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Hon. Stephanie Stumbo
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**Re: *In the Matter of South Central Telcom LLC v. Windstream Kentucky East, Inc.;*
Case No. 2008-00126**

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

We have enclosed for filing in the above-styled case the following two documents.

1. A redacted original and eleven (11) copies of the amended complaint of South Central Telcom LLC ("South Central") in the above-styled matter.
2. An original and eleven (11) copies of South Central's petition for confidential treatment of the material redacted from its amended complaint.

As required by the regulations of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the original petition for confidential treatment (clearly identified as "ORIGINAL") contains one unredacted, highlighted original of the page(s) containing any potentially confidential material, along with ten (10) copies of the petition, containing redacted copies of the same page(s).

(Please note, as explained in the petition for confidential treatment, that South Central considers the entirety of Attachments 2 and 3 of the petition – Exhibits 3 and 4 of the amended complaint – to be confidential. Rather than highlight each page of the original of those documents, South Central has simply attached the entirety of those documents to the original petition (but not to the required ten (10) redacted copies) as a matter of administrative convenience.)

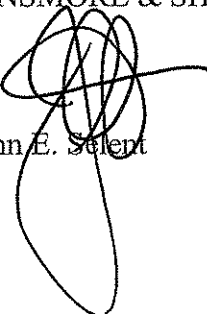
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Please file-stamp one copy of each of these two filings and return them to our courier.

Thank you, and if you have any questions, please call me.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

SOUTH CENTRAL TELCOM LLC)	
)	
Complainant)	
)	Case No. 2008-126
v.)	
)	
WINDSTREAM KENTUCKY EAST, INC.)	
)	
Defendant)	

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AMENDED FORMAL COMPLAINT

South Central Telcom LLC ("South Central"), by counsel, for its formal complaint against Windstream Kentucky East, Inc. ("Windstream"), pursuant to KRS 278.260, hereby states as follows.

1. The full name and address of South Central is South Central Telcom LLC, 1399 Happy Valley Road, P.O. Box 159, Glasgow, Kentucky 42141-0159. South Central is a competitive local exchange carrier authorized to provide telecommunications services in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. South Central is a Kentucky corporation.

2. The full name and address of Windstream is Windstream Kentucky East, Inc., 4001 North Rodney Parham Road, B1F03-01A, Little Rock, Arkansas 72212. Windstream is a local exchange carrier authorized to provide telecommunications services in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Its principal place of business in Kentucky is 130 West New Circle Road, Suite 170, Lexington, Kentucky 40505. Windstream is a Delaware corporation.

3. The facts supporting this complaint are set forth more fully below; but briefly, this complaint concerns Windstream's inaccurate billing of South Central and its threats to terminate

service to South Central in connection with those inaccurate bills. While South Central appreciates that a portion of Windstream's initial errors in billing have been corrected, multiple continuing billing errors and unresolved past billing disputes necessitate the filing of this complaint.

APPLICABLE LAW

4. Pursuant to KRS 278.040, the Public Service Commission of Kentucky (the "Commission") has exclusive jurisdiction "over the regulation of rates and service of utilities" within the Commonwealth.

5. Pursuant to KRS 278.260, the Commission is vested with original jurisdiction over any "complaint as to [the] rates or service of any utility" and is empowered to investigate and remedy such complaints.

6. Pursuant to KRS 278.030 (1), "[e]very utility may demand, collect and receive fair, just and reasonable rates for the services rendered or to be rendered by it to any person." Subsection (2) of KRS 278.030 allows a utility to "employ in the conduct of its business suitable and reasonable classifications of its service, patrons and rates."

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. Adoption of the Verizon-Brandenburg Telephone Company Interconnection Agreement.

7. On or about January 18, 2002, South Central adopted the interconnection agreement between Brandenburg Telecom LLC and Verizon South, Inc., f/k/a GTE South Incorporated ("Verizon")¹ for the Commonwealth of Kentucky ("Interconnection Agreement"). (A copy of the adopted interconnection agreement is attached as Exhibit 1.)

¹ Windstream, f/k/a Kentucky Alltel, Inc., is the successor-in-interest to Verizon.

8. Pursuant to section 2 of the terms of the adoption letter, the Interconnection Agreement became effective on February 1, 2002. (A copy of the adoption letter is attached as Exhibit 2.)

B. Pricing Terms of the Interconnection Agreement.

9. Pursuant to Section 1.3 of the Pricing Attachment of the Interconnection Agreement, "the Charges for a Service shall be the Charges for the Service stated in the Providing Party's applicable Tariff."

10. Therefore, interconnection facilities established pursuant to the terms of the Interconnection Agreement should be billed at the tariffed rates set forth in Windstream's tariff P.S.C. KY. No. 8, Section 4.6.2 ("Switched Transport"), starting on Original Page 139.

C. Establishment of Interconnection Facilities and Billing by Verizon.

11. On or about the effective date of the Interconnection Agreement, South Central participated in an initial "kick-off" meeting with Verizon, who was the predecessor-in-interest to Windstream. The purpose of the meeting was to address implementation of the Interconnection Agreement and the initial establishment of interconnection facilities between the entities pursuant to that Agreement.

12. Pursuant to the terms of the kick-off meeting, and as required by the Interconnection Agreement, South Central established dedicated interconnection facilities with Verizon.

13. The initial exchange of traffic between South Central and Verizon was accomplished and the associated usage billed by Verizon at switched access rates dictated by the Interconnection Agreement.

D. Windstream is Billing Special Access Rates for Switched Access Facilities.

14. When Windstream purchased Verizon's territory, it began billing South Central for interconnection facilities pursuant to its special access tariff. Windstream did so, and continues to do so, despite the fact that the traffic being exchanged on these facilities is, and always has been, switched traffic exchanged pursuant to the Interconnection Agreement.

15. Given the nature of the traffic being exchanged, Windstream should have billed South Central for these interconnection facilities pursuant to its tariffed switched access rates for direct-trunked transport.

16. There can be no dispute that the facilities in question are interconnection facilities established pursuant to the terms of the Interconnection Agreement because Windstream is attempting to bill reciprocal compensation and other usage rates applicable only pursuant to the terms of the Interconnection Agreement.

E. Windstream Is Also Double-Billing for Interconnection Facilities.

17. Not only is Windstream charging South Central for switched access traffic at the incorrect special access rate, it is also charging South Central for all of the interconnection facilities used to exchange traffic.

18. However, South Central leases a portion of the interconnection facilities to Windstream from a third-party.

19. The third-party leasing the interconnection facilities to South Central bills South Central for those facilities.

20. Windstream should only bill South Central for the facilities that South Central purchases directly from Windstream.

21. Windstream should not bill South Central for any portion of the interconnection facilities that South Central leases from a third-party.

22. Nevertheless, Windstream is billing South Central for the interconnection facilities leased to South Central by the third-party.

23. By charging South Central for the portion of the interconnection facilities that Windstream does not provide and is not authorized to collect on, Windstream is requiring South Central to pay twice for those interconnection facilities, which results in South Central being double-billed for those facilities.

F. Samples of Windstream's Inaccurate Bills.

24. As a specific example of Windstream's incorrect billing, South Central refers the Commission to the bill attached as Exhibit 3.²

25. Pursuant to the terms of the Interconnection Agreement, since the installation of its fourth interconnection facility on or about September 17, 2008, South Central's monthly facility bill from Windstream should be [REDACTED] per month for the interconnection facilities.

26. Instead, during that same period, Windstream has been billing South Central [REDACTED] per month for these same facilities.

27. As a result, Windstream has overcharged, and continues to overcharge, South Central [REDACTED] per month, every month, since September 2007.

² Unreasonable practices such as those described in paragraphs 24 through 28 are also replete in Windstream's bills from at least January 2007 through April 2008. Rather than dissect each monthly bill in detail, however, South Central has simply described (in paragraphs 24 through 28) a representative unreasonable Windstream billing practice and then attached (as Exhibit 4) Windstream's bills from January 2007 through April 2008 as further evidence of the pervasive nature of those practices. Nowhere in those bills does Windstream charge South Central the appropriate amount for South Central's interconnection facilities.

28. Prior to September 2007, Windstream was incorrectly billing South Central for its facilities then in place at [REDACTED] per month, resulting in a monthly over-billing of [REDACTED]

G. Other Harm Caused by Windstream's Unreasonable Billing Practices.

29. In addition to imposing such unlawfully inflated charges upon South Central, Windstream's unreasonable billing practices are imposing significant administrative burdens and other expense on South Central, as South Central is forced to spend increasing amounts of time disputing and otherwise addressing Windstream billing errors, as well as Windstream's unfounded threats to disconnect services to South Central as a result of those billing practices.

30. For example, Windstream sent South Central a disconnect notice on December 5, 2007. (A copy of this notice is attached as Exhibit 5.) In that notice, Windstream threatened to disconnect South Central, unless South Central paid Windstream [REDACTED] within 30 days.

31. Though the disconnect notice was addressed to South Central Telcom, many of the charges included on the notice actually belonged to South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and were already the subject of a separate dispute before the Commission.

32. The overcharges that are subject of this complaint, including the South Central Telcom charges included on the disconnect notice, had been in dispute for several months prior to the disconnect notice, and an independent consultant, as well as South Central's Regulatory and Customer Service Manager, its Chief Financial Officer, and its General Manager had been working together with various levels of Windstream personnel to correct the mistakes in billing and erroneous charges.

33. On or before December 13, 2007, counsel for South Central notified counsel for Windstream that South Central had received the December 5, 2007 disconnect notice and asked that he look into the matter.³

34. On December 14, 2007, in an email to counsel for South Central, counsel for Windstream responded to counsel for South Central's inquiry and alleged that South Central had outstanding balances of [REDACTED] for switched access service and [REDACTED] for usage service.

35. In a January 3, 2008 email to counsel for South Central, Windstream alleged that there had been no payment or progress regarding resolution of the allegedly-outstanding balance and suggested that, if the allegedly-outstanding balance remained unpaid, South Central would likely be disconnected.

36. In a January 15, 2008 letter to Windstream, counsel for South Central advised Windstream that South Central⁴ disputed the entire allegedly-outstanding balance, claimed that the allegedly-outstanding balance resulted from inaccurate billing by Windstream, and suggested once again that representatives from South Central and Windstream meet to review bills to "clarify charges and rectify errors."

