switch/Automatic Location Identification (PS/ALI) Service provides End User Customers using a private telephone Switch, such as Private Branch Exchanges (PBXs) and some Centrex/Centron, with the Selective Routing and/or Automatic Location Identification (SR/ALI) feature(s) of E911 for individual telephone stations served by the PBX or Centrex/Centron. The PS/ALI capability allows for the storage and retrieval of Automatic Location Identification

and/or the Selective Routing of that call to the appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

10.3.9.1.2 CLEC's PS/ALI End User Customer systems are viewed as a Serving Wire Center within the E911 network. The Automatic Number Identification (ANI) generated by the PBX/Centrex/Centron will be read, processed, and utilized as if it were a typical End Office Switch. The E911 SR will route the E911 PS/ALI call to the appropriate PSAP based on the ANI received, or the default Emergency Service Number (ESN). Upon receipt of the information, the PSAP forwards the ANI information to the ALI database over an existing data network, where it is then used to retrieve the stored station name, address and location information. The PSAP monitor then displays the station address and location information for handling by the emergency response personnel.

10.3.9.1.3 The PS/ALI capability consists of the ALI database updates and transport of PS/ALI calls to an E911 SR or to the appropriate PSAP.

#### 10.3.9.2 PS/ALI Terms and Conditions

10.3.9.2.1 PS/ALI service is only available in areas where E911 is currently supported. PS/ALI is not available with Basic 911 service.

10.3.9.2.2 CLEC or CLEC's PS/ALI End User Customer is responsible for establishing and maintaining the E911 database records for the PBX/Centrex/Centron. CLEC or CLEC's PS/ALI End User Customer shall provide the PBX/Centrex/Centron ALI information to Qwest's designated E911 database provider. PS/ALI information includes the name, address and location information for each station behind the PBX/Centrex/Centron. Qwest does not guarantee or confirm the accuracy of End User Customer provided information.

10.3.9.2.3 When the station user dials 911, the PBX/Centrex/Centron must be able to recognize the digits as a complete dialing code. (In some systems, it may be necessary to dial a single digit network access code before dialing 911, i.e., dial "9" to make a call outside of the private Switch prior to dialing 911). The PBX/Centrex/Centron must provide a full seven (7) digit numbering system and the associated ANI for every station within the private Switch. If the seven (7) digit telephone number is not dialable, CLEC's PS/ALI End User Customer is responsible to identify the associated call back telephone number to be populated in the database. PS/ALI Service is not available with Digital Switched Service (DSS). PS/ALI is available over Primary Rate Interface (PRI) trunks. If CLEC's PS/ALI End User Customer uses Integrated Service Digital Network – Primary Rate Interface (ISDN-PRI) to provide PS/ALI, special Centralized Automatic Accounting (CAMA) trunks are not required.

10.3.9.2.4 For PS/ALI resold service, CLEC shall meet the terms and conditions for Qwest's PS/ALI retail product.

#### 10.3.9.3 PS/ALI Database Updates

10.3.9.3.1 Qwest's designated E911 database provider, an independent

third party, will be responsible for maintaining the PS/ALI E911 database. Qwest's E911 database provider will provide CLEC's PS/ALI End User Customer with the specific PC based PS/ALI software requirements to access and update the ALI database with their station name, address and location information.

10.3.9.3.2 CLEC's PS/ALI End User Customer will provide the input and validation of station data directly into the ALI database. CLEC's PS/ALI End User Customer will provide station data to Qwest's ALI database provider that is Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) valid and utilizes National Emergency Number Association (NENA) guidelines. PS/ALI follows the NENA-02-010 Recommended Formats and Protocols For ALI Data Exchange, NENA-02-011 Recommended Data Standards for Local Exchange Carriers (LEC), ALI Service Providers and 911 Jurisdictions. Qwest will furnish CLEC with any variations to NENA recommendations required for PS/ALI database input.

#### 10.3.9.4 PS/ALI Database Accuracy

10.3.9.4.1 PS/ALI database accuracy shall be measured jointly by the PSAPs and Qwest's database provider. The reports shall be forwarded to CLEC or CLEC's PS/ALI End User Customer by Qwest's database provider when relevant and will indicate incidents when incorrect or no ALI data is displayed. The responsible Party will take corrective action immediately.

10.3.9.4.2 Each Party providing PS/ALI updates to the E911 database will be responsible for the accuracy of its records.

#### 10.3.9.5 PS/ALI Interconnection

10.3.9.5.1 Facilities-based CLEC using its own switch(es) shall interconnect direct trunks from CLEC's network to the PSAP or the E911 tandem (Selective Router), in accordance with the terms and conditions identified in "E911 Interconnection". If technically capable, CLEC may route PS/ALI calls over CLEC's existing E911 Interconnection trunks. In some instances technical requirements may necessitate provisioning dedicated PS/ALI CAMA trunks between either CLEC's Switch and the E911 Selective Router or PSAP or between CLEC's PS/ALI End User Customer PBX/Centrex/Centron and the E911 Selective Router or PSAP. In these instances the dedicated PS/ALI ES CAMA trunks must comply with the terms and conditions of standard E911 Interconnection.

10.3.9.5.2 For reseller CLEC, CLEC's PS/ALI End User Customer is required to install a minimum of two (2) trunks for each main location listed where the PBX/Centrex/Centron resides on an End User Customer's premises to the 911 system. The dedicated PS/ALI ES CAMA trunks will comply with the terms and conditions of standard E911 Interconnection. PS/ALI service is available in some Qwest End Office Switches over PRI trunks. If CLEC's PS/ALI End User Customer uses ISDN PRI to provide PS/ALI, special CAMA trunks are not required. Dedicated circuits are not required for Centron service.

#### 10.3.9.6 PS/ALI Rate Elements

10.3.9.6.1 Rates and charges for PS/ALI service will be assessed based on CLEC's specific requirements. Both nonrecurring and monthly recurring rates may be applicable as shown in Exhibit A. Rate elements for PS/ALI include charges for establishing the service account with the E911 database provider, trunks, transport, Selective Routing, and ALI service features, storage and retrieval.

#### 10.3.9.7 PS/ALI Ordering

##### 10.3.9.7.1 Facilities-based CLEC Using its Own Switch(es) – PS/ALI Ordering

10.3.9.7.1.1 Once all critical information has been obtained and agreed upon in the PS/ALI joint planning meeting, CLEC's PS/ALI Interconnection arrangement will determine the ordering process to be followed. If CLEC is planning on routing PS/ALI traffic over an existing E911 ES trunk group, and capacity exists to handle the additional PS/ALI traffic, CLEC will not be required to issue any changes to the existing E911 Interconnection arrangement. If CLEC determines that a new dedicated PS/ALI ES trunk group is required to route PS/ALI traffic from CLEC Switch to the Qwest SR, CLEC will follow the process outlined in the PCAT E911 ordering section.

10.3.9.7.1.2 ALI service features may be ordered from Qwest or directly from the third party database provider. If ordering from Qwest, CLEC will use the ASR process. If ordering directly from the third party provider, CLEC will need to establish service with the third party provider for the PS/ALI update, storage and retrieval capability.

##### 10.3.9.7.2 Resale – PS/ALI Ordering

10.3.9.7.2.1 Orders for Resold PS/ALI are submitted using the Local Service Ordering Guidelines (LSOG) and should be placed via the Interconnect Mediated Access Graphical User Interface (IMA GUI) or Interconnect Mediated Access Electronic Data Interexchange (IMA EDI).

#### 10.3.9.8 PS/ALI Billing

10.3.9.8.1 Upon completion of implementation of the PS/ALI service, Qwest will initiate PS/ALI nonrecurring and recurring Billing.

## 10.4 White Pages Directory Listings

### 10.4.1 Description

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

## 10.4.2 Terms and Conditions

10.4.2.1 CLEC will provide in standard format, by mechanized or by manual transmission to Qwest, its primary, premium and privacy Listings. Qwest will accept one (1) primary Listing for each main telephone number belonging to CLEC's End User Customers at no charge.

10.4.2.2 CLEC will be charged for premium Listings (e.g., additional, foreign, cross-reference) and privacy Listings (i.e., nonlisted and nonpublished) at Qwest's General Exchange Listing Tariff rates, less the wholesale discount, as described in Exhibit A. Primary Listings and other types of Listings are defined in the Qwest General Exchange Tariffs.

10.4.2.3 Information on submitting and updating Listings is available in "Facility Based CLECs and Reseller/Unbundled Network CLECs Directory Listings User Document." Qwest will furnish CLEC the Listings format specifications. Directory publishing schedules and deadlines for Qwest's official directory publisher will be provided to CLEC.

10.4.2.4 If CLEC provides its End User Customer's Listings to Qwest, CLEC grants Qwest access to CLEC's End User Customer Listings information for use in its Directory Assistance Service, and for other lawful purposes, except that CLEC's Listings supplied to Qwest by CLEC and marked as nonpublished or nonlisted Listings shall not be used for marketing purposes subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Qwest will incorporate CLEC End User Customer Listings in the Directory Assistance Database. Qwest will incorporate CLEC's End User Customer Listings information in all existing and future Directory Assistance applications developed by Qwest. Should Qwest cease to be a Telecommunications Carrier, by virtue of a divestiture, merger or other transaction, this access grant automatically terminates.

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

10.4.2.6 To the extent that state Tariffs limit Qwest's liability with regard to Listings, the applicable state Tariff(s) is incorporated herein and supersedes the Limitation of Liability section of this Agreement with respect to Listings only.

10.4.2.7 Qwest is responsible for maintaining Listings, including entering, changing, correcting, rearranging and removing Listings in accordance with CLEC orders.

10.4.2.8 Qwest provides non-discriminatory appearance and integration of white



pages Listings for all CLEC's and Qwest's End User Customers. All requests for white pages Directory Listings, whether CLEC or Qwest End User Customers, follow the same processes for entry into the Listings database.

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

10.4.2.10 CLEC white pages Listings will be in the same font and size as Listings for Qwest End User Customers, and will not be separately classified.