37. In a January 16, 2008 letter to counsel for South Central, Windstream acknowledged receipt of counsel for South Central's letter disputing the entire allegedly-outstanding balance, acknowledged that Windstream would not terminate service to South Central, requested contact information for South Central billing personnel, and provided the name of Jana Lee as a Windstream contact.

³ The dispute-related correspondence described in paragraphs 33 through 38 of this Amended Complaint are attached as Exhibit 6.

⁴ Two letters sent to Windstream were drafted in the name of South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. because Windstream's inaccurate billing contained commingled charges that made it difficult to determine which South Central entity was in the best position to resolve these billing matters with Windstream.

38. In a February 5, 2008 letter to Windstream, noting that South Central's numerous conversations with the Windstream contact (Jana Lee) had been unproductive and that further discussions with Ms. Lee were unlikely to resolve the matter, counsel for South Central requested that upper-level employees of South Central and Windstream meet.

39. In that letter, counsel for South Central offered to make South Central's Regulatory and Customer Service Manager and General Manager available to meet with Windstream personnel, requested that Windstream identify comparably-leveled individuals who would be available to meet with South Central, and requested that Windstream propose two or more dates and times for a meeting between South Central and Windstream within two weeks of the date of the letter (that is, by February 19, 2008).

40. It has been nearly three months since South Central offered to make its Regulatory and Customer Service Manager and General Manager available for a meeting with Windstream, but (until April 23, 2008 (after South Central's initial complaint in this matter was filed)) Windstream did not respond to South Central's offer or otherwise work with South Central to resolve the dispute.

41. South Central has timely paid, and continues to timely pay, all undisputed charges it has incurred from Windstream.

42. Despite South Central's best attempts to resolve this dispute, Windstream has not attempted to resolve this dispute in a reasonable time or reasonable manner. Moreover, South Central wants to ensure that Windstream does not take any action to disconnect or otherwise impair service to South Central pending resolution of this dispute.

43. Furthermore, Windstream appears to be commingling charges for South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and South Central Telcom LLC, two legally distinct entities.

44. By commingling the charges of these two separate entities, Windstream only compounds the inaccuracy and confusion of its bills to South Central.

H. Windstream Has Failed to Provide Reasonable Service.

45. Like every other ILEC within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Windstream has an obligation to provide reasonable service to its customers.

46. As a purchaser of tariffed services from Windstream, South Central is a customer of Windstream.

47. Reasonable service includes the rendering of accurate, intelligible bills capable of verification.

48. Windstream is not rendering accurate or intelligible bills to South Central. It is, therefore, not providing reasonable service.

49. As described above, Windstream appears to be charging South Central nearly twice the appropriate, agreed amount for local interconnection facilities.

50. South Central's ongoing viability depends, in part, upon receiving timely notification of its actual costs of operation as a CLEC. South Central cannot wait one or two years from the date of service for an accurate bill from Windstream. South Central (like other CLECs) bases its rates for services on the underlying cost of providing those services. If, upon its untimely receipt of accurate bills, South Central determines that it has set its own rates too high, it may find that it priced itself out of competition with Windstream and other CLECs. Conversely, if it finds that it has set its rates too low, it will not recover its costs of operation. Either way, South Central's viability is seriously compromised.

51. In summary, Windstream's inaccurate bills and unreasonable service places South Central at a competitive disadvantage relative to Windstream (with whom it directly competes) and other CLECs within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

52. Absent prompt resolution of this matter, South Central will also be forced – to its commercial detriment – to continue spending inordinate amounts of time and expense addressing Windstream's ongoing, unreasonable billing practices.

53. As of the date of this amended complaint, Windstream has overcharged South Central approximately [REDACTED] and is continuing to overcharge South Central in the amount of [REDACTED] per month.

54. Because of the utter confusion and pervasive inaccuracy of Windstream's bills, South Central is unable, at this time, to further identify specific problems with Windstream's bills. For this reason, however, South Central believes that a Commission investigation and adjudication of this matter is appropriate.

55. If not rectified, Windstream's unreasonable billing practices will cause irreversible harm to South Central and the competitive telecommunications landscape in Glasgow, Kentucky,

56. In the event Windstream does not refund the amounts already overpaid by South Central and accurately bill South Central from this point forward, South Central contemplates ceasing payment of all monies to Windstream, whether disputed or undisputed, until it has recovered the credit it is due.

WHEREFORE, South Central respectfully requests that the Commission take the following actions.

A. Order Windstream not to disconnect South Central during the pendency of this dispute;

- B. Order Windstream to (i) identify its personnel who have both the knowledge and authority to resolve this dispute and (ii) cooperate with South Central to schedule a meeting with knowledgeable, authorized employees to discuss Windstream's billing practices;
- C. Schedule an informal conference or conferences to facilitate efficient resolution of Windstream's unreasonable billing practices;
- D. Order Windstream to bill South Central's interconnection facilities at Windstream's tariffed switched transport rates (and not Windstream's tariffed special access rates);
- E. Order Windstream to refund all monies overpaid to it by South Central, or in the alternative, authorize South Central to cease payment of all monies to Windstream, whether disputed or undisputed, until South Central has recovered the refund it is due from Windstream;
- F. Order Windstream to cease commingling its charges to South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., and South Central Telcom on the same bills; and
- G. Grant South Central any and all other legal and equitable relief to which it is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,



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AGREEMENT

by and between

BRANDENBURG TELECOM LLC

and

VERIZON SOUTH INC., f/k/a GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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AGREEMENT

PREFACE

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between Brandenburg Telecom ("BTLLC"), a limited liability company organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with offices at 200 Telco Drive, Brandenburg, Kentucky 40108, and Verizon South Inc., f/k/a GTE South Incorporated ("Verizon"), a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, with offices at 4100 Roxboro Rd., Durham, NC 27704-2166. (BTLLC and Verizon may be referred to hereinafter, each individually, as a "Party," and, collectively, as the "Parties").

In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, and intending to be legally bound, Verizon and BTLLC hereby agree as follows:

1. The Agreement

- 1.1 This Agreement includes: (a) the Principal Document; (b) the Tariffs of each Party applicable to the Services that are offered for sale by it in the Principal Document (which Tariffs are incorporated and made a part hereof this Agreement by reference); and, (c) an Order by a Party that has been accepted by the other Party.
- 1.2 Conflicts among provisions in the Principal Document, Tariffs, and an Order by a Party which has been accepted by the other Party, shall be resolved in accordance with the following order of precedence, where the document identified in subsection "(a)" shall have the highest precedence: (a) the Principal Document; (b) the Tariffs; and, (c) an Order by a Party that has been accepted by the other Party. The fact that a provision appears in the Principal Document but not in a Tariff, or in a Tariff but not in the Principal Document, shall not be interpreted as, or deemed grounds for finding, a conflict for the purposes of this Section 1.2.
- 1.3 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties on the subject matter hereof, and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreement, understanding, or representation, on the subject matter hereof. Except as otherwise provisioned in the Principal Document, the Principal Document may not be waived or modified except by a written document that is signed by the Parties. Subject to the requirements of Applicable Law, a Party shall have the right to add, modify, or withdraw, its Tariff(s) at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the other Party.

2. Term and Termination

- 2.1 This Agreement shall be effective as of the Effective Date and, unless cancelled or terminated earlier in accordance with the terms hereof, shall continue in effect until Calendar Date Two Years After Effective Date (the "Initial Term"). Thereafter, this Agreement shall continue in force and effect unless and until cancelled or terminated as provided in this Agreement.
- 2.2 Either BTLLC or Verizon may terminate this Agreement effective upon the expiration of the Initial Term or effective upon any date after expiration of the Initial Term by providing written notice of termination at least ninety (90) days in advance of the date of termination.
- 2.3 If either BTLLC or Verizon provides notice of termination pursuant to Section 2.2 and on or before the proposed date of termination either BTLLC or Verizon has requested negotiation of a new interconnection agreement, unless this

Agreement is cancelled or terminated earlier in accordance with the terms hereof (including, but not limited to, pursuant to Section 12), this Agreement shall remain in effect until the earlier of: (a) the effective date of a new interconnection agreement between BTLLC and Verizon; or, (b) the date one (1) year after the proposed date of termination.

- 2.4 If either BTLLC or Verizon provides notice of termination pursuant to Section 2.2 and by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the proposed date of termination neither BTLLC nor Verizon has requested negotiation of a new interconnection agreement, (a) this Agreement will terminate at 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the proposed date of termination, and (b) the Services being provided under this Agreement at the time of termination will be terminated, except to the extent that the Purchasing Party has requested that such Services continue to be provided pursuant to an applicable Tariff or SGAT.

3. Glossary and Attachments

The Glossary and the following Attachments are a part of this Agreement:

Additional Services Attachment
Interconnection Attachment
Resale Attachment
UNE Attachment
Collocation Attachment
911 Attachment
Pricing Attachment

4. Applicable Law

- 4.1 The construction, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by (a) the laws of the United States of America and (b) the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, without regard to its conflicts of laws rules. All disputes relating to this Agreement shall be resolved through the application of such laws.
- 4.2 Each Party shall remain in compliance with Applicable Law in the course of performing this Agreement.
- 4.3 Neither Party shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance by it that results from requirements of Applicable Law, or acts or failures to act of any governmental entity or official.
- 4.4 Each Party shall promptly notify the other Party in writing of any governmental action that limits, suspends, cancels, withdraws, or otherwise materially affects, the notifying Party's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.
- 4.5 If any provision of this Agreement shall be invalid or unenforceable under Applicable Law, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision of this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be construed as if it did not contain such invalid or unenforceable provision; provided, that if the invalid or unenforceable provision is a material provision of this Agreement, or the invalidity or unenforceability materially affects the rights or obligations of a Party hereunder or the ability of a Party to perform any material provision of this Agreement, the Parties shall promptly renegotiate in good faith

and amend in writing this Agreement in order to make such mutually acceptable revisions to this Agreement as may be required in order to conform the Agreement to Applicable Law.