10.4.2.11 Qwest processes for publication of white pages Directory Listings will make no distinction between CLEC and Qwest subscribers. CLEC Listings will be provided with the same accuracy and reliability as Qwest's End User Customer Listings. Qwest will ensure CLEC Listings provided to Qwest are included in the white pages directory published on Qwest's behalf using the same methods and procedures, and under the same terms and conditions, as Qwest uses for its own End User Customer Listings.

10.4.2.12 Qwest shall ensure its third party publisher distributes appropriate alphabetical and classified directories (white and yellow pages) and recycling services to CLEC End User Customers at Parity with Qwest End User Customers, including providing directories a) upon establishment of new service; b) during annual mass distribution; and c) upon End User Customer request.

10.4.2.13 CLEC shall use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that Listings provided to Qwest are accurate and complete. All third party Listings information is provided AS IS, WITH ALL FAULTS. CLEC further represents that it shall review all Listings information provided to Qwest, including End User Customer requested restrictions on use, such as nonpublished and nonlisted restrictions.

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10.4.2.15 CLEC shall be solely responsible for knowing and adhering to state laws or rulings regarding Listings and for supplying Qwest with the applicable Listing information.

10.4.2.16 CLEC agrees to provide to Qwest its End User Customer names, addresses and telephone numbers in a standard mechanized or manual format, as specified by Qwest.

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

10.4.2.18 Prior to placing Listings orders on behalf of End User Customers, CLEC shall be responsible for obtaining, and have in its possession, Proof of Authorization (POA), as set forth in Section 5.3 of this Agreement.

10.4.2.19 Qwest will provide monthly Listing verification proofs that provide the data to be displayed in the published white pages directory and available on Directory Assistance. Verification proofs containing nonpublished and nonlisted Listings are also

available upon request on the same monthly schedule.

10.4.2.20 Qwest will provide CLEC a reasonable opportunity to verify the accuracy of the Listings to be included in the white pages directory and Directory Assistance.

10.4.2.21 CLEC may review and if necessary edit the white page Listings prior to the close date for publication in the directory.

10.4.2.22 CLEC is responsible for all dealings with, and on behalf of, CLEC's End User Customers, including:

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

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

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

10.4.2.22.4 Any additional services requested by CLEC's End User Customers.

10.4.2.23 Pursuant to Sections 222 (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of the Telecommunications Act, Qwest will provide subscriber list information gathered in Qwest's capacity as a provider of local Exchange Service on a timely basis, under non-discriminatory and reasonable rates, terms and conditions to CLEC upon request for the purpose of publishing directories in any format. Rates may be subject to federal or state law or rules, as appropriate. Upon request by CLEC, Qwest shall enter into negotiations with CLEC for CLEC's use of subscriber list information for purposes other than publishing directories, and Qwest and CLEC will enter into a written contract if agreement is reached for such use.

10.4.2.23.1 Qwest shall use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that its retail End User Customer Listings provided to CLEC are accurate and complete. Any third party Listings are provided AS IS, WITH ALL FAULTS. Qwest further represents that it shall review all its retail End User Customer Listings information provided to CLEC including End User Customer requested restrictions on use, such as nonpublished and nonlisted restrictions.

10.4.2.24 Qwest represents and warrants that any arrangement for the publication of white pages Directory Listings with an Affiliate or contractor, requires such Affiliate or contractor to publish the Directory Listings of CLEC contained in Qwest's Listings database so that CLEC's Directory Listings are non-discriminatory in appearance and integration, and have the same accuracy and reliability that such Affiliate or contractor provides to Qwest's End User Customers.

10.4.2.25 Qwest further agrees that any arrangements for the publication of white pages Directory Listings with an Affiliate or contractor shall require such Affiliate or

contractor to include in the customer guide pages of the white pages directory, a notice that End User Customers should contact their Current Service Provider to request any modifications to their existing Listing or to request a new Listing.

10.4.2.26 Qwest agrees that any arrangement with an Affiliate or contractor for the publication of white pages Directory Listings shall require such Affiliate or contractor to provide CLEC space in the Customer guide pages of the white pages directory for the purpose of notifying End User Customers how to reach CLEC to: (1) request service; (2) contact repair service; (3) dial Directory Assistance; (4) reach an account representative; (5) request buried cable locate service; and (6) contact the special needs center for End User Customers with disabilities.

### **10.4.3 Rate Elements**

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

10.4.3.1 Primary Listings; and

10.4.3.2 Premium/Privacy Listings.

### **10.4.4 Ordering Process**

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

10.4.4.2 CLEC Listings can be submitted for inclusion in Qwest white pages directories according to the directions in the Qwest Listings User Documents for Facility-Based and Reseller CLECs, which is available on-line through the PCAT (<http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/pcat/>) or will be provided in hard copy to CLEC upon request. Initial information and directions are available in the PCAT.

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

## **10.5 Directory Assistance**

### **10.5.1 Description**

10.5.1.1 Directory Assistance Service is a telephone number, voice Information Service that Qwest provides to its own End User Customers and to other Telecommunications Carriers. Qwest provides CLEC non-discriminatory access to Qwest's Directory Assistance centers, services and Directory Assistance Databases. There are three (3) forms of Directory Assistance Services available pursuant to this Agreement -- Directory Assistance Service, Directory Assistance List Services, and Directory Assistance Database Service. These services are available with CLEC-specific branding, generic branding and Directory Assistance Call Completion Link options. Qwest will provide CLEC with non-discriminatory access to its Directory Assistance Service. Directory Assistance Service is provided to CLEC for resale with resold local exchange lines at the wholesale discount as described in Exhibit A. Directory Assistance Service is provided to CLEC as a facilities-based provider pursuant to Section 251(b)(3) of the Act. As such, the pricing requirements of Section 252(d)(1) of

the Act are not applicable. Directory Assistance Service shall be provided to CLEC as a facilities-based provider at the rates described in Exhibit A.

10.5.1.1.1 Directory Assistance Service. The published and non-listed telephone numbers provided within the relevant geographic area are those contained in Qwest's then current Directory Assistance Database.

10.5.1.1.1.1 Local Directory Assistance Service -- Allows CLEC's End User Customers to receive published and non-listed telephone numbers within the caller's NPA/LATA geographic areas, whichever is greater.

10.5.1.1.1.2 National Directory Assistance Service -- Allows CLEC's End User Customers to receive Listings from Qwest's Local Directory Assistance Database and from the database of the National Directory Assistance Services vendor selected by Qwest. National Directory Assistance Service includes Local Directory Assistance Service.

10.5.1.1.1.3 Call Branding Service - Allows CLEC's End User Customers to receive the service options listed in 10.5.1.1.1.1 and 10.5.1.1.1.2 branded with the brand of CLEC, where Technically Feasible or with a generic brand. Call Branding announces CLEC's name to CLEC's End User Customer at the start and completion of the call. Call Branding is an optional service available to CLEC.

a) Front End Brand - Announces CLEC's name to CLEC's End User Customer at the start of the call. There is a nonrecurring charge to setup and record the Front End Brand message.

b) Back End Brand - Announces CLEC's name to CLEC's End User Customer at the completion of the call. There is a nonrecurring charge to setup and record the Back End Brand message.

c) There is a nonrecurring charge to load CLEC's branded message in each Switch.

d) Qwest will record CLEC's branded message.

10.5.1.1.1.4 Call Completion Link allows CLEC's End User Customers' calls to be returned to CLEC for completion on CLEC's network, where available. There is a recurring charge per call.

10.5.1.1.2 Directory Assistance List Service -- Directory Assistance List Service is the access to Qwest's Directory Listings for subscribers within Qwest's fourteen (14) states for the purpose of providing Directory Assistance Service to its local exchange End User Customers subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. See Section 10.6 for terms and conditions relating to the Directory Assistance List Services.

10.5.1.1.2.1 If CLEC elects to build its own Directory Assistance Service, it can obtain Qwest Directory Listings through the purchase of the Directory Assistance List.

10.5.1.1.3 Directory Assistance Database Service -- Qwest shall provide CLEC non-discriminatory access to Qwest's Directory Assistance Database or "Directory1" database, where Technically Feasible, on a "per dip" basis.

## 10.5.2 Terms and Conditions

10.5.2.1 Qwest will provide CLEC non-discriminatory access to Qwest's Directory Assistance Databases, Directory Assistance centers and personnel to provide Directory Assistance Service.

10.5.2.2 Qwest's Directory Assistance Database contains only those published and non-listed telephone number Listings obtained by Qwest from its own End User Customers and other Telecommunications Carriers.

10.5.2.3 Qwest will provide access to Directory Assistance Service for facilities-based CLEC using its own switch(es) via dedicated multi-frequency (MF) operator service trunks. CLEC may purchase operator service trunks from Qwest or provide them itself. These operator service trunks will be connected directly to a Qwest Directory Assistance host or remote Switch. CLEC will be required to order or provide at least one (1) operator services trunk for each NPA served.

10.5.2.4 Qwest will perform Directory Assistance Services for CLEC in accordance with operating methods, practices, and standards in effect for all Qwest End User Customers. Qwest will provide the same priority of handling for CLEC's End User Customer calls to Qwest's Directory Assistance Service as it provides for its own End User Customer calls. Calls to Qwest's Directory Assistance are handled on a first come, first served basis, without regard to whether calls are originated by CLEC or Qwest End User Customers.

10.5.2.5 Call Branding for Directory Assistance will entail recording and setting up a brand message. Dedicated interoffice facilities are required.

10.5.2.6 Call Completion Link requires dedicated interoffice facilities.

10.5.2.7 If CLEC elects to access the Qwest Directory Assistance Databases on a per dip basis, Qwest will provide to CLEC the facility and equipment specifications necessary to enable CLEC to obtain compatible facilities and equipment.

10.5.2.8 Reseller CLEC's End User Customers may use the same dialing pattern to access Directory Assistance Service as used by Qwest's End User Customers (i.e., 411, 1+411, or 1+NPA+555-1212).