- 4.6 If any legislative, regulatory, judicial or other governmental decision, order, determination or action, or any change in Applicable Law, materially affects any material provision of this Agreement, the rights or obligations of a Party hereunder, or the ability of a Party to perform any material provision of this Agreement, the Parties shall promptly renegotiate in good faith and amend in writing this Agreement in order to make such mutually acceptable revisions to this Agreement as may be required in order to conform the Agreement to Applicable Law.

5. Assignment

Neither Party may assign this Agreement or any right or interest under this Agreement, nor delegate any obligation under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed; provided, that if Verizon sells or otherwise transfers its operations for all or any portion of its service territory in Kentucky to a third-party ("Assignee"), for such service territory, Verizon shall assign this Agreement and its rights and interests under this Agreement and delegate its obligations under this Agreement, in its entirety, shall be binding upon Verizon's successor in interest.

6. Assurance of Payment

- 6.1 Upon request by Verizon, BTLLC shall provide to Verizon, in accordance with Sections 6.2 through 6.9 below, adequate assurance of payment of amounts due (or to become due) to Verizon hereunder.
- 6.2 Assurance of payment of charges may be requested by Verizon if BTLLC (a) in Verizon's reasonable judgment, at the Effective Date or at any time thereafter, does not have established credit with Verizon, (b) in Verizon's reasonable judgment, at the Effective Date or at any time thereafter, is unable to demonstrate that it is creditworthy, (c) fails to timely pay a bill rendered to BTLLC by Verizon, or (d) admits its inability to pay its debts as such debts become due, has commenced a voluntary case (or has had a case commenced against it) under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or any other law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, winding-up, composition or adjustment of debts or the like, has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors or is subject to a receivership or similar proceeding.
- 6.3 Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the assurance of payment shall consist of (a) a cash security deposit in U.S. dollars held by Verizon or (b) an unconditional, irrevocable standby letter of credit naming Verizon as the beneficiary thereof and otherwise in form and substance satisfactory to Verizon from a financial institution acceptable to Verizon. The cash security deposit or letter of credit shall be in an amount equal to two (2) months anticipated charges (including, but not limited to, both recurring and non-recurring charges), as reasonably determined by Verizon, for the Services to be provided by Verizon to BTLLC in connection with this Agreement.
- 6.4 To the extent that Verizon elects to require a cash deposit, the Parties intend that the provision of such deposit shall constitute the grant of a security interest in the deposit pursuant to Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in any relevant jurisdiction.

- 6.5 If payment of interest on a cash deposit is required by an applicable Verizon Tariff or by Applicable Law, interest will be paid on any such cash deposit held by Verizon at the higher of the interest rate stated in such Tariff or the interest rate required by Applicable Law.
- 6.6 Verizon may (but is not obligated to) draw on the letter of credit or cash deposit, as applicable, upon notice to BTLLC in respect of any amounts to be paid by BTLLC hereunder that are not paid within thirty (30) days of the date that payment of such amounts is required by this Agreement.
- 6.7 If Verizon draws on the letter of credit or cash deposit, upon request by Verizon, BTLLC shall provide a replacement or supplemental letter of credit or cash deposit conforming to the requirements of Section 6.3.
- 6.8 Notwithstanding anything else set forth in this Agreement, if Verizon makes a request for assurance of payment in accordance with the terms of this Section and BTLLC fails to provide such assurance of payment within thirty (30) days after it is requested, then following the expiration of such thirty (30) day period Verizon shall have no obligation to perform under this Agreement until such time as BTLLC has provided Verizon with such assurance of payment.
- 6.9 The fact that a deposit or a letter of credit is requested by Verizon hereunder shall in no way relieve BTLLC from compliance with the requirements of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, any applicable Tariffs) as to advance payments and payment for Services, nor constitute a waiver or modification of the terms herein pertaining to the discontinuance of Services for nonpayment of any amounts payment of which is required by this Agreement.

7. Audits

- 7.1 Except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, either Party ("Auditing Party") may audit the other Party's ("Audited Party") books, records, documents, facilities and systems for the purpose of evaluating the accuracy of the Audited Party's bills. Such audits may be performed twice in each Calendar Year.
- 7.2 The audit shall be performed by independent certified public accountants selected and paid by the Auditing Party. The accountants shall be reasonably acceptable to the Audited Party. Prior to commencing the audit, the accountants shall execute an agreement with the Audited Party in a form reasonably acceptable to the Audited Party that protects the confidentiality of the information disclosed by the Audited Party to the accountants. The audit shall take place at a time and place agreed upon by the Parties; provided, that the Auditing Party may require that the audit commence no later than sixty (60) days after the Auditing Party has given notice of the audit to the Audited Party.
- 7.3 Each Party shall cooperate fully in any such audit, providing reasonable access to any and all employees, books, records, documents, facilities and systems, reasonably necessary to assess the accuracy of the Audited Party's bills.
- 7.4 Audits shall be performed at the Auditing Party's expense, provided that there shall be no charge for reasonable access to the Audited Party's employees, books, records, documents, facilities and systems necessary to assess the accuracy of the Audited Party's bills.

8. Authorization

- 8.1 Verizon represents and warrants that it is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations under this Agreement.
- 8.2 BTLLC represents and warrants that it is a Limited Liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations under this Agreement.
- 8.3 BTLLC Certification. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Verizon shall have no obligation to perform under this Agreement until such time as BTLLC has obtained such FCC and Commission authorization as may be required by Applicable Law for conducting business in Kentucky. BTLLC shall not place any orders under this Agreement until it has obtained such authorization. BTLLC shall provide proof of such authorization to Verizon upon request.

9. Billing and Payment; Disputed Amounts

- 9.1 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, each Party shall submit to the other Party on a monthly basis in an itemized form, statement(s) of charges incurred by the other Party under this Agreement.
- 9.2 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, payment of amounts billed for Services provided under this Agreement, whether billed on a monthly basis or as otherwise provided in this Agreement, shall be due, in immediately available U.S. funds, on the later of the following dates (the "Due Date"): (a) the due date specified on the billing Party's statement; or, (b) twenty (20) days after the date the statement is received by the billed Party. Payments shall be transmitted by electronic funds transfer; provided, that if the amount of a payment is less than \$10,000, the payment may be made by check.
- 9.3 If any portion of an amount billed by a Party under this Agreement is subject to a good faith dispute between the Parties, the billed Party shall give notice to the billing Party of the amounts it disputes ("Disputed Amounts") and include in such notice the specific details and reasons for disputing each item. A Party may also dispute prospectively with a single notice a class of charges that it disputes. Notice of a dispute may be given by a Party at any time, either before or after an amount is paid, and a Party's payment of an amount shall not constitute a waiver of such Party's right to subsequently dispute its obligation to pay such amount or to seek a refund of any amount paid. The billed Party shall pay by the Due Date all undisputed amounts. Billing disputes shall be subject to the terms of Section 14, Dispute Resolution.
- 9.4 Charges due to the billing Party that are not paid by the Due Date shall be subject to a late payment charge. The late payment charge shall be in an amount specified by the billing Party which shall not exceed a rate of one-and-one-half percent (1.5%) of the overdue amount (including any unpaid previously billed late payment charges) per month.
- 9.5 Although it is the intent of both Parties to submit timely statements of charges, failure by either Party to present statements to the other Party in a timely manner shall not constitute a breach or default, or a waiver of the right to payment of the

incurred charges, by the billing Party under this Agreement, and, except for assertion of a provision of Applicable Law that limits the period in which a suit or other proceeding can be brought before a court or other governmental entity of appropriate jurisdiction to collect amounts due, the billed Party shall not be entitled to dispute the billing Party's statement(s) based on the billing Party's failure to submit them in a timely fashion.

10. Confidentiality

- 10.1 As used in this Section 10, "Confidential Information" means the following information that is disclosed by one Party ("Disclosing Party") to the other Party ("Receiving Party") in connection with, or anticipation of, this Agreement:
- 10.1.1 Books, records, documents and other information disclosed in an audit pursuant to Section 7;
 - 10.1.2 Any forecasting information provided pursuant to this Agreement.
 - 10.1.3 Customer Information (except to the extent that (a) the Customer information is published in a directory, (b) the Customer information is disclosed through or in the course of furnishing a Telecommunications Service, such as a Directory Assistance Service, Operator Service, Caller ID or similar service, or LIDB service, or, (c) the Customer to whom the Customer Information is related has authorized the Receiving Party to use and/or disclose the Customer Information);
 - 10.1.3.1 information related to specific facilities or equipment (including, but not limited to, cable and pair information);
 - 10.1.3.2 any information that is in written, graphic, electromagnetic, or other tangible form, and marked at the time of disclosure as "Confidential" or "Proprietary;" and
 - 10.1.3.3 any information that is communicated orally or visually and declared to the Receiving Party at the time of disclosure, and by written notice with a statement of the information given to the Receiving Party within ten (10) days after disclosure, to be "Confidential" or "Proprietary".

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, a Party shall have the right to refuse to accept receipt of information which the other Party has identified as Confidential Information pursuant to Sections 10.1.3.1 or 10.1.3.2.

- 10.2 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Receiving Party shall:
- 10.2.1 use the Confidential Information received from the Disclosing Party only in performance of this Agreement; and,
 - 10.2.2 using the same degree of care that it uses with similar confidential information of its own (but in no case a degree of care that is less than commercially reasonable), hold Confidential Information received from the Disclosing Party in confidence and restrict disclosure of the Confidential Information solely to those of the Receiving Party's Affiliates and the directors, officers, employees, Agents and contractors of the Receiving Party and the Receiving Party's Affiliates, that have a need to receive such Confidential Information in order to perform the Receiving Party's obligations under this Agreement. The

Receiving Party's Affiliates and the directors, officers, employees, Agents and contractors of the Receiving Party and the Receiving Party's Affiliates, shall be required by the Receiving Party to comply with the provisions of this Section 10 in the same manner as the Receiving Party. The Receiving Party shall be liable for any failure of the Receiving Party's Affiliates or the directors, officers, employees, Agents or contractors of the Receiving Party or the Receiving Party's Affiliates, to comply with the provisions of this Section 10.