10.5.2.9 Facilities-based CLEC using its own switch(es) may choose to have its End User Customers dial a unique number or use the same dialing pattern as Qwest End User Customers to access Qwest Directory Assistance operators.

10.5.2.10 Qwest will timely enter into its Directory Assistance Database updates of

CLEC's Listings. Qwest will implement quality assurance procedures such as random testing for Listing accuracy. Qwest will identify itself to End User Customers calling its Directory Assistance Service provided for itself either by company name or operating company name or operating company number so that End User Customers have a means to identify with whom they are dealing.

10.5.2.10.1 In accordance with Section 18, CLEC may request a comprehensive audit of Qwest's use of CLEC's Directory Assistance Listings. In addition to the terms specified in Section 18, the following also apply: as used herein, "Audit" shall mean a comprehensive review of the other Party's delivery and use of the Directory Assistance Listings provided hereunder and such other Party's performance of its obligations under this Agreement. CLEC may perform up to two (2) audits per twelve (12) month period commencing with the Effective Date of this Agreement of Qwest's use of CLEC's Directory Assistance Listings in Qwest's Directory Assistance Service. CLEC shall be entitled to "seed" or specially code some or all of the Directory Assistance Listings that it provides hereunder in order to trace such information during an Audit and ensure compliance with the disclosure and use restrictions set forth in this Agreement.

10.5.2.11 Qwest shall use CLEC's Directory Assistance Listings supplied to Qwest by CLEC under the terms of this Agreement for purposes of providing Directory Assistance Service and for providing Directory Assistance List Information to Directory Assistance providers, and for other lawful purposes, except that CLEC's Directory Assistance Listings supplied to Qwest by CLEC and marked as nonpublished or nonlisted Listings shall not be used for marketing purposes.

### 10.5.3 Rate Elements

The following rate elements apply to Directory Assistance Service and are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

10.5.3.1 A per call rate is applicable for Local Directory Assistance and National Directory Assistance Service selected by CLEC.

10.5.3.2 A nonrecurring setup and recording fee will be charged for establishing each Call Branding option. A nonrecurring charge to load CLEC's brand in each Switch is also applicable. Such nonrecurring fees must be paid before service commences.

10.5.3.3 A per call rate is applicable for Call Completion Link.

### 10.5.4 Ordering Process

CLEC will order Directory Assistance Service by completing the questionnaire entitled "Qwest Operator Services/Directory Assistance Questionnaire for Local Service Providers." This questionnaire may be obtained from CLEC's Qwest account manager.

### 10.5.5 Billing

10.5.5.1 Qwest will track and bill CLEC for the number of calls placed to Qwest's Directory Assistance Service by CLEC's End User Customers as well as for the number of requests for Call Completion Link.

10.5.5.2 For purposes of determining when CLEC is obligated to pay the per call rate, the call shall be deemed made and CLEC shall be obligated to pay when the call is received by the operator services Switch. An End User Customer may request and receive no more than two (2) telephone numbers per Directory Assistance call. Qwest will not credit, rebate or waive the per call charge due to any failure to provide a telephone number.

10.5.5.3 Call Completion Link will be charged at the per call rate when the End User Customer completes the required action (i.e., "press the number one," "stay on the line," etc.).

## **10.6 Directory Assistance List**

### **10.6.1 Description**

10.6.1.1 Directory Assistance List (DA List) information consists of name, address and telephone number information for all End User Customers of Qwest and other LECs that are contained in Qwest's Directory Assistance Database and, where available, related elements required in the provision of Directory Assistance Service to CLEC's End User Customers. No prior authorization from CLEC shall be required for Qwest to sell, make available, or release CLEC's End User Customer Directory Assistance Listings to Directory Assistance providers. In the case of End User Customers who have non-published Listings, Qwest shall provide the End User Customer's local Numbering Plan Area (NPA), address, and an indicator to identify the non-published status of the Listing to CLEC; however, Qwest will not provide the non-published telephone number. Directory Assistance List service is provided pursuant to Section 251(b)(3) of the Act. As such, the pricing requirements of Section 252(d)(1) of the Act are not applicable. Directory Assistance List service shall be provided to CLEC at market-based rates as described in Exhibit A.

10.6.1.2 Qwest will provide DA List information via initial loads and daily updates by means of Network Data Mover (NDM) or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by the Parties. Qwest will provide all changes, additions or deletions to the DA List information overnight on a daily basis. The Parties will use a mutually agreed upon format for the data loads.

10.6.1.3 DA List information shall specify whether the Qwest End User Customer is a residential, business, or government subscriber, and the Listings of other Carriers will specify such information where it has been provided on the Carrier's Listing order.

10.6.1.4 In the event CLEC requires a reload of DA List information from Qwest's database in order to validate, synchronize or reconcile its database, a reload will be made available according to the rate specified in Exhibit A.

10.6.1.5 Qwest and CLEC will cooperate in the designation of a location to which the data will be provided.

### **10.6.2 Terms and Conditions**

10.6.2.1 Qwest grants to CLEC, as a competing provider of telephone Exchange Service and telephone toll service, access to the Directory Assistance List information

Option 1) solely for the purpose of providing Directory Assistance Services, or Option 2) for purposes of providing Directory Assistance Services and for other lawful purposes, except that Listings included in Qwest's Directory Assistance List information and marked as non-published or non-listed Listings, or Listings marked with an "omit from lists" indicator shall not be used for marketing purposes, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. CLEC will advise Qwest when it orders Qwest's Directory Assistance List information whether it chooses Option 1 or 2. As it pertains to the use of Directory Assistance List information in this Agreement, "Directory Assistance Service" shall mean the provision, by CLEC via a live operator or a mechanized system, of telephone number and address information for an identified telephone service End User Customer or the name and/or address of the telephone service End User Customer for an identified telephone number. Should CLEC cease to be a Telecommunications Carrier, a competing provider of telephone Exchange Service or telephone toll service, this access grant automatically terminates.

10.6.2.1.1 Qwest shall make commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that Listings belonging to Qwest retail End User Customers provided to CLEC in Qwest's DA List information are accurate and complete. All third party DA List information is provided AS IS, WITH ALL FAULTS. Qwest further represents that it shall review all of its End User Customer Listings information provided to CLEC, including End User Customer requested restrictions on use, such as non-published and non-listed restrictions.

10.6.2.2 CLEC will obtain and timely enter into its Directory Assistance Database daily updates of the DA List information, will implement quality assurance procedures such as random testing for Directory Assistance Listing accuracy, and will identify itself to End User Customers calling its DA Service either by company name or operating company number so that End User Customers have a means to identify with whom they are dealing.

10.6.2.3 Intentionally Left Blank.

10.6.2.4 Qwest shall retain all right, title, interest and ownership in and to the DA Listing information it provides hereunder. CLEC acknowledges and understands that while it may disclose the names, addresses, and telephone numbers (or an indication of non-published status) of Qwest's End User Customers to a third party calling its Directory Assistance for such information, the fact that such End User Customer subscribes to Qwest's Telecommunications Services is Confidential and Proprietary Information and shall not be disclosed to any third party.

10.6.2.5 CLEC shall not sublicense, copy or allow any third party to access, download, copy or use the DA List information, or any portions thereof, or any information extracted therefrom. Each Party shall take commercially reasonable and prudent measures to prevent disclosure and unauthorized use of Qwest's DA List information at least equal to the measures it takes to protect its own Confidential and Proprietary Information, including but not limited to implementing adequate computer security measures to prevent unauthorized access to Qwest's DA List information when contained in any database.

10.6.2.5.1 Unauthorized use of Qwest's DA List information, or any disclosure to a third party of the fact that an End User Customer, whose Listing is



furnished in the DA List, subscribes to Qwest's, another Local Exchange Carrier's, Reseller's or CMRS's Telecommunications Services shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement and shall be resolved under the Dispute Resolution provisions of this Agreement.

10.6.2.6 Within five (5) Days after the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, CLEC shall (a) return and cease using any and all DA List information which it has in its possession or control, (b) extract and expunge any and all copies of such DA List information, any portions thereof, and any and all information extracted therefrom, from its files and records, whether in print or electronic form or in any other media whatsoever, and (c) provide a written certification to Qwest from an officer that all of the foregoing actions have been completed. A copy of this certification may be provided to third party Carriers if the certification pertains to such Carriers' DA List information contained in Qwest's database.

10.6.2.7 CLEC is responsible for ensuring that it has proper security measures in place to protect the privacy of the End User Customer information contained within the DA List information. CLEC must remove from its database any telephone number for an End User Customer whose Listing has become non-published when so notified by Qwest.

10.6.2.8 Audits -- In accordance with Section 18, Qwest may request a comprehensive audit of CLEC's use of the DA List information. In addition to the terms specified in Section 18, the following also apply:

10.6.2.8.1 As used herein, "Audit" shall mean a comprehensive review of the other Party's delivery and use of the DA List information provided hereunder and such other Party's performance of its obligations under this Agreement. Either Party (the Requesting Party) may perform up to two (2) Audits per twelve (12) month period commencing with the Effective Date of this Agreement. Qwest shall be entitled to "seed" or specially code some or all of the DA List information that it provides hereunder in order to trace such information during an Audit and ensure compliance with the disclosure and use restrictions set forth in Section 10.6.2.2 above.

10.6.2.8.2 All paper and electronic records will be subject to Audit.

10.6.2.9 CLEC recognizes that certain Carriers who have provided DA List information that is included in Qwest's database may be third party beneficiaries of this Agreement for purposes of enforcing any terms and conditions of the Agreement other than payment terms with respect to their DA List information.

10.6.2.10 Qwest will provide a non-discriminatory process and procedure for contacting End User Customers with non-published telephone numbers in emergency situations for non-published telephone numbers that are included in Qwest's Directory Assistance Database. Such process and procedure will be available to CLEC for CLEC's use when CLEC provides its own Directory Assistance and purchases Qwest's Directory Assistance List product.

### **10.6.3 Rate Elements**

Recurring and nonrecurring rate elements for DA List information are described below and are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

10.6.3.1 Initial Database Load -- A "snapshot" of data in the Qwest DA List information database or portion of the database at the time the order is received.

10.6.3.2 Reload -- A "snapshot" of the data in the Qwest DA List information database or portion of the database required in order to refresh the data in CLEC's database.

10.6.3.3 Daily Updates -- Daily change activity affecting DA List information in the Listings database.

10.6.3.4 One-Time Set-Up Fees -- Charges for special database loads.

10.6.3.5 Output Charges -- Media charges resulting from either the electronic transmission or tape delivery of the DA List information, including any shipping costs.

### **10.6.4 Ordering**

10.6.4.1 CLEC may order the initial DA List information load or update files for Qwest's local Exchange Service areas in its 14 state operating territory or, where Technically Feasible, CLEC may order the initial DA List information load or update files by Qwest White Page Directory Code or NPA.

10.6.4.2 Special requests for data at specific geographic levels (such as NPA) must be negotiated in order to address data integrity issues.

10.6.4.3 CLEC shall use the Directory Assistance List Order Form found in the PCAT.

## **10.7 Toll and Assistance Operator Services**

### **10.7.1 Description**

10.7.1.1 Toll and assistance operator services are a family of offerings that assist End User Customers in completing EAS/local and Long Distance calls. Qwest provides non-discriminatory access to Qwest operator service centers, services and personnel. Qwest will provide CLEC with non-discriminatory access to its operator services. Toll and assistance operator services are provided to CLEC for resale with resold local exchange lines at the wholesale discount as described in Exhibit A. Toll and assistance operator services are provided to CLEC as a facilities-based provider pursuant to Section 251(b)(3) of the Act. As such, the pricing requirements of Section 252(d)(1) of the Act are not applicable. Toll and assistance operator services shall be provided to CLEC as a facilities-based provider at the rates described in Exhibit A.

10.7.1.1.1 Local Assistance. Assists CLEC End User Customers requesting help or information on placing or completing EAS/local calls, connects CLEC End User Customers to home NPA Directory Assistance, and provides

other information and guidance, including referral to the business office and repair, as may be consistent with Qwest's customary practice for providing End User Customer assistance.

10.7.1.1.2 IntraLATA Toll Assistance. Qwest will direct CLEC's End User Customer to contact its provider to complete InterLATA toll calls. Nothing in this Section is intended to obligate Qwest to provide any toll services to CLEC or CLEC's End User Customers.

10.7.1.1.3 Emergency Assistance. Provide assistance for handling CLEC's End User Customer's EAS/local and IntraLATA toll calls to emergency agencies, including but not limited to, police, sheriff, highway patrol and fire. CLEC is responsible for providing Qwest with the appropriate emergency agency numbers and updates.

10.7.1.1.4 Busy Line Verification (BLV) is performed when a calling party requests assistance from the operator bureau to determine if the called line is in use. The operator will not complete the call for the calling party initiating the BLV inquiry. Only one BLV attempt will be made per call, and a charge shall apply.

10.7.1.1.5 Busy Line Interrupt (BLI) is performed when a calling party requests assistance from the operator to interrupt a telephone call in progress. The operator will interrupt the busy line and inform the called party that there is a call waiting. The operator will not connect the calling and called parties. The operator will make only one BLI attempt per call and the applicable charge applies whether or not the called party releases the line.

10.7.1.1.6 Quote Service – Provide time and charges to hotel/motel and other CLEC End User Customers for guest/account identification.

## 10.7.2 Terms and Conditions

10.7.2.1 For facilities-based CLEC using its own switch(es), Interconnection to Qwest's operator services Switch is Technically Feasible at two (2) distinct points on the Trunk Side of the Switch. The first connection point is an operator services trunk connected directly to the Qwest operator services host Switch. The second connection point is an operator services trunk connected directly to a remote Qwest operator services Switch.

10.7.2.2 Trunk Provisioning and facility ownership must follow Qwest guidelines.

10.7.2.3 In order for CLEC to use Qwest's operator services as a facilities-based CLEC using its own switch(es), CLEC must provide an operator service trunk between CLEC's End Office Switch and the Interconnection point on the Qwest operator services Switch for each NPA served.

10.7.2.4 The technical requirements of operator service trunk are covered in the Operator Services Systems Generic Requirement (OSSGR), Telcordia document FR-NWT-000271, Section 6 (Signaling) and Section 10 (System Interfaces) in general requirements form.

10.7.2.5 Each Party's operator bureau shall accept BLV and BLI inquiries from the operator bureau of the other Party in order to allow transparent provision of BLV/BLI traffic between the Parties' networks.

10.7.2.6 CLEC will provide separate no-test trunks (not the local/IntraLATA trunks) to the Qwest BLV/BLI hub or to the Qwest operator services Switches.

10.7.2.7 Qwest will perform operator services in accordance with operating methods, practices, and standards in effect for all its End User Customers. Qwest will respond to CLEC's End User Customer calls to Qwest's operator services according to the same priority scheme as it responds to Qwest's End User Customer calls. Calls to Qwest's operator services are handled on a first come, first served basis, without regard to whether calls are originated by CLEC or Qwest End User Customers.

10.7.2.8 Qwest will provide operator services to CLEC where Technically Feasible and facilities are available. Qwest may from time-to-time modify and change the nature, extent, and detail of specific operator services available to its retail End User Customers, and to the extent it does so, Qwest will provide forty-five (45) Days advance written notice to CLEC of such changes.

10.7.2.9 Qwest shall maintain adequate equipment and personnel to reasonably perform the operator services. CLEC shall provide and maintain the facilities necessary to connect its End User Customers to the locations where Qwest provides the operator services and to provide all information and data needed or reasonably requested by Qwest in order to perform the operator services.

10.7.2.10 Call Branding is an optional service available to CLEC. Call Branding announces CLEC's name to CLEC's End User Customer at the start of the call and at the completion of the call. If CLEC selects the Call Branding option, Qwest will provide Call Branding to CLEC where Technically Feasible.

a) Front End Brand – Announces CLEC's name to CLEC's End User Customer at the start of the call. There is a nonrecurring charge to setup and record the Front End Brand message.

b) Back End Brand – Announces CLEC's name to CLEC's End User Customer at the completion of the call. There is a nonrecurring charge to setup and record the Back End Brand message.

10.7.2.11 Call Branding for toll and operator services will entail recording and setup of a brand message. Qwest will record CLEC's branded message. Dedicated interoffice facilities will be required.

10.7.2.12 Call Branding also entails a nonrecurring charge to load CLEC's branded message in each Switch.

10.7.2.13 CLEC's End User Customers may dial "0" or "0+" to access Qwest operator services. Facilities-based CLEC using its own switch(es) may choose to have its End User Customers access Qwest operators by dialing a unique number or by using the same dialing pattern as Qwest End User Customers.

### 10.7.3 Rate Elements

Qwest toll and assistance operator services are offered under two (2) pricing options. Option A offers a per message rate structure. Option B offers a work second and a per call structure. Applicable recurring and nonrecurring rate elements are detailed below and in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

#### 10.7.3.1 Option A - Operator Services Rate Elements

10.7.3.1.1 Operator Handled Calling Card – For each completed calling card call that was dialed 0+ where the operator entered the calling card number.

10.7.3.1.2 Machine Handled Calling Card – For each completed call that was dialed 0+ where the End User Customer entered the required information, such as calling card number.

10.7.3.1.3 Station Call – For each completed station call, including station sent paid, collect, third number special Billing or 0- calling card call.

10.7.3.1.4 Person Call – For each completed person to person call regardless of the Billing used by the End User Customer.

10.7.3.1.5 Connect to Directory Assistance – For each operator placed call to Directory Assistance.

10.7.3.1.6 Busy Line Verify – For each call where the operator determines that conversation exists on a line.

10.7.3.1.7 Busy Line Interrupt – For each call where the operator interrupts conversation on a busy line and requests release of the line.

10.7.3.1.8 Operator Assistance – For each EAS/local call, whether completed or not, that does not potentially generate an operator surcharge. These calls include, but are not limited to: calls given the DDD rate because of transmission problems; calls where the operator has determined there should be no charge, such as Busy Line Verify attempts where conversation was not found on the line; calls where the End User Customer requests information from the operator and no attempt is made to complete a call; and calls for quote service.

10.7.3.1.9 "Completed call" as used in this Section shall mean that the End User Customer makes contact with the location, telephone number, person or extension designated by the End User Customer.

#### 10.7.3.2 Option B - Per Work Second and Computer Handled Calls

10.7.3.2.1 Operator Handled - CLEC will be charged per work second for all calls originating from its End User Customers and facilities that are routed to Qwest's operator for handling. Work second charging begins when the Qwest operator position connects with CLEC's End User Customer and terminates when the connection between the Qwest operator position and CLEC's End User Customer is terminated.

10.7.3.2.2 Machine Handled - calls that are routed without operator intervention. Machine handled calls include, but are not limited to, credit card calls where the End User Customer enters the calling card number, calls originating from coin telephones where the computer requests deposit of coins, additional End User Customer key actions, recording of End User Customer voice, etc.

10.7.3.3 Call Branding Nonrecurring Charge. Qwest will charge to CLEC a nonrecurring setup and recording fee for establishing Call Branding and loading each Switch with CLEC's branded message. CLEC must pay such nonrecurring charges prior to commencement of the service. The nonrecurring set-up and recording charge will apply each time CLEC's brand message is changed. The nonrecurring charge to load the Switches with CLEC's branded message will be assessed each time there is any change to the Switch.

#### **10.7.4 Ordering Process**

CLEC will order operator services by completing the "Qwest Operator Services/Directory Assistance Questionnaire for Local Service Providers." Copies of this questionnaire may be obtained from CLEC's designated Qwest account manager.

#### **10.7.5 Billing**

10.7.5.1 Qwest will track usage and bill CLEC for the calls placed by CLEC's End User Customers and facilities.

10.7.5.2 Qwest will compute CLEC's invoice based on both Option A (Price Per Message) and Option B (Price Per Work Second and Computer Handled Calls). Qwest will charge CLEC whichever option results in a lower charge.