- 10.3 The Receiving Party shall return or destroy all Confidential Information received from the Disclosing Party, including any copies made by the Receiving Party, within thirty (30) days after a written request by the Disclosing Party is delivered to the Receiving Party, except for (a) Confidential Information that the Receiving Party reasonably requires to perform its obligations under this Agreement, and (b) one copy for archival purposes only.
- 10.4 Unless otherwise agreed, the obligations of Sections 10.2 and 10.3 do not apply to information that:
- 10.4.1 was, at the time of receipt, already in the possession of or known to the Receiving Party free of any obligation of confidentiality and restriction on use;
 - 10.4.2 is or becomes publicly available or known through no wrongful act of the Receiving Party, the Receiving Party's Affiliates, or the directors, officers, employees, Agents or contractors of the Receiving Party or the Receiving Party's Affiliates;
 - 10.4.3 is rightfully received from a third person having no direct or indirect obligation of confidentiality or restriction on use to the Disclosing Party with respect to such information;
 - 10.4.4 is independently developed by the Receiving Party;
 - 10.4.5 is approved for disclosure or use by written authorization of the Disclosing Party (including, but not limited to, in this Agreement); or
 - 10.4.6 is required to be disclosed by the Receiving Party pursuant to Applicable Law, provided that the Receiving Party shall have made commercially reasonable efforts to give adequate notice of the requirement to the Disclosing Party in order to enable the Disclosing Party to seek protective arrangements.
- 10.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 10.1 through 10.4, the Receiving Party may use and disclose Confidential Information received from the Disclosing Party to the extent necessary to enforce the Receiving Party's rights under this Agreement or Applicable Law. In making any such disclosure, the Receiving Party shall make reasonable efforts to preserve the confidentiality and restrict the use of the Confidential Information while it is in the possession of any person to whom it is disclosed, including, but not limited to, by requesting any governmental entity to whom the Confidential Information is disclosed to treat it as confidential and restrict its use to purposes related to the proceeding pending before it.
- 10.6 The Disclosing Party shall retain all of the Disclosing Party's right, title and interest in any Confidential Information disclosed by the Disclosing Party to the Receiving Party. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no

license is granted by this Agreement with respect to any Confidential Information (including, but not limited to, under any patent, trademark or copyright), nor is any such license to be implied solely by virtue of the disclosure of Confidential Information.

- 10.7 The provisions of this Section 10 shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any provisions of Applicable Law, including, but not limited to, 47 U.S.C. § 222, and are not intended to constitute a waiver by a Party of any right with regard to the use, or protection of the confidentiality of, CPNI provided by Applicable Law.
- 10.8 Each Party's obligations under this Section 10 shall survive expiration, cancellation or termination of this Agreement.

11. Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

12. Default

If either Party ("Defaulting Party") fails to make a payment required by this Agreement (including, but not limited to, any payment required by Section 9.3 of undisputed amounts to the billing Party) or materially breaches any other material provision of this Agreement, and such failure or breach continues for thirty (30) days after written notice thereof from the other Party, the other Party may, by written notice to the Defaulting Party, (a) suspend the provision of any or all Services hereunder, or (b) cancel this Agreement and terminate the provision of all Services hereunder.

13. Discontinuance of Service by BTLLC

- 13.1 If BTLLC proposes to discontinue, or actually discontinues, its provision of service to all or substantially all of its Customers, whether voluntarily, as a result of bankruptcy, or for any other reason, BTLLC shall send written notice of such discontinuance to Verizon, the Commission, and each of BTLLC's Customers. BTLLC shall provide such notice such number of days in advance of discontinuance of its service as shall be required by Applicable Law. Unless the period for advance notice of discontinuance of service required by Applicable Law is more than thirty (30) days, to the extent commercially feasible, BTLLC shall send such notice at least thirty (30) days prior to its discontinuance of service.
- 13.2 Such notice must advise each BTLLC Customer that unless action is taken by the BTLLC Customer to switch to a different carrier prior to BTLLC's proposed discontinuance of service, the BTLLC Customer will be without the service provided by BTLLC to the BTLLC Customer.
- 13.3 Should a BTLLC Customer subsequently become a Verizon Customer, BTLLC shall provide Verizon with all information necessary for Verizon to establish service for the BTLLC Customer, including, but not limited to, the CLEC Customer's billed name, listed name, service address, and billing address, and the services being provided to the BTLLC Customer.
- 13.4 Nothing in this Section 13 shall limit Verizon's right to cancel or terminate this Agreement or suspend provision of Services under this Agreement.

14. Dispute Resolution

- 14.1 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any dispute between the Parties regarding the interpretation or enforcement of this Agreement or any of its terms shall be addressed by good faith negotiation between the Parties. To initiate such negotiation, a Party must provide to the other Party written notice of the dispute that includes both a detailed description of the dispute or alleged nonperformance and the name of an individual who will serve as the initiating Party's representative in the negotiation. The other Party shall have ten Business Days to designate its own representative in the negotiation. The Parties' representatives shall meet at least once within 45 days after the date of the initiating Party's written notice in an attempt to reach a good faith resolution of the dispute. Upon agreement, the Parties' representatives may utilize other alternative dispute resolution procedures such as private mediation to assist in the negotiations.
- 14.2 If the Parties have been unable to resolve the dispute within 45 days of the date of the initiating Party's written notice, either Party may pursue any remedies available to it under this Agreement, at law, in equity, or otherwise, including, but not limited to, instituting an appropriate proceeding before the Commission, the FCC, or a court of competent jurisdiction.

15. Force Majeure

- 15.1 Neither Party shall be responsible for any delay or failure in performance which results from causes beyond its reasonable control ("Force Majeure Events"), whether or not foreseeable by such Party. Such Force Majeure Events include, but are not limited to, adverse weather conditions, flood, fire, explosion, earthquake, volcanic action, power failure, embargo, war, revolution, civil commotion, act of public enemies, inability to obtain equipment, parts, software or repairs thereof, acts or omissions of the other Party, and acts of God.
- 15.2 If a Force Majeure Event occurs, the non-performing Party shall give prompt notification of its inability to perform to the other Party. During the period that the non-performing Party is unable to perform, the other Party shall also be excused from performance of its obligations to the extent such obligations are reciprocal to, or depend upon, the performance of the non-performing Party that has been prevented by the Force Majeure Event. The non-performing Party shall use commercially reasonable efforts to avoid or remove the cause(s) of its non-performance and both Parties shall proceed to perform once the cause(s) are removed or cease.
- 15.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 15.1 and 15.2, in no case shall a Force Majeure Event excuse either Party from an obligation to pay money as required by this Agreement.
- 15.4 *In the event of any labor unrest (including, but not limited to, strikes, work stoppages, slowdowns, picketing or boycotts) that affects Verizon's provision of service to Brandenburg or its customers, Verizon shall not be liable for provision of any service at a higher level of quality than that which it provides to its own customers in the BTLLC service area. Verizon shall be required to provide service to BTLLC that is comparable to that it provides itself in the BTLLC service area.*

16. Forecasts

In addition to any other forecasts required by this Agreement, upon request by Verizon,

SCTBTLLC shall provide to Verizon forecasts regarding the Services that SCTBTLLC expects to purchase from Verizon, including, but not limited to, forecasts regarding the types and volumes of Services that SCTBTLLC expects to purchase and the locations where such Services will be purchased.

17. Fraud

The Parties shall work cooperatively in a commercially reasonable manner to minimize and to investigate fraud associated with third number billed calls, calling card calls, and other services related to this Agreement; provided that, nothing in this section shall require a Party (a) to deploy new systems or facilities or (b) to take action with regard to minimizing or investigating fraud beyond that which it regularly provides at no charge to Telecommunications Carriers who are not parties to this Agreement.

18. Good Faith Performance

The Parties shall act in good faith in their performance of this Agreement. Except as otherwise expressly stated in this Agreement (including, but not limited to, where consent, approval, agreement or a similar action is stated to be within a Party's sole discretion), where consent, approval, mutual agreement or a similar action is required by any provision of this Agreement, such action shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

19. Headings

The headings used in the Principal Document are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the meaning of the Principal Document.

20. Indemnification

20.1 Each Party ("Indemnifying Party") shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party ("Indemnified Party"), the Indemnified Party's Affiliates, and the directors, officers and employees of the Indemnified Party and the Indemnified Party's Affiliates, from and against any and all Claims that arise out of bodily injury to or death of any person, or damage to, or destruction or loss of, tangible real and/or personal property of any person, to the extent such injury, death, damage, destruction or loss, was proximately caused by the grossly negligent or intentionally wrongful acts or omissions of the Indemnifying Party, the Indemnifying Party's Affiliates, or the directors, officers, employees, agents or contractors of the Indemnifying Party or the Indemnifying Party's Affiliates, in connection with this Agreement.

20.2 Indemnification Process:

20.2.1 As used in this Section 20, "Indemnified Person" means a person whom an Indemnifying Party is obligated to indemnify, defend and/or hold harmless under Section 20.1.

20.2.2 An Indemnifying Party's obligations under Section 20.1 shall be conditioned upon the following:

20.2.3 The Indemnified Person: (a) shall give the Indemnifying Party notice of the Claim promptly after becoming aware thereof (including a statement of facts known to the Indemnified Person related to the Claim and an estimate of the amount thereof); (b) prior to taking any material action with respect to a Third Party Claim, shall consult with

the Indemnifying Party as to the procedure to be followed in defending, settling, or compromising the Claim; (c) shall not consent to any settlement or compromise of a Third Party Claim without the written consent of the Indemnifying Party; (d) shall permit the Indemnifying Party to assume the defense of a Third Party Claim (including, except as provided below, the compromise or settlement thereof) at the Indemnifying Party's own cost and expense, provided, however, that the Indemnified Person shall have the right to approve the Indemnifying Party's choice of legal counsel.

- 20.2.4 If the Indemnified Person fails to comply with Section 20.2.1 with respect to a Claim, to the extent such failure shall have a material adverse effect upon the Indemnifying Party, the Indemnifying Party shall be relieved of its obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Indemnified Person with respect to such Claim under this Agreement.
- 20.2.5 Subject to 20.2.6 and 20.2.7, below, the Indemnifying Party shall have the authority to defend and settle any Third Party Claim.
- 20.2.6 With respect to any Third Party Claim, the Indemnified Person shall be entitled to participate with the Indemnifying Party in the defense of the Claim if the Claim requests equitable relief or other relief that could affect the rights of the Indemnified Person. In so participating, the Indemnified Person shall be entitled to employ separate counsel for the defense at the Indemnified Person's expense. The Indemnified Person shall also be entitled to participate, at its own expense, in the defense of any Claim, as to any portion of the Claim as to which it is not entitled to be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Indemnifying Party.
- 20.2.7 In no event shall the Indemnifying Party settle a Third Party Claim or consent to any judgment with regard to a Third Party Claim without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. In the event the settlement or judgment requires a contribution from or affects the rights of an Indemnified Person, the Indemnified Person shall have the right to refuse such settlement or judgment with respect to itself and, at its own cost and expense, take over the defense against the Third Party Claim, provided that in such event the Indemnifying Party shall not be responsible for, nor shall it be obligated to indemnify or hold harmless the Indemnified Person against, the Third Party Claim for any amount in excess of such refused settlement or judgment.
- 20.2.8 The Indemnified Person shall, in all cases, assert any and all provisions in applicable Tariffs and Customer contracts that limit liability to third persons as a bar to, or limitation on, any recovery by a third-person claimant.
- 20.2.9 The Indemnifying Party and the Indemnified Person shall offer each other all reasonable cooperation and assistance in the defense of any Third Party Claim.
- 20.3 Each Party agrees that it will not implead or bring any action against the other Party, the other Party's Affiliates, or any of the directors, officers or employees of the other Party or the other Party's Affiliates, based on any claim by any person for personal injury or death that occurs in the course or scope of employment of

such person by the other Party or the other Party's Affiliate and that arises out of performance of this Agreement.

- 20.4 Each Party's obligations under this Section 20 shall survive expiration, cancellation or termination of this Agreement.

21. Insurance

- 21.1 BTLLC shall maintain all insurance and/or bonds required to satisfy its obligations under this Agreement (including, but not limited to, its obligations set forth in Section 20 hereof) and all insurance and/or bonds required by Applicable Law. BTLLC shall maintain such insurance during the term of this Agreement and for such period thereafter as shall be necessary to satisfy BTLLC's obligations under this Agreement and Applicable Law. The insurance and/or bonds shall be obtained from an insurer having an A.M. Best insurance rating of at least A-, financial size category VII or greater. At a minimum and without limiting the foregoing undertaking, BTLLC shall maintain the following insurance:
- 21.1.1 Commercial General Liability Insurance, on an occurrence basis, including but not limited to, premises-operations, broad form property damage, products/completed operations, contractual liability, independent contractors, and personal injury, with limits of at least \$1,000,000 combined single limit for each occurrence.
 - 21.1.2 Motor Vehicle Liability, Comprehensive Form, covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, with limits of at least \$1,000,000 combined single limit for each occurrence.
 - 21.1.3 Excess Liability, in the umbrella form, with limits of at least \$10,000,000 combined single limit for each occurrence.
 - 21.1.4 Worker's Compensation Insurance as required by Applicable Law and Employer's Liability Insurance with limits of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence or such other amount as is consistent with the Commission's orders in Case No. 2001-224.
 - 21.1.5 All risk property insurance on a full replacement cost basis for all of BTLLC's real and personal property located at any Collocation site or otherwise located on or in any Verizon premises (whether owned, leased or otherwise occupied by Verizon), facility, equipment or right-of-way.
- 21.2 Any deductibles, self-insured retentions or loss limits ("Retentions") for the foregoing insurance must be disclosed on the certificates of insurance to be provided to Verizon pursuant to Sections 21.4 and 21.5, and Verizon reserves the right to reject any such Retentions in its reasonable discretion. All Retentions shall be the responsibility of BTLLC.
- 21.3 BTLLC shall name Verizon and Verizon's Affiliates as additional insureds on the foregoing insurance.
- 21.4 BTLLC shall, within two (2) weeks of the Effective Date hereof, and at the time of each renewal of, or material change in, BTLLC's insurance policies, furnish certificates or other proof of the foregoing insurance reasonably acceptable to Verizon. BTLLC shall also furnish certificates or other proof of the foregoing insurance reasonably acceptable to Verizon upon request by Verizon at any time that Verizon has a commercially reasonable basis for making such a request

(including, but not limited to, if Verizon has a commercially reasonable basis for believing that BTLLC does not have the foregoing insurance). The certificates or other proof of the foregoing insurance shall be sent to: Director-Contract Performance & Administration, Verizon Wholesale Markets, 600 Hidden Ridge, Irving, TX 75038.

- 21.5 BTLLC shall require its contractors, if any, that may enter upon the premises or access the facilities or equipment of Verizon or Verizon's affiliated companies to maintain insurance in accordance with Sections 21.1 through 21.3. BTLLC shall require its contractors to furnish to Verizon certificates or other adequate proof of such insurance acceptable to Verizon. BTLLC's contractors shall not enter upon the premises of Verizon or Verizon's affiliated companies, or access the facilities or equipment of Verizon or Verizon's affiliated companies, until such certificates or other adequate proof of insurance have been furnished to Verizon. BTLLC shall also require its contractors to furnish to Verizon certificates or other adequate proof of such insurance acceptable to Verizon (a) at the time of each renewal of, or material change in, the contractor's insurance policies, and (b) upon request by Verizon at any time that Verizon has a commercially reasonable basis for making such a request (including, but not limited to, if Verizon has a commercially reasonable basis for believing that the contractor does not have the foregoing insurance).
- 21.6 If BTLLC or BTLLC's contractors fail to maintain insurance as required in Sections 21.1 through 21.5, above, Verizon may purchase such insurance and BTLLC shall reimburse Verizon for the cost of the insurance.
- 21.7 Certificates furnished by BTLLC or BTLLC's contractors shall contain a clause stating: "Verizon South Inc. shall be notified in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to cancellation of, or any material change in, the insurance."

22. Intellectual Property

- 22.1 Except as expressly stated in this Agreement, this Agreement shall not be construed as granting a license with respect to any patent, copyright, trade name, trademark, service mark, trade secret or any other intellectual property, now or hereafter owned, controlled or licensable by either Party. Except as expressly stated in this Agreement, neither Party may use any patent, copyrightable materials, trademark, trade name, trade secret or other intellectual property right, of the other Party except in accordance with the terms of a separate license agreement between the Parties granting such rights.
- 22.2 Except as stated in Section 22.4, neither Party shall have any obligation to defend, indemnify or hold harmless, or acquire any license or right for the benefit of, or owe any other obligation or have any liability to, the other Party or its Affiliates or Customers based on or arising from any Third Party Claim alleging or asserting that the provision or use of any service, facility, arrangement, or software by either Party under this Agreement, or the performance of any service or method, either alone or in combination with the other Party, constitutes direct, vicarious or contributory infringement or inducement to infringe, or misuse or misappropriation of any patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, or any other proprietary or intellectual property right of any Party or third person. Each Party, however, shall offer to the other reasonable cooperation and assistance in the defense of any such claim.
- 22.3 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES AGREE THAT NEITHER PARTY HAS MADE, AND THAT THERE DOES NOT EXIST, ANY WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, THAT THE

USE BY EACH PARTY OF THE OTHER'S SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT GIVE RISE TO A CLAIM OF INFRINGEMENT, MISUSE, OR MISAPPROPRIATION OF ANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT.

- 22.4 BTLLC agrees that the Services provided by Verizon hereunder shall be subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions contained in any applicable agreements (including, but not limited to software or other intellectual property license agreements) between Verizon and Verizon's vendors. Verizon agrees to advise BTLLC, directly or through a third party, of any such terms, conditions or restrictions that may limit any BTLLC use of a Service provided by Verizon that is otherwise permitted by this Agreement. At BTLLC's written request, to the extent required by Applicable Law, Verizon will use Verizon's best efforts, as commercially practicable, to obtain intellectual property rights from Verizon's vendor to allow BTLLC to use the Service in the same manner as Verizon that are coextensive with Verizon's intellectual property rights, on terms and conditions that are equal in quality to the terms and conditions under which Verizon has obtained Verizon's intellectual property rights. BTLLC shall reimburse Verizon for the cost of obtaining such rights.

23. Joint Work Product

The Principal Document is the joint work product of the Parties, has been negotiated by the Parties, and shall be fairly interpreted in accordance with its terms. In the event of any ambiguities, no inferences shall be drawn against either Party.

24. Law Enforcement.

- 24.1 Each Party may cooperate with law enforcement authorities and national security authorities to the full extent required or permitted by Applicable Law in matters related to Services provided by it under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the production of records, the establishment of new lines or the installation of new services on an existing line in order to support law enforcement and/or national security operations, and, the installation of wiretaps, trap-and-trace facilities and equipment, and dialed number recording facilities and equipment.
- 24.2 A Party shall not have the obligation to inform the other Party or the Customers of the other Party of actions taken in cooperating with law enforcement or national security authorities, except to the extent required by Applicable Law.
- 24.3 Where a law enforcement or national security request relates to the establishment of lines (including, but not limited to, lines established to support interception of communications on other lines), or the installation of other services, facilities or arrangements, a Party may act to prevent the other Party from obtaining access to information concerning such lines, services, facilities and arrangements, through operations support system interfaces.

25. Liability

- 25.1 As used in this Section 25, "Service Failure" means a failure to comply with a direction to install, restore or terminate Services under this Agreement, a failure to provide Services under this Agreement, and failures, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, defects or the like, occurring in the course of the provision of any Services under this Agreement.
- 25.2 Except as otherwise stated in Section 25.5, the liability, if any, of a Party, a Party's Affiliates, and the directors, officers and employees of a Party and a

Party's Affiliates, to the other Party, the other Party's Customers, and to any other person, for Claims arising out of a Service Failure shall not exceed an amount equal to the pro rata applicable monthly charge for the Services that are subject to the Service Failure for the period in which such Service Failure occurs.