10.7.5.3 If, due to equipment malfunction or other error, Qwest does not have available the necessary information to compile an accurate Billing statement, Qwest may render a reasonably estimated bill, but shall notify CLEC of the methods of such estimate and cooperate in good faith with CLEC to establish a fair, equitable estimate. Qwest shall render a bill reflecting actual billable quantities when and if the information necessary for the Billing statement becomes available.

### **10.8 Access to Poles, Ducts, Conduits, and Rights of Way**

#### **10.8.1 Description**

10.8.1.1 Pole Attachments – Where it has ownership or control to do so, Qwest will provide CLEC with access to available Pole Attachment space for the placing of facilities for the purpose of transmitting Telecommunications Services.

10.8.1.1.1 The term Pole Attachment means any attachment by CLEC to a pole owned or controlled by Qwest.

10.8.1.2 Ducts and Conduits – Where it has ownership or control to do so, Qwest will provide CLEC with access to available ducts/conduits for the purpose of placing facilities for transmitting Telecommunications Services. A spare duct/conduit will be leased for copper facilities only, and an innerduct for the purpose of placing fiber. CLEC

may place innerduct in an empty duct/conduit. Control of CLEC-installed spare innerduct shall vest in Qwest immediately upon installation; ownership of such innerduct shall vest to Qwest if and when CLEC abandons such innerduct. Within a multiple tenant environment (MTE), duct may traverse building Entrance Facilities, building entrance links, equipment rooms, Remote Terminals, cable vaults, telephone closets or building riser.

10.8.1.2.1 The terms duct and conduit mean a single enclosed raceway for conductors, cable and/or wire. Duct and conduit may be in the ground, may follow streets, bridges, public or private ROW or may be within some portion of a multiple tenant environment. Within a multiple tenant environment, duct and conduit may traverse building entrance facilities, building entrance links, equipment rooms, Remote Terminals, cable vaults, telephone closets or building riser. The terms duct and conduit include riser conduit.

10.8.1.2.2 The term innerduct means a duct-like raceway smaller than a duct/conduit that is inserted into a duct/conduit so that the duct may typically carry three (3) cables.

10.8.1.2.3 The term microduct means a smaller version of innerduct. Four (4) microducts can be placed within a 1¼-inch innerduct.

10.8.1.3 Rights of Way (ROW) – Where it has ownership or control to do so, Qwest will provide to CLEC, via an Access Agreement in the form of Attachment 4 to Exhibit D, access to available ROW for the purpose of placing Telecommunications facilities. ROW includes land or other property owned or controlled by Qwest and may run under, on, above, across, along or through public or private property or enter multiple tenant environments.

10.8.1.3.1 ROW means a real property interest in privately-owned real property, but expressly excluding any public, governmental, federal or Native American, or other quasi-public or non-private lands, sufficient to permit Qwest to place Telecommunications facilities on such real property; such property owner may permit Qwest to install and maintain facilities under, on, above, across, along or through private property or enter multiple tenant environments. Within a multiple tenant environment, a ROW includes a pathway that is actually used or has been specifically designated for use by Qwest as part of its transmission and distribution network where the boundaries of the pathway are clearly defined either by written specifications or unambiguous physical demarcation.

10.8.1.4 Intentionally Left Blank.

10.8.1.5 The phrase "ownership or control to do so" means the legal right, as a matter of state law, to (i) convey an interest in real or personal property, or (ii) afford access to third parties as may be provided by the landowner to Qwest through express or implied agreements, or through Applicable Law as defined in this Agreement.

10.8.1.6 Poles, Ducts and Rights of Way (PDR) Transfer of Responsibility refers to the transfer of the occupancy of space for either aerial or underground facilities to assuming CLEC from vacating CLEC.

10.8.1.6.1 A PDR Transfer of Responsibility request received by Qwest is irrevocable upon one hundred percent (100%) payment by assuming CLEC of the nonrecurring transfer charge.

## 10.8.2 Terms and Conditions

Qwest shall provide CLEC non-discriminatory access to poles, ducts, conduit and Rights of Way (ROW) on terms and conditions found in the Revised Qwest Rights of Way, Pole Attachment and/or Duct/Innerduct Occupancy General Information Document, attached hereto as Exhibit D. Qwest will not favor itself over CLEC when Provisioning access to poles, ducts, conduits and Rights of Way (ROW). Qwest shall not give itself preference when assigning space.

10.8.2.1 Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, Qwest agrees to issue to CLEC authorization for CLEC to attach, operate, maintain, rearrange, transfer and remove at its sole expense its facilities on poles/duct/innerduct or ROW owned or controlled in whole or in part by Qwest, subject to orders placed by CLEC. Any and all rights granted to CLEC shall be subject to and subordinate to any future local, state and/or federal requirements.

10.8.2.2 Qwest will rely on such codes as the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) to prescribe standards with respect to capacity, safety, reliability, and general engineering principles.

10.8.2.3 Federal requirements, such as those imposed by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), will continue to apply to the extent such requirements affect requests for attachments or occupancy to Qwest facilities under Section 224(f)(1) of the Act.

10.8.2.4 CLEC shall provide access to a map of the requested poles/duct/innerduct/ROW route, including estimated distances between major points, the identification and location of the poles/duct/innerduct and ROW and a description of CLEC's facilities. Qwest agrees to provide to CLEC access to relevant plats, maps, engineering records and other data within ten (10) business days of receiving a request for such information, except in the case of extensive requests. Extensive requests involve the gathering of plats from more than one (1) location, span more than five (5) Wire Centers, or consist of ten (10) or more intra-Wire Center requests submitted simultaneously. Responses to extensive requests will be provided within a reasonable interval, not to exceed forty-five (45) calendar Days.

10.8.2.5 Except as expressly provided herein, or in the Pole Attachment Act of 1934 as amended and its regulations and rules, or in any applicable state or municipal laws, nothing herein shall be construed to compel Qwest to construct, install, modify or place any poles/duct/innerduct or other facility for use by CLEC.

10.8.2.6 Qwest retains the right to determine the availability of space on poles/duct/innerduct, conduit and ROW consistent with 47 USC § 224 and FCC orders, rules and regulations pursuant to 47 USC § 224. In the event Qwest determines that rearrangement of the existing facilities on poles, duct/innerduct/conduit, and ROW is required before CLEC's facilities can be accommodated, the actual cost of such modification will be included in CLEC's nonrecurring charges for the associated order (Make-Ready fee). When modifications to a Qwest spare duct/conduit include the



placement of innerduct, Qwest or CLEC will install the number of innerduct required to fill the duct/conduit to its full capacity.

10.8.2.7 Qwest shall make manhole ingress and egress for duct/innerduct access available to CLEC. Qwest will perform a feasibility study to determine whether to provide a stub out via the pre-constructed knock out within the manhole, or to perform a core drill of the manhole.

10.8.2.8 Where such authority does not already exist, CLEC shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary legal authority to occupy ROW, and/or poles/duct/innerduct on governmental, federal, Native American, and private rights of way. CLEC shall obtain any permits, licenses, bonds, or other necessary legal authority and permission, at CLEC's sole expense, in order to perform its obligations under this Agreement. CLEC shall contact all owners of public and private rights-of-way to obtain the permission required to perform the work prior to entering the property or starting any work thereon. See Section 10.8.4. CLEC shall comply with all conditions of rights-of-way and permits. Once such permission is obtained, all such work may be performed by Qwest or CLEC at the option of CLEC.

10.8.2.9 Access to a Qwest Central Office manhole will be permitted where Technically Feasible. If space is available, Qwest will allow access through the Central Office manhole to the POI (Point of Interconnection). There shall be a presumption that there shall be no fiber splices allowed in the Central Office manhole. However, where CLEC can establish the necessity and Technical Feasibility of splicing in the Central Office manhole, such action shall be permitted.

10.8.2.10 Replacement/Modification/Installation - If CLEC requests Qwest to replace or modify existing poles/duct/innerduct to increase its strength or capacity for the sole benefit of CLEC, CLEC shall pay Qwest the total actual replacement cost, Qwest's actual cost to transfer its attachments to new poles/duct/innerduct, as necessary, and the actual cost for removal (including actual cost of destruction) of the replaced poles/duct/innerduct, if necessary. Ownership of new poles/duct/innerduct shall vest to Qwest.

10.8.2.10.1 Upon request, Qwest shall permit CLEC to install poles/duct/innerduct. Qwest reserves the right to reject any non-conforming replacement pole/duct/innerduct installed by CLEC that does not conform to the NESC, OSHA or local ordinances.

10.8.2.10.2 To the extent that a modification is incurred for the benefit of multiple parties, CLEC shall pay a proportionate share of the total actual cost based on the ratio of the amount of new space occupied by the facilities of CLEC to the total amount of space occupied by all parties including Qwest or its Affiliates participating in the modification. Parties who do not initiate, request or receive additional space from a modification, are not required to share in the cost of the modification. CLEC, Qwest or any other party that uses a modification as an opportunity to bring its facilities into compliance with applicable safety or other requirements will be deemed to be sharing in the modification and will be responsible for its share of the modification cost. Attaching entities will not be responsible for sharing in the cost of governmentally mandated pole or other facility modification. Qwest does not and will not favor itself over other Carriers

when Provisioning access to poles, innerduct and rights-of-way.

10.8.2.10.3 The modifying party or parties may recover a proportionate share of the modification costs from parties that later are able to obtain access as a result of the modification. The proportionate share of the subsequent attachment will be reduced to take account of depreciation to the pole or other facility that has occurred since the modification. The modifying party or parties seeking to recover modification costs from parties that later obtain attachments shall be responsible for maintaining all records regarding modification costs. Qwest shall not be responsible for maintaining records regarding modification costs on behalf of attaching entities.