- 25.3 Except as otherwise stated in Section 25.5, a Party, a Party's Affiliates, and the directors, officers and employees of a Party and a Party's Affiliates, shall not be liable to the other Party, the other Party's Customers, or to any other person, in connection with this Agreement (including, but not limited to, in connection with a Service Failure or any breach, delay or failure in performance, of this Agreement) for special, indirect, incidental, consequential, reliance, exemplary, punitive, or like damages, including, but not limited to, damages for lost revenues, profits or savings, or other commercial or economic loss, even if the person whose liability is excluded by this Section has been advised of the possibility of such damages.
- 25.4 The limitations and exclusions of liability stated in Sections 25.1 through 25.3 shall apply regardless of the form of a claim or action, whether statutory, in contract, warranty, strict liability, tort (including, but not limited to, negligence of a Party), or otherwise.
- 25.5 Nothing contained in Sections 25.1 through 25.4 shall exclude or limit liability:
- 25.5.1 under Sections 20, Indemnification or 41, Taxes.
 - 25.5.2 for any obligation to indemnify, defend and/or hold harmless that a Party may have under this Agreement.
 - 25.5.3 for damages arising out of or resulting from bodily injury to or death of any person, or damage to, or destruction or loss of, tangible real and/or personal property of any person, or Toxic or Hazardous Substances, to the extent such damages are otherwise recoverable under Applicable Law;
 - 25.5.4 for a claim for infringement of any patent, copyright, trade name, trade mark, service mark, or other intellectual property interest;
 - 25.5.5 under Section 258 of the Act or any order of FCC or the Commission implementing Section 258; or
 - 25.5.6 under the financial incentive or remedy provisions of any service quality plan required by the FCC or the Commission.
- 25.6 In the event that the liability of a Party, a Party's Affiliate, or a director, officer or employee of a Party or a Party's Affiliate, is limited and/or excluded under both this Section 25 and a provision of an applicable Tariff, the liability of the Party or other person shall be limited to the smaller of the amounts for which such Party or other person would be liable under this Section or the Tariff provision.
- 25.7 Each Party shall, in its tariffs and other contracts with its Customers, provide that in no case shall the other Party, the other Party's Affiliates, or the directors, officers or employees of the other Party or the other Party's Affiliates, be liable to such Customers or other third-persons for any special, indirect, incidental, consequential, reliance, exemplary, punitive or other damages, arising out of a Service Failure.

26. Network Management

- 26.1 Cooperation. The Parties will work cooperatively in a commercially reasonable manner to install and maintain a reliable network. BTLLC and Verizon will exchange appropriate information (e.g., network information, maintenance contact numbers, escalation procedures, and information required to comply with requirements of law enforcement and national security agencies) to achieve this desired reliability. In addition, the Parties will work cooperatively in a commercially reasonable manner to apply sound network management principles to alleviate or to prevent traffic congestion and to minimize fraud associated with third number billed calls, calling card calls, and other services related to this Agreement.
- 26.2 Responsibility for Following Standards. Each Party recognizes a responsibility to follow the standards that may be agreed to between the Parties and to employ characteristics and methods of operation that will not interfere with or impair the service, network or facilities of the other Party or any third parties connected with or involved directly in the network or facilities of the other.
- 26.3 Interference or Impairment. If a Party ("Impaired Party") reasonably determines that the services, network, facilities, or methods of operation, of the other Party ("Interfering Party") will or are likely to interfere with or impair the Impaired Party's provision of services or the operation of the Impaired Party's network or facilities, the Impaired Party may interrupt or suspend any Service provided to the Interfering Party to the extent necessary to prevent such interference or impairment, subject to the following:
- 26.3.1 Except in emergency situations (e.g., situations involving a risk of bodily injury to persons or damage to tangible property, or an interruption in Customer service) or as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Impaired Party shall have given the Interfering Party at least ten (10) days' prior written notice of the interference or impairment or potential interference or impairment and the need to correct the condition within said time period; and,
- 26.3.2 Upon correction of the interference or impairment, the Impaired Party will promptly restore the interrupted or suspended Service. The Impaired Party shall not be obligated to provide an out-of-service credit allowance or other compensation to the Interfering Party in connection with the suspended Service.
- 26.4 Outage Repair Standard. In the event of an outage or trouble in any Service being provided by a Party hereunder, the Providing Party will follow Verizon's standard procedures for isolating and clearing the outage or trouble.

27. Non-Exclusive Remedies

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, each of the remedies provided under this Agreement is cumulative and is in addition to any other remedies that may be available under this Agreement or at law or in equity.

28. Notice of Network Changes

If a Party makes a change in the information necessary for the transmission and routing of services using that Party's facilities or network, or any other change in its facilities or network that will materially affect the interoperability of its facilities or network with the

other Party's facilities or network, the Party making the change shall publish notice of the change at least ninety (90) days in advance of such change, and shall use reasonable efforts, as commercially practicable, to publish such notice at least one hundred eighty (180) days in advance of the change; provided, however, that if an earlier publication of notice of a change is required by Applicable Law (including, but not limited to, 47 CFR 51.325 through 51.335) notice shall be given at the time required by Applicable Law.

29. Notices

29.1 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, notices given by one Party to the other Party under this Agreement:

29.1.1 shall be in writing;

29.1.2 shall be delivered (a) personally, (b) by express delivery service with next Business Day delivery, (c) by First Class, certified or registered U.S. mail, postage prepaid, (d) by facsimile telecopy, with a copy delivered in accordance with (a), (b) or (c), preceding, or, (e) by electronic mail, with a copy delivered in accordance with (a), (b) or (c), preceding; and

29.1.3 shall be delivered to the following addresses of the Parties:

To BTLLC:

Attention: General Manager
Brandenburg Telecom LLC
200 Telco Drive
Brandenburg, Kentucky 40108
Facsimile Number:
Internet Address:

To Verizon:

Director-Contract Performance & Administration
Verizon Wholesale Markets
600 Hidden Ridge
HQEWMNOTICES
Irving, TX 75038
Telephone Number: 972-718-5988
Facsimile Number: 972-719-1519
Internet Address: wmnotices@verizon.com

with a copy to:

Vice President and Associate General Counsel
Verizon Wholesale Markets
1320 N. Court House Road
8th Floor
Arlington, VA 22201
Facsimile: 703/974-0744

or to such other address as either Party shall designate by proper notice.

Notices will be deemed given as of the earlier of (a) where there is personal

delivery of the notice, the date of actual receipt, (b) where the notice is sent via express delivery service for next Business Day delivery, the next Business Day after the notice is sent, (c) where the notice is sent by First Class U.S. Mail, three (3) Business Days after mailing, (d) where notice is sent via certified or registered U.S. mail, the date of receipt shown on the Postal Service receipt, (e) where the notice is sent via facsimile telecopy, on the date set forth on the telecopy confirmation if sent before 5 PM in the time zone where it is received, or the next Business Day after the date set forth on the telecopy confirmation if sent after 5 PM in the time zone where it is received, and (f) where the notice is sent via electronic mail, on the date of transmission, if sent before 5 PM in the time zone where it is received, or the next Business Day after the date of transmission, if sent after 5 PM in the time zone where it is received.

30. Ordering and Maintenance

BTLLC shall use Verizon's electronic Operations Support System access platforms to submit Orders and requests for maintenance and repair of Services, and to engage in other pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and repair transactions. If Verizon has not yet deployed an electronic capability for BTLLC to perform a pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance or repair, transaction offered by Verizon, BTLLC shall use such other processes as Verizon has made available for performing such transaction (including, but not limited, to submission of Orders by telephonic facsimile transmission and placing trouble reports by voice telephone transmission).

31. Performance Standards

- 31.1 Verizon shall provide Services under this Agreement in accordance with the performance standards required by Applicable Law, including, but not limited to, Section 251(c) of the Act and 47 CFR §§ 51.305(a)(3), 51.311(a) and (b) and 51.603(b).
- 31.2 To the extent required by Appendix D, Section V, "Carrier-to-Carrier Performance Plan (Including Performance Measurements)," and Appendix D, Attachment A, "Carrier-to-Carrier Performance Assurance Plan," of the Merger Order, Verizon shall provide performance measurement results to BTLLC.
- 31.3 BTLLC shall provide Services under this Agreement in accordance with the performance standards required by Applicable Law.

32. Point of Contact for BTLLC Customers

- 32.1 BTLLC shall establish telephone numbers and mailing addresses at which BTLLC Customers may communicate with BTLLC and shall advise BTLLC Customers of these telephone numbers and mailing addresses.
- 32.2 Except as otherwise agreed to by Verizon, Verizon shall have no obligation, and may decline, to accept a communication from a BTLLC customer, including, but not limited to, a BTLLC Customer request for repair or maintenance of a Verizon Service provided to BTLLC.

33. Predecessor Agreements

- 33.1 Except as stated in Section 33.2 or as otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties:
 - 33.1.1 any prior interconnection or resale agreement between the Parties for the Commonwealth of Kentucky pursuant to Section 252 of the Act

and in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date is hereby terminated; and

33.1.2 any Services that were purchased by one Party from the other Party under a prior interconnection or resale agreement between the Parties for the Commonwealth of Kentucky pursuant to Section 252 of the Act and in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date, shall as of the Effective Date be subject to and purchased under this Agreement.

33.2 Except as otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, if a Service purchased by a Party under a prior interconnection or resale agreement between the Parties pursuant to Section 252 of the Act was subject to a contractual commitment that it would be purchased for a period of longer than one month, and such period had not yet expired as of the Effective Date and the Service had not been terminated prior to the Effective Date, to the extent not inconsistent with this Agreement, such commitment shall remain in effect and the Service will be purchased under this Agreement; provided, that if this Agreement would materially alter the terms of the commitment, either Party make elect to cancel the commitment.

33.3 If either Party elects to cancel the commitment pursuant to the proviso in Section 33.2, the Purchasing Party shall not be liable for any termination charge that would otherwise have applied. However, if the commitment was cancelled by the Purchasing Party, the Providing Party shall be entitled to payment from the Purchasing Party of the difference between the price of the Service that was actually paid by the Purchasing Party under the commitment and the price of the Service that would have applied if the commitment had been to purchase the Service only until the time that the commitment was cancelled.

34. Publicity and Use of Trademarks or Service Marks

34.1 A Party, its Affiliates, and their respective contractors and Agents, shall not use the other Party's trademarks, service marks, logos or other proprietary trade dress, in connection with the sale of products or services, or in any advertising, press releases, publicity matters or other promotional materials, unless the other Party has given its written consent for such use, which consent the other Party may grant or withhold in its sole discretion.

34.2 Neither Party may imply any direct or indirect affiliation with or sponsorship or endorsement of it or its services or products by the other Party.

34.3 Any violation of this Section 34 shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement.

35. References

35.1 All references to Sections, Appendices and Exhibits shall be deemed to be references to Sections, Appendices and Exhibits of this Agreement unless the context shall otherwise require.

35.2 Unless the context shall otherwise require, any reference to a Tariff, agreement, technical or other document (including Verizon or third party guides, practices or handbooks), or provision of Applicable Law, is to such Tariff, agreement, document, or provision of Applicable Law, as amended and supplemented from time to time (and, in the case of a Tariff or provision of Applicable Law, to any successor Tariff or provision).

36. Relationship of the Parties

- 36.1 The relationship of the Parties under this Agreement shall be that of independent contractors and nothing herein shall be construed as creating any other relationship between the Parties.
- 36.2 Nothing contained in this Agreement shall make either Party the employee of the other, create a partnership, joint venture, or other similar relationship between the Parties, or grant to either Party a franchise, distributorship or similar interest.
- 36.3 Except for provisions herein expressly authorizing a Party to act for another Party, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a Party as a legal representative or Agent of the other Party, nor shall a Party have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind, express or implied, against, in the name or on behalf of the other Party unless otherwise expressly permitted by such other Party in writing, which permission may be granted or withheld by the other Party in its sole discretion.
- 36.4 Each Party shall have sole authority and responsibility to hire, fire, compensate, supervise, and otherwise control its employees, Agents and contractors. Each Party shall be solely responsible for payment of any Social Security or other taxes that it is required by Applicable Law to pay in conjunction with its employees, Agents and contractors, and for withholding and remitting to the applicable taxing authorities any taxes that it is required by Applicable Law to collect from its employees.
- 36.5 Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no Party undertakes to perform any obligation of the other Party, whether regulatory or contractual, or to assume any responsibility for the management of the other Party's business.
- 36.6 The relationship of the Parties under this Agreement is a non-exclusive relationship.

37. Reservation of Rights

- 37.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, neither Party waives, and each Party hereby expressly reserves, its rights: (a) to appeal or otherwise seek the reversal of and changes in any arbitration decision associated with this Agreement; (b) to challenge the lawfulness of this Agreement and any provision of this Agreement; (c) to seek changes in this Agreement (including, but not limited to, changes in rates, charges and the Services that must be offered) through changes in Applicable Law; and, (d) to challenge the lawfulness and propriety of, and to seek to change, any Applicable Law, including, but not limited to any rule, regulation, order or decision of the Commission, the FCC, or a court of applicable jurisdiction. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to limit or prejudice any position a Party has taken or may take before the Commission, the FCC, any other state or federal regulatory or legislative bodies, courts of applicable jurisdiction, or industry fora. The provisions of this Section shall survive the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Agreement.
- 37.2 BTLLC acknowledges BTLLC has been advised by Verizon that it is Verizon's position that:
 - 37.2.1 This Agreement contains certain provisions which are intended to reflect Applicable Law and Commission and/or FCC arbitration decisions; and

37.2.2 For the purposes of Appendix D, Sections 31 and 32, of the Merger Order, such provisions shall not be deemed to have been voluntarily negotiated or agreed to by Verizon and shall not be available to carriers pursuant to Appendix D, Sections 31 and 32 of the Merger Order.

38. Subcontractors

A Party may use a contractor of the Party (including, but not limited to, an Affiliate of the Party) to perform the Party's obligations under this Agreement; provided, that a Party's use of a contractor shall not release the Party from any duty or liability to fulfill the Party's obligations under this Agreement.

39. Successors and Assigns

This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective legal successors and permitted assigns.

40. Survival

The rights, liabilities and obligations of a Party for acts or omissions occurring prior to the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Agreement, the rights, liabilities and obligations of a Party under any provision of this Agreement regarding confidential information (including but not limited to, Section 10, indemnification or defense (including, but not limited to, Section 20, or limitation or exclusion of liability (including, but not limited to, Section 25, and the rights, liabilities and obligations of a Party under any provision of this Agreement which by its terms or nature is intended to continue beyond or to be performed after the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Agreement, shall survive the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Agreement.

41. Taxes

41.1 In General. With respect to any purchase hereunder of Services, if any federal, state or local tax, fee, surcharge or other tax-like charge (a "Tax") is required or permitted by Applicable Law or a Tariff to be collected from the purchasing Party by the providing Party, then (a) the providing Party shall properly bill the purchasing Party for such Tax, (b) the purchasing Party shall timely remit such Tax to the providing Party and (c) the providing Party shall timely remit such collected Tax to the applicable taxing authority.

41.2 Taxes Imposed on the Providing Party. With respect to any purchase hereunder of Services, if any federal, state or local Tax is imposed by Applicable Law on the receipts of the providing Party, and such Applicable Law permits the providing Party to exclude certain receipts received from sales for resale to a public utility, distributor, telephone company, local exchange carrier, telecommunications company or other communications company ("Telecommunications Company"), such exclusion being based solely on the fact that the purchasing Party is also subject to a tax based upon receipts ("Receipts Tax"), then the purchasing Party (a) shall provide the providing Party with notice in writing in accordance with Section 41.6 of this Agreement of its intent to pay the Receipts Tax and (b) shall timely pay the Receipts Tax to the applicable tax authority.

41.3 Taxes Imposed on Customers. With respect to any purchase hereunder of Services that are resold to a third party, if any federal, state or local Tax is imposed by Applicable Law on the subscriber, end-user, Customer or ultimate consumer ("Subscriber") in connection with any such purchase, which a Telecommunications Company is required to impose and/or collect from a

Subscriber, then the purchasing Party (a) shall be required to impose and/or collect such Tax from the Subscriber and (b) shall timely remit such Tax to the applicable taxing authority.

- 41.4 Liability for Uncollected Tax, Interest and Penalty. If the providing Party has not received an exemption certificate and fails to collect any Tax as required by Section 41.1, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party, (a) the purchasing Party shall remain liable for such uncollected Tax and (b) the providing Party shall be liable for any interest assessed thereon and any penalty assessed with respect to such uncollected Tax by such authority. If the providing Party properly bills the purchasing Party for any Tax but the purchasing Party fails to remit such Tax to the providing Party as required by Section 41.1, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party, the purchasing Party shall be liable for such uncollected Tax and any interest assessed thereon, as well as any penalty assessed with respect to such uncollected Tax by the applicable taxing authority. If the providing Party does not collect any Tax as required by Section 41.1 because the purchasing Party has provided such providing Party with an exemption certificate that is later found to be inadequate by a taxing authority, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party, the purchasing Party shall be liable for such uncollected Tax and any interest assessed thereon, as well as any penalty assessed with respect to such uncollected Tax by the applicable taxing authority. *If the purchasing Party fails to pay the Receipts Tax as required by Section 41.2, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party, (x) the providing Party shall be liable for any Tax imposed on its receipts and (y) the purchasing Party shall be liable for any interest assessed thereon and any penalty assessed upon the providing Party with respect to such Tax by such authority.* If the purchasing Party fails to impose and/or collect any Tax from Subscribers as required by Section 41.3, then, as between the providing Party and the purchasing Party, the purchasing Party shall remain liable for such uncollected Tax and any interest assessed thereon, as well as any penalty assessed with respect to such uncollected Tax by the applicable taxing authority. With respect to any Tax that the purchasing Party has agreed to pay, or is required to impose on and/or collect from Subscribers, the purchasing Party agrees to indemnify and hold the providing Party harmless on an after-tax basis for any costs incurred by the providing Party as a result of actions taken by the applicable taxing authority to recover the Tax from the providing Party due to the failure of the purchasing Party to timely pay, or collect and timely remit, such Tax to such authority. In the event either Party is audited by a taxing authority, the other Party agrees to cooperate fully with the Party being audited in order to respond to any audit inquiries in a proper and timely manner so that the audit and/or any resulting controversy may be resolved expeditiously.
- 41.5 Tax exemptions and Exemption Certificates. If Applicable Law clearly exempts a purchase hereunder from a Tax, and if such Applicable Law also provides an exemption procedure, such as an exemption-certificate requirement, then, if the purchasing Party complies with such procedure, the providing Party shall not collect such Tax during the effective period of such exemption. Such exemption shall be effective upon receipt of the exemption certificate or affidavit in accordance with the terms set forth in Section 41.6. If Applicable Law clearly exempts a purchase hereunder from a Tax, but does not also provide an exemption procedure, then the providing Party shall not collect such Tax if the purchasing Party (a) furnishes the providing Party with a letter signed by an officer requesting such an exemption and citing the provision in the Applicable Law which clearly allows such exemption and (b) supplies the providing Party with an indemnification agreement, reasonably acceptable to the providing Party

(e.g., an agreement commonly used in the industry), which holds the providing Party harmless on an after-tax basis with respect to its forbearing to collect such Tax.

- 41.6 All notices, affidavits, exemption-certificates or other communications required or permitted to be given by either Party to the other, for purposes of this Section 41, shall be made in writing and shall be delivered in person or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or registered mail, or a courier service providing proof of service, and sent to the addressees set forth in Section 29 as well as to the following:

To Verizon:

Tax Administration
Verizon Communications
1095 Avenue of the Americas
Room 3109
New York, NY 10036

To BTLLC:

General Manager
Brandenburg Telecom LLC
200 Telco Drive
Brandenburg, Kentucky 40108

Either Party may from time to time designate another address or other addressees by giving notice in accordance with the terms of this Section. Any notice or other communication shall be deemed to be given when received.

42. Technology Upgrades

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, subject to Section 28 above and the requirements of 47 CFR §§ 51.325 through 51.335, Verizon shall have the right to deploy, upgrade, migrate and maintain its network at its discretion. The Parties acknowledge that Verizon, at its election, may deploy fiber throughout its network and that such fiber deployment may inhibit or facilitate BTLLC's ability to provide service using certain technologies. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit Verizon's ability to modify its network through the incorporation of new equipment or software or otherwise. BTLLC shall be solely responsible for the cost and activities associated with accommodating such changes in its own network.

43. Omitted.

44. Third Party Beneficiaries

Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties and their permitted assigns, and nothing herein shall create or be construed to provide any third-persons (including, but not limited to, Customers or contractors of a Party) with any rights (including, but not limited to, any third-party beneficiary rights) hereunder. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, a Party shall have no liability under this Agreement to the Customers of the other Party or to any other third person.