10.8.2.11 Notification of modifications initiated by or on behalf of Qwest and at Qwest's expense shall be provided to CLEC at least sixty (60) calendar Days prior to beginning modifications. Such notification shall include a brief description of the nature and scope of the modification. If CLEC does not respond to a requested rearrangement of its facilities within sixty (60) Days after receipt of written notice from Qwest requesting rearrangement, Qwest may perform or have performed such rearrangement and CLEC shall pay the actual cost thereof. No such notice shall be required in emergency situations or for routine maintenance of poles/duct/innerduct completed at Qwest's expense.

10.8.2.12 Qwest reserves the right to make an on-site/final construction inspection of CLEC's facilities occupying the poles/duct/innerduct system. CLEC shall reimburse Qwest for the actual cost of such inspections except where specified in this Section.

10.8.2.13 When final construction inspection by Qwest has been completed, CLEC shall correct such non-complying conditions within the reasonable period of time specified by Qwest in its written notice. If corrections are not completed within the specified reasonable period, occupancy authorizations for the ROW, poles/duct/innerduct system where non-complying conditions remain uncorrected shall suspend forthwith, regardless of whether CLEC has energized the facilities occupying said poles/duct/innerduct or ROW system and CLEC shall remove its facilities from said poles/duct/innerduct or ROW in accordance with the provisions of this Section, provided, however, if the corrections physically cannot be made within such specified time, and CLEC has been diligently prosecuting such cure, CLEC shall be granted a reasonable additional time to complete such cure. Qwest may deny further occupancy authorization to CLEC until such non-complying conditions are corrected or until CLEC's facilities are removed from the poles/duct/innerduct system where such non-complying conditions exist. If agreed between both Parties, Qwest shall perform or have performed such corrections and CLEC shall pay Qwest the actual cost of performing such work. Subsequent inspections to determine if appropriate corrective actions have been taken may be made by Qwest.

10.8.2.14 Once CLEC's facilities begin occupying the poles/duct/innerduct or ROW system, Qwest may perform a reasonable number of inspections. Qwest shall bear the cost of such inspections unless the results of the inspection reveal a material violation or hazard, or that CLEC has in any other way failed to comply with the provisions of Section 10.8.2.20; in which case CLEC shall reimburse Qwest the costs of inspections and re-inspections, as required. CLEC's representative may accompany Qwest on such field inspections. The cost of periodic inspection or any special inspections found

necessary due to the existence of sub-standard or unauthorized occupancies shall be billed separately.

10.8.2.15 The costs of inspections made during construction and/or the final construction survey and subsequent inspection shall be billed to CLEC upon completion of the inspections.

10.8.2.16 Final construction, subsequent, and periodic inspections or the failure to make such inspections, shall not relieve CLEC of any responsibilities, obligations, or liability assigned under this Agreement.

10.8.2.17 CLEC may use individual workers of its choice to perform any work necessary for the attaching of its facilities so long as such workers have the same qualifications and training as Qwest's workers. CLEC may use any contractor approved by Qwest to perform make-ready work.

10.8.2.18 If Qwest terminates an order for cause, or if CLEC terminates an order without cause, subject to 10.8.4.4.4, CLEC shall pay termination charges equal to the amount of fees and charges remaining on the terminated order(s) and shall remove its facilities from the poles/duct/innerduct within sixty (60) calendar Days, or cause Qwest to remove its facilities from the poles/duct/innerduct at CLEC's expense; provided, however, that CLEC shall be liable for and pay all fees and charges provided for in this Agreement to Qwest until CLEC's facilities are physically removed. "Cause" as used herein shall include CLEC's use of its facilities in material violation of any Applicable Law or in aid of any unlawful act or making an unauthorized modification to Qwest's poles/duct/innerduct, or, in the case of ROW, any act or omission that violates the terms and conditions of either (a) the Access Agreement by which Qwest conveys a right of access to the ROW to CLEC, or (b) the instrument granting the original ROW to Qwest or its predecessor.

10.8.2.19 Qwest may abandon or sell any poles/duct/innerduct/conduit or ROW at any time by giving written notice to CLEC. Any poles/duct/innerduct/conduit or ROW that is sold, will be sold subject to all existing legal rights of CLEC. Upon abandonment of poles/duct/innerduct/conduit or ROW, and with the concurrence of the other joint user(s), if necessary, CLEC shall, within sixty (60) calendar Days of such notice, either: 1) continue to occupy the poles/duct/innerduct/conduit or ROW pursuant to its existing rights under this Agreement if the poles/duct/innerduct/conduit or ROW is purchased by another party; 2) purchase the poles/duct/innerduct/conduit or ROW from Qwest at the current market value; or 3) remove its facilities therefrom. Failure to explicitly elect one of the foregoing options within sixty (60) calendar Days shall be deemed an election to purchase the poles/duct/innerduct/conduit or ROW at the current market value if no other party purchased the poles/duct/innerduct/conduit or ROW within this sixty (60) Day period.

10.8.2.20 CLEC's facilities shall be placed and maintained in accordance with the requirements and specifications of the current applicable standards of Telcordia Manual of Construction Standards, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, and the rules and regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, all of which are incorporated by reference, and any governing authority having jurisdiction. Where a difference in specifications exists, the more stringent shall apply. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CLEC shall only be held to such standard as Qwest, its

Affiliates or any other Telecommunications Carrier is held. Failure to maintain facilities in accordance with the above requirements or failure to correct as provided in Section 10.8.2.13 shall be cause for termination of the order. CLEC shall in a timely manner comply with all requests from Qwest to bring its facilities into compliance with these terms and conditions.

10.8.2.21 Should Qwest under the provisions of this Agreement remove CLEC's facilities from the poles/duct/innerduct covered by any order, Qwest will deliver the facilities removed upon payment by CLEC of the cost of removal, storage and delivery, and all other amounts due Qwest. If CLEC removes facilities from poles/duct/innerduct for other than repair or maintenance purposes, no replacement on the poles/duct/innerduct shall be made until all outstanding charges due Qwest for previous occupancy have been paid in full. CLEC shall advise Qwest in writing as to the date on which the removal of facilities from the poles/duct/innerduct has been completed.

10.8.2.22 If any facilities are found attached to poles/duct/innerduct for which no order is in effect, Qwest, without prejudice to its other rights or remedies under this Agreement, may assess a charge and CLEC agrees to pay the lesser of (a) the annual fee per pole or per innerduct run between two (2) manholes for the number of years since the most recent inventory, or (b) five (5) times the annual fee per pole or per innerduct run between two (2) manholes. In addition, CLEC agrees to pay (a) interest on these fees at a rate set for the applicable time period by the Internal Revenue Service for individual underpayments pursuant to Section 6621 of the Internal Revenue Service Code (25 U.S.C. § 6621, Rev. Rul. 2000-30, 2000-25 IRS 1262), and (b) the cost of any audit required to identify unauthorized CLEC attachments. Qwest shall waive half the unauthorized attachment fee if the following conditions are met: (1) CLEC cures such unauthorized attachment (by removing it or submitting a valid order for the attachment in the form of Attachment 2 of Exhibit D, within thirty (30) Days of written notification from Qwest of the unauthorized attachment; and (2) the unauthorized attachment did not require Qwest to take curative measures itself (e.g., pulling additional innerduct) prior to cure by CLEC, (3) CLEC reimburses Qwest for cost of audit, or portion thereof, which discovered the unauthorized attachment. Qwest shall also waive the unauthorized attachment fee if the unauthorized attachment arose due to error by Qwest rather than CLEC. CLEC is required to submit in writing, within ten (10) business days after receipt of written notification from Qwest of the unauthorized occupancy, a poles/duct/innerduct application. If such application is not received by Qwest within the specified time period, CLEC will be required to remove its unauthorized facility within thirty (30) calendar Days of the final date for submitting the required application, or Qwest may remove CLEC's facilities without liability, and the cost of such removal shall be borne by CLEC.

10.8.2.23 No act or failure to act by Qwest with regard to an unauthorized occupancy shall be deemed as the authorization of the occupancy. Any subsequently issued authorization shall not operate retroactively or constitute a waiver by Qwest of any of its rights or privileges under this Agreement or otherwise. CLEC shall be subject to all liabilities of the Agreement in regard to said unauthorized occupancy from its inception.

10.8.2.24 Qwest will provide CLEC non-discriminatory access to poles/ducts/innerducts/conduits and ROW pursuant to 47 USC § 224 and FCC orders, rules and regulations pursuant to 47 USC § 224. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement, on one hand, and 47 USC § 224 and FCC orders, rules and regulations

pursuant to 47 USC § 224, on the other, 47 USC § 224 and FCC orders, rules and regulations pursuant to 47 USC § 224 shall govern. Further, in the event of a conflict between Exhibit D, on one hand, and this Agreement or 47 USC § 224 and FCC orders, rules and regulations pursuant to 47 USC § 224, on the other, this Agreement or 47 USC § 224 and FCC orders, rules and regulations pursuant to 47 USC § 224 shall govern, provided however, that any Access Agreement that has been duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in the real property records for the county in which the ROW is located shall govern in any event pursuant to its terms.

10.8.2.25 Nothing in this Agreement shall require Qwest to exercise eminent domain on behalf of CLEC.

10.8.2.26 Qwest will not enter into ROW agreements for the provision of Telecommunications Services, including agreements relating to ROW within multiple tenant environments, that preclude CLEC from using ROW over which Qwest has ownership or control. Upon CLEC request, Qwest will certify to a landowner with whom Qwest has an ROW agreement, the following:

10.8.2.26.1 that the ROW agreement with Qwest does not preclude the landowner from entering into a separate ROW agreement with CLEC; and

10.8.2.26.2 that there will be no penalty under the agreement between the landowner and Qwest if the landowner enters into a ROW agreement with CLEC.

10.8.2.27 For purposes of permitting CLEC to determine whether Qwest has ownership or control over duct/conduit or ROW, including duct/conduit or ROW within a specific multiple tenant environment, if CLEC requests a copy of an agreement between Qwest and the owner of a duct/conduit or ROW, including duct/conduit or ROW within a specific multiple tenant environment, that grants Qwest access to, ownership of, or control of duct/conduit or ROW within a specific multiple tenant environment, Qwest will provide the agreement to CLEC pursuant to the terms of this Section. CLEC will submit a completed Attachment 1.A from Exhibit D that identifies a specific multiple tenant environment or route for each agreement.

10.8.2.27.1 Upon receipt of a completed Attachment 1.A, Qwest will prepare and return an MTE matrix or ROW matrix, as applicable, within ten (10) Days, which will identify (a) the owner of the duct/conduit or ROW or multiple tenant environment as reflected in Qwest's records, and (b) whether or not Qwest has a copy of an agreement that provides Qwest access to duct/conduit or ROW or multiple tenant environment in its possession. Qwest makes no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of its records, and CLEC acknowledges that the original property owner may not be the current owner of the property.

10.8.2.27.2 Qwest grants a limited waiver of any confidentiality rights it may have with regards to the content of the agreement, subject to the terms and conditions in Section 10.8.2.27.3 and the Consent to Disclosure form. Qwest will provide to CLEC a copy of an agreement listed in the MTE matrix or ROW matrix, as applicable, that has not been publicly recorded after CLEC obtains authorization for such disclosure from the third party owner(s) of the real property at issue by presenting to Qwest an executed version of the Consent to Disclosure form that is included in Attachment 4 to Exhibit D of this Agreement.

In lieu of submission of the Consent to Disclosure form, CLEC must comply with the indemnification requirements in Section 10.8.4.1.3.

10.8.2.27.3 As a condition of its limited waiver of its right to confidentiality in an agreement that provides Qwest access to a multiple tenant environment that Qwest provides to CLEC or that CLEC obtains from the multiple tenant environment owner or operator, Qwest shall redact all dollar figures from copies of agreements that have not been publicly recorded that Qwest provides to CLEC and shall require that the multiple tenant environment owner or operator make similar redaction's prior to disclosure of the agreement.

10.8.2.27.4 In all instances, CLEC will use agreements only for the following purposes: (a) to determine whether Qwest has ownership or control over duct, conduits, or rights-of-way within the property described in the agreement; (b) to determine the ownership of wire within the property described in the agreement; or (c) to determine the Demarcation Point between Qwest facilities and the owner's facilities in the property described in the agreement. CLEC further agrees that CLEC shall not disclose the contents, terms, or conditions of any agreement provided pursuant to Section 10.8 to any CLEC agents or employees engaged in sales, marketing, or product management efforts on behalf of CLEC.

10.8.2.28 In cities where Qwest has deployed microduct technology but no vacant microduct is available on the specified route, CLEC may request Qwest to place microduct along the desired route or CLEC can choose to place microduct that must meet Qwest specifications.

10.8.2.29 In cities where Qwest has not deployed microduct and CLEC wishes to use this technology, CLEC must lease an innerduct. In these locations CLEC will be required to furnish and place the microduct. At the conclusion of the lease, CLEC and Qwest will make a joint decision whether or not CLEC will be required to remove CLEC's microduct from the innerduct.

10.8.2.30 If any microduct is found occupying facilities for which no order is in effect, Qwest, without prejudice to its other rights or remedies, may assess a charge and CLEC agrees to pay the lesser of (a) the annual fee per microduct run between two (2) manholes for the number of years since the most recent inventory, or (b) five (5) times the annual fee per microduct run between two (2) manholes.

10.8.2.30.1 In addition, CLEC agrees to pay (a) interest on these fees at a rate set for the applicable time period by the Internal Revenue Service for individual underpayments pursuant to Section 6621 of the Internal Revenue Service Code (25 U.S.C 6621, Rev. Rul. 2000-30, 2000-25 IRS 1262), and (b) the cost of any audit required to identify unauthorized CLEC occupancy.

10.8.2.30.2 Qwest shall waive half the unauthorized occupancy fee if the following conditions are met:

10.8.2.30.2.1 CLEC cures such unauthorized occupancy by removing it or submitting a valid order for the attachment within thirty (30) days of written notification from Qwest.

10.8.2.30.2.2 The unauthorized occupancy did not require Qwest to take curative measures (e.g., pulling additional microduct) prior to cure by CLEC.

10.8.2.30.2.3 CLEC reimburses Qwest for cost of audit, or portion thereof, which discovered the unauthorized occupancy. Qwest shall also waive the unauthorized occupancy fee if the unauthorized occupancy arose due to error by Qwest rather than CLEC. CLEC is required to submit in writing, within ten (10) business days after receipt of written notification from Qwest of the unauthorized occupancy, a Poles/Duct/Innerduct/Microduct Application. If such application is not received by Qwest within the specified time period, CLEC will be required to remove its unauthorized facility within thirty (30) calendar Days of the final date for submitting the required application, or Qwest may remove CLEC's facilities without liability, and the cost of such removal shall be borne by CLEC.

10.8.2.31 To be eligible for PDR Transfer of Responsibility of the occupancy of space for poles or conduit, vacating CLEC must have a valid Agreement in place for those facilities specified for transfer.

10.8.2.31.1 The assuming CLEC is required to have an Agreement with Qwest that includes all elements involved in the transfer.

10.8.2.31.2 The Agreement referenced in the PDR Transfer of Responsibility request will be transferred either in its entirety or portion thereof as specified in the PDR Transfer of Responsibility Application Form and Transfer Authorization Agreement.

10.8.2.31.3 The PDR Transfer of Responsibility includes changing the following Qwest items: Customer name, Access Carrier Name Abbreviation (ACNA), Master Customer Number (MCN), customer address, telephone number, billing and contact information, and contact telephone number. The eight (8) character CLEC CLLI™ code will remain the same.

10.8.2.31.4 If vacating CLEC has filed for bankruptcy, assuming CLEC must comply with 11 U.S.C. Section 365.2.6l. The negotiation of the terms and conditions between vacating CLEC and assuming CLEC is the responsibility of those two parties. Qwest does not participate in these discussions. Qwest manages the database and records the transfer.

10.8.2.31.5 Qwest is not responsible for the physical condition of CLEC's facilities.

10.8.2.31.6 Prior to submission of a PDR Transfer of Responsibility request, all work in progress must be negotiated between vacating and assuming CLEC.

10.8.2.31.7 Prior to submitting a Transfer of Responsibility request, assuming CLEC's financial obligations to Qwest must be in good standing. If vacating CLEC is unable to meet its financial obligations, assuming CLEC will be required to assume the financial obligations of vacating CLEC.

10.8.2.31.8 Vacating and assuming CLEC must provide Qwest a signed Qwest PDR Transfer Authorization Agreement providing the following information: All Qwest Central Office Service Areas that may apply, PDR Billing Authorization Numbers (BAN), requested completion date (not binding), and state specific charge for the transfer as indicated in Exhibit A.

10.8.2.31.9 Once the transfer request is accepted, Qwest will submit the signed PDR Transfer of Responsibility Request Consent Form to vacating and assuming CLECs and the transfer will be completed.

### 10.8.3 Rate Elements

Qwest fees for attachments are in accordance with Section 224 of the Act and FCC orders, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as the rates established by the Commission including the following rates, are reflected in Exhibit A.

10.8.3.1 Inquiry Fee. A non-refundable pre-paid charge used to recover the costs associated with performing an internal record review to determine if a requested route and/or facility is available, or with respect to ROW, to determine the information necessary to create the MTE matrix or ROW matrix, as applicable, which identifies, for each ROW, the name of the original grantor and the nature of the ROW (i.e., publicly recorded and non-recorded) and the MTE matrix or ROW matrix, as applicable, which identifies each requested legal agreement between Qwest and a third party who has a multiple tenant environment in Qwest's possession that relates to Telecommunications Services provided to or through real property owned by the third party (MTE Agreement) and, for each such MTE Agreement, the name of the third party. Separate Inquiry Fees apply for ROW, poles and duct/conduit/innerduct.

10.8.3.2 Field Verification Fee/Access Agreement Preparation Fee. In the case of poles and duct/innerduct, the Field Verification Fee is a non-refundable pre-paid charge which recovers the estimated actual costs for a field survey verification required for a route and to determine scope of any required make-ready work. Separate Field Verification Fees apply for poles and manholes. In the case of ROW, the Access Agreement Preparation Fee is a non-refundable, pre-paid charge which recovers the estimated actual costs for preparation of the Access Agreement for each ROW requested by CLEC. Field Verification and Access Agreement Preparation Fees shall be billed in advance.

10.8.3.3 Make-Ready Fee. A pre-paid non-refundable (other than true-up) charge which recovers the cost of necessary work required to make the requested facility/ROW available for access. For innerduct, this could include, but is not limited to, the placing of innerduct in conduit/duct systems or core drilling of manholes. For Pole Attachment requests, this could include, but is not limited to, the replacement of poles to meet required clearances over roads or land. For ROW, this make-ready could include, but is not limited to, personnel time, including attorney time. With respect to ROW, make-ready work refers to legal or other investigation or analysis arising out of CLEC's failure to comply with the process described in Exhibit D for ROW, or other circumstances giving rise to such work beyond the simple preparation of one or more Access Agreements. The estimated pre-paid fee shall be billed in advance.

10.8.3.4 Pole Attachment Fee. A pre-paid fee which is charged for the occupancy,



including during any make-ready period, of one (1) foot of pole space (except for antenna attachment which requires two (2) feet). This fee shall be annual unless CLEC requests that it be semi-annual.

10.8.3.5 Innerduct Occupancy Fee. A pre-paid fee which is charged for the occupancy, including during any make-ready period, of an innerduct on a per foot basis. This fee shall be annual unless CLEC requests that it be semi-annual.

10.8.3.6 Access Agreement Consideration. A pre-paid fee which constitutes consideration for conveying access to the ROW to CLEC. This fee shall be a one-time (i.e., nonrecurring) fee.

10.8.3.7 Microduct Occupancy Fee. A pre-paid fee which is charged for the occupancy, including during any make-ready period, and billed annually per microduct, per foot.