45. **[Intentionally Omitted.]**

46. **252(i) Obligations**

- 46.1 To the extent required by Applicable Law, each Party shall comply with Section 252(i) of the Act.
- 46.2 To the extent that the exercise by BTLLC of any rights it may have under Section 252(i) of the Act or Appendix D, Sections 30 through 32, of the Merger Order results in the rearrangement of Services by Verizon, BTLLC shall be solely liable for all costs associated therewith, as well as for any termination charges associated with the termination of existing Verizon Services.

47. **Use of Service**

Each Party shall make commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that its Customers comply with the provisions of this Agreement (including, but not limited to the provisions of applicable Tariffs) applicable to the use of Services purchased by it under this Agreement.

48. **Waiver**

A failure or delay of either Party to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement, or any right or remedy available under this Agreement or at law or in equity, or to require performance of any of the provisions of this Agreement, or to exercise any option which is provided under this Agreement, shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions, rights, remedies or options.

49. **Warranties**

EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY STATED IN THIS AGREEMENT, NEITHER PARTY MAKES OR RECEIVES ANY WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICES PROVIDED, OR TO BE PROVIDED, UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND THE PARTIES DISCLAIM ANY OTHER WARRANTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, **WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, WARRANTIES OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE** WARRANTIES AGAINST INFRINGEMENT, AND WARRANTIES ARISING BY TRADE CUSTOM, TRADE USAGE, COURSE OF DEALING OR PERFORMANCE, OR OTHERWISE.

50. **Withdrawal of Services**

- 50.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, except as otherwise required by Applicable Law, Verizon may with thirty (30) days prior written notice to BTLLC terminate any provision of this Agreement that provides for the payment by Verizon to BTLLC the other Party of compensation related to traffic, including, but not limited to, Reciprocal Compensation and other types of compensation for termination of traffic delivered by Verizon to BTLLC. Following such termination, except as otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, Verizon shall be obligated to provide compensation to BTLLC related to traffic only to the extent required by Applicable Law. If Verizon exercises its right of termination under this Section, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith appropriate substitute provisions for compensation related to traffic; provided, however, that except as otherwise voluntarily agreed by Verizon in writing in its sole discretion, Verizon shall be obligated to provide compensation to BTLLC related to traffic only to the extent required by Applicable Law. If within thirty (30) days after Verizon's notice of termination the Parties are unable to agree in writing upon mutually acceptable substitute provisions for compensation related to traffic, either Party may submit

their disagreement to dispute resolution in accordance with Section 14 of this Agreement.

SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the Effective Date.

BRANDENBURG TELECOM

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

By: _____

By: _____

Printed: _____

Printed: _____

Title: _____

Title _____

GLOSSARY

1. General Rule

- 1.1 The provisions of Sections 1.1 through 1.4 apply with regard to the Principal Document. Terms used in a Tariff shall have the meanings stated in the Tariff.
- 1.2 Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, when used in the Principal Document the terms listed in this Glossary shall have the meanings stated in this Glossary. A defined term intended to convey the meaning stated in this Glossary is capitalized when used. Other terms that are capitalized, and not defined in this Glossary or elsewhere in the Principal Document, shall have the meaning stated in the Act. Additional definitions that are specific to the matters covered in a particular provision of the Principal Document may appear in that provision. To the extent that there may be any conflict between a definition set forth on this Glossary and any definition in a specific provision, the definition set forth in the specific provision shall control with respect to that provision.
- 1.3 Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, any term defined in this Glossary that is defined or used in the singular shall include the plural, and any term defined in this Glossary which is defined or used in the plural shall include the singular.
- 1.4 The words "shall" and "will" are used interchangeably throughout the Principal Document and the use of either indicates a mandatory requirement. The use of one or the other shall not confer a different degree of right or obligation for either Party.

2. Definitions

2.1 Act.

The Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. §151 et. seq.), as from time to time amended (including, without limitation by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 104-104 of the 104th United States Congress effective February 8, 1996), and as further interpreted in the duly authorized and effective rules and regulations of the FCC or the Commission.

2.2 ADSL (Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line).

A transmission technology on twisted pair copper Loop plant, which transmits an asymmetrical digital signal of up to 6 Mbps to the Customer and up to 640 kbps from the Customer, as specified in ANSI standards T1.413-1998 and Bell Atlantic Technical Reference TR-72575.

2.3 Affiliate.

Shall have the meaning set forth in the Act.

2.4 Agent.

An agent or servant.

2.5 Agreement.

This Agreement, as defined in Section 1 of the General Terms and Conditions.

2.6 Automated Message Accounting (AMA)

The structure inherent in switch technology that initially records telecommunication message information. AMA format is contained in the Automated Message Accounting document published by Telcordia Technologies as GR-1100-CORE that defines the industry standard for message recording.

2.7 Ancillary Traffic.

All traffic that is destined for ancillary services, or that may have special billing requirements, including but not limited to the following: Directory Assistance, 911/E911, Operator Services (IntraLATA call completion), IntraLATA third party, collect and calling card, 800/888 database query, LIDB, and information services requiring special billing.

2.8 Automatic Number Identification (ANI).

The signaling parameter that refers to the number transmitted through the network identifying the billing number of the calling Party.

2.9 Answer Supervision.

An off-hook supervisory signal.

2.10 Applicable Law.

All effective laws, government regulations and orders, applicable to each Party's performance of its obligations under this agreement.

2.11 ASR (Access Service Request).

An industry standard form, which contains data elements and usage rules used by the Parties to add, establish, change or disconnect services or trunks for the purposes of interconnection.

2.12 Automatic Number Identification (ANI).

The signaling parameter that refers to the number transmitted through the network identifying the billing number of the calling Party.

2.13 Basic Local Exchange Service.

Voice grade access to the network that provides: the ability to place and receive calls; touch-tone service, access to operator services; access to directory assistance; access to emergency services (E911); access to telephone relay service (TRS); access to Interexchange Carriers of the Customer's choice; standard white pages directory listing; and toll blocking for low-income consumers participating in Lifeline (subject to technical feasibility).

2.14 Bona Fide Request (BFR).

The process described in the UNE Attachment that prescribes the terms and conditions relating to a Party's request that the other Party provides a UNE that it is not otherwise required to provide under the terms of this Agreement.

- 2.15 Business Day.
Monday through Friday, except for holidays on which the U.S. mail is not delivered.
- 2.16 Calendar Quarter.
January through March, April through June, July through September, or October through December.
- 2.17 Calendar Year.
January through December.
- 2.18 CCS (Common Channel Signaling).
A method of transmitting call set-up and network control data over a digital signaling network separate from the public switched telephone network facilities that carry the actual voice or data content of the call.
- 2.19 Central Office.
A local switching system for connecting lines to lines, lines to trunks, or trunks to trunks for the purpose of originating/terminating calls over the public switched telephone network. A single Central Office may handle several Central Office codes ("NXX"). Sometimes this term is used to refer to a telephone company building in which switching systems and telephone equipment are installed.
- 2.20 Central Office Switch.
A switch used to provide Telecommunications Services including but not limited to an End Office Switch or a Tandem Switch. A Central Office Switch may also be employed as combination End Office/Tandem Office Switch.
- 2.21 Claims.
Any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, settlements, judgments, fines, penalties, liabilities, injuries, damages, losses, costs (including, but not limited to, court costs), and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees).
- 2.22 CLEC (Competitive Local Exchange Carrier).
Any corporation or other person legally able to provide Local Exchange Service in competition with an ILEC.
- 2.23 CLLI Codes.
Common Language Location Identifier Codes.
- 2.24 Centralized Message Distribution System (CMDS).
The billing record and clearing house transport system that ILECs use to efficiently exchange out collects and in collects as well as Carrier Access Billing System (CABS) records.

- 2.25 Commission.
Kentucky Public Service Commission
- 2.26 Conversation Time.
The time that both Parties' equipment is used for a completed call measured from the receipt of Answer Supervision to the receipt of Disconnect Supervision.
- 2.27 Calling Party Number (CPN).
A CCS parameter that identifies the calling party's telephone number.
- 2.28 CPNI (Customer Proprietary Network Information).
Shall have the meaning set forth in Section 222 of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 222.
- 2.29 Cross Connection.
A jumper cable or similar connection, provided in connection with a Collocation arrangement at the digital signal cross connect, Main Distribution Frame or other suitable frame or panel between (i) the Collocating Party's equipment and (ii) the equipment or facilities of the Housing Party.
- 2.30 Customer.
A third party residence or business end-user subscriber to Telephone Exchange Services provided by either of the Parties.
- 2.31 Digital Signal Level.
One of several transmission rates in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.
- 2.32 Digital Signal Level 0 (DS0).
The 64kbps zero-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.
- 2.33 Digital Signal Level 1 (DS1).
The 1.544 Mbps first-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.
- 2.34 Digital Signal Level 3 (DS3).
The 44.736 Mbps third-level signal in the time-division multiplex hierarchy.
- 2.35 Effective Date.

- 2.36 EMI (Exchange Message Interface).
Standard used for the interexchange of telecommunications message information between exchange carriers and interexchange carriers for billable, non-billable, sample, settlement and study data. Data is provided between companies via a unique record layout that contains Customer billing information, account summary and tracking analysis. EMI format is contained in document SR-320 published by the Alliance for Telecom Industry Solutions.

2.37 End Office Switch or End Office.

A switching entity that is used to terminate Customer station Loops for the purpose of interconnection to each other and to trunks.

2.38 Entrance Facility.

The facility between a Party's designated premises and the Central Office serving that designated premises.

2.39 Exchange Access.

Shall have the meaning set forth in the Act.

2.40 Extended Local Calling Scope Arrangement.

An arrangement that provides a Customer a local calling scope (Extended Area Service, "EAS"), outside of the Customer's basic exchange serving area. Extended Local Calling Scope Arrangements may be either optional or non-optional. "Optional Extended Local Calling Scope Arrangement Traffic" is traffic that under an optional Extended Local Calling Scope Arrangement chosen by the Customer terminates outside of the Customer's basic exchange serving area.

2.41 FCC.

The Federal