10.8.3.8 PDR Transfer of Responsibility. Vacating CLEC will not incur charges for a transfer of responsibility agreement. A PDR Transfer of Responsibility charge for assuming CLEC will be a nonrecurring charge associated with the transfer of the agreement.

#### **10.8.4 Ordering**

There are two (2) steps required before placing an order for access to ROW, duct/innerduct and Pole Attachment: Inquiry Review and Field Verification.

10.8.4.1 Inquiry Reviews. Upon receipt of an inquiry regarding ROW access, Pole Attachment or duct/innerduct occupancy, Qwest will provide CLEC with Exhibit D. CLEC will review the documents and provide Qwest with maps of the desired area indicating the routes and entrance points for proposed attachment, proposed occupancy or proposed CLEC construction on Qwest owned or controlled poles, duct/innerduct and ROW as well as the street addresses of any multiple tenant environments upon or through which CLEC proposes construction on ROW owned or controlled by Qwest. CLEC will include the appropriate inquiry fee with a completed Attachment 1.A from Exhibit D.

10.8.4.1.1 Inquiry Review – Duct/Conduit/Innerduct. Qwest will complete the database inquiry and prepare a duct/conduit structure diagram (referred to as a "Flatline") which shows distances and access points (such as manholes). Along with the Flatline will be estimated costs for field verification of available facilities. These materials will be provided to CLEC within ten (10) calendar Days or within the time frames of the applicable federal or state law, rule or regulation.

10.8.4.1.2 Inquiry Review – Poles. Qwest will provide the name and contact number for the appropriate local field engineer for joint validation of the poles and route and estimated costs for field verification on Attachment 1.B of Exhibit D within ten (10) calendar Days of the request.

10.8.4.1.3 Inquiry Review – ROW. Qwest shall, upon request of CLEC, provide the ROW matrix, the MTE matrix and a copy of all publicly recorded agreements listed in those matrices to CLEC within ten (10) Days of the request.

Qwest will provide to CLEC a copy of agreements listed in the matrices that have not been publicly recorded if CLEC obtains authorization for such disclosure from the third party owner(s) of the real property at issue by an executed version of the Consent to Disclosure form, which is included in Exhibit D, Attachment 4. Qwest may redact all dollar figures from copies of agreements listed in the matrices that have not been publicly recorded that Qwest provides to CLEC. Any dispute over whether terms have been redacted appropriately shall be resolved pursuant to the Dispute Resolution procedures set forth in this Agreement. Alternatively, in order to secure any agreement that has not been publicly recorded, CLEC may provide a legally binding and satisfactory agreement to indemnify Qwest in the event of any legal action arising out of Qwest's provision of such agreement to CLEC. In that event, CLEC shall not be required to provide an executed Consent to Disclosure form. Qwest makes no warranties concerning the accuracy of the information provided to CLEC; CLEC expressly acknowledges that Qwest's files contain only the original ROW instruments, and that the current owner(s) of the fee estate may not be the party identified in the document provided by Qwest.

10.8.4.2 Field Verification – Poles Duct/Innerduct and Access Agreement Preparation (ROW). CLEC will review the inquiry results and determine whether to proceed with field verification for poles/ducts or Access Agreement preparation for ROW. If field verification or Access Agreement preparation is desired, CLEC will sign and return Attachment 1.B of Exhibit D along with a check for the relevant verification fee (Field Verification Fee or Access Agreement Preparation Fee) plus \$10.00 per Access Agreement as consideration for the Access Agreement. Upon payment of the relevant fee and Access Agreement consideration, if applicable, Qwest will provide, as applicable, depending on whether the request is for poles, duct/innerduct/conduit, or ROW: (a) in the case of duct/innerduct/conduit, a field survey and site investigation of the duct/innerduct/conduit, including the preparation of distances and drawings, to determine availability of existing duct/innerduct/conduit; identification of make-ready costs required to provide space; the schedule in which the make-ready work will be completed; and, the annual recurring prices associated with the attachment of facilities; (b) in the case of ROW, the completed Access Agreement(s), executed and acknowledged by Qwest. Upon completion of the Access Agreement(s) by CLEC, in accordance with the instructions, terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit D, the Access Agreement becomes effective to convey the interest identified in the Access Agreement (if any). Any dispute regarding whether a legal agreement conveys a ROW shall be resolved between CLEC and the relevant third party or parties, and such disputes shall not involve Qwest; and/or (c) in the case of poles, estimates of make-ready costs and the annual recurring prices associated with the attachment of facilities shall be as provided in Exhibit A. The verification of (a), (b), and (c), above, shall be completed by Qwest not later than forty-five (45) calendar Days after CLEC's submission of the inquiry request. Make-ready time, if any, and CLEC review time is not part of the forty-five (45) Day interval. The Attachment 2 quotation shall be valid for ninety (90) calendar Days.

10.8.4.2.1 CLEC-Performed Field Verification. At the option of CLEC, it may perform its own field verification (in lieu of Qwest performing same) with the following stipulations: 1) Verifications will be conducted by a Qwest approved contractor; 2) A Qwest contractor will monitor the activity of CLEC contractor and a current labor rate will be charged to CLEC; 3) CLEC will provide Qwest with a legible copy of manhole butterfly drawings that reflect necessary make-ready

effort; and 4) Qwest will use CLEC-provided butterfly drawings and documentation to check against existing jobs and provide a final field report of available duct/innerduct. CLEC will be charged standard rates for tactical planner time.

10.8.4.3 Order – Poles and Duct/Innerduct. The review, signing and return of Attachment 2 of the General Information Document along with payment of the Make-Ready and prorated recurring access charges for the current relevant period (annual or semi-annual) shall be accepted as an order for the attachment or occupancy. Upon receipt of the accepted order from CLEC and applicable payment for the fees identified, Qwest will assign the requested space and commence any make-ready work which may be required. Qwest will notify CLEC when poles/duct/innerduct are ready.

10.8.4.4 Make-Ready - Estimates of Make-Ready are used to cover actual Make-Ready costs.

10.8.4.4.1 If Qwest requests, CLEC will be responsible for payment of the actual Make-Ready costs determined if such costs exceed the estimate. Such payment shall be made within thirty (30) Days of receipt of an invoice for the costs that exceed the estimate.

10.8.4.4.2 Within fifteen (15) business days of a request, Qwest will provide CLEC copies of records reflecting actual cost of Make-Ready work; provided, however, that, if Qwest does not possess all such records at the time of the request, then Qwest will provide copies of such records within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of such records. CLEC must request such records, if at all, within sixty (60) calendar Days after written notification of the completion of the Make-Ready work.

10.8.4.4.3 If the actual Make-Ready costs are less than the estimate, an appropriate credit for the difference will be issued upon request. Such request must be received within sixty (60) calendar Days following CLEC's receipt of copies of records if CLEC has requested records under this paragraph, or within sixty (60) calendar Days after written notification of the completion of Make-Ready work if CLEC has not requested records under this paragraph. Such credit will issue within ten (10) business days of Qwest's receipt of either all records related to such actual costs or CLEC's request for credit, whichever comes last, but in no event later than ninety (90) calendar Days following the request for credit.

10.8.4.4.4 If CLEC cancels or if, due to circumstances unforeseen during inquiry/verification, Qwest denies the request for poles, ducts or ROW, upon CLEC request, Qwest will also refund the difference between the actual Make-Ready costs incurred and those prepaid by CLEC, if any. Such request must be made within thirty (30) calendar Days of CLEC's receipt of written denial or notification of cancellation. Any such refund shall be made within ten (10) business days of either receipt of CLEC's request or Qwest's receipt of all records relating to the actual costs, whichever comes last, but in no event later than ninety (90) calendar Days following the denial.

10.8.4.5 The PDR Transfer of Responsibility process requires the

submission of the DPR Transfer of Responsibility Application Form containing information for both the vacating and assuming CLECs, a signed Qwest PDR Transfer Authorization Agreement, and full payment of the quoted PDR Transfer of Responsibility charge.

10.8.4.5.1 The PDR Transfer of Responsibility Application Form and Transfer Authorization Agreement are on Qwest's web site at: <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/pcat/poleductrow.html>.

10.8.4.5.2 The PDR Transfer of Responsibility Application Form and an electronic version of the Transfer Authorization Agreement with "Agreed" entered in the designated signature blocks (this will act as your electronic signature) must be submitted to [wsst@qwest.com](mailto:wsst@qwest.com).

10.8.4.5.3 The printed and signed PDR Transfer Authorization Agreement and full payment is to be mailed to: Resource Allocation, 700 W. Mineral MT-G28.24, Littleton CO 80120.

### **10.8.5 Billing**

10.8.5.1 CLEC agrees to pay the following fees in advance as specified in Exhibit A: Inquiry Fee, Field Verification Fee, Access Agreement Preparation Fee, Make-Ready Fee, Pole Attachment Fee, Duct/Innerduct Occupancy Fee and Access Agreement Consideration. Make-Ready Fees will be computed in compliance with applicable local, state and federal guidelines. Usage fees for poles/duct/innerduct (i.e., Pole Attachment Fee and Duct/Innerduct Occupancy Fee) will be assessed on an annual basis (unless CLEC requests a semi-annual basis). Annual usage fees for poles/duct/innerduct will be assessed as of January 1 of each year. Semi-annual usage fees for poles/duct/innerduct will be assessed as of January 1 and July 1 of each year. All fees shall be paid within thirty (30) Days following receipt of invoices. All fees are not refundable except as expressly provided herein.

10.8.5.2 Vacating CLEC is obligated to pay all recurring charges until Qwest completes the PDR Transfer of Responsibility request. Once the transfer is complete, the effective date to cease recurring billing will coincide with the same date recurring billing starts for assuming CLEC.

### **10.8.6 Maintenance and Repair**

In the event of any service outage affecting both Qwest and CLEC, repairs shall be effectuated on a non-discriminatory basis as established by local, state or federal requirements. Where such requirements do not exist, repairs shall be made in the following order: electrical, telephone (EAS/local), telephone (Long Distance), and cable television, or as mutually agreed to by the users of the affected poles/duct/innerduct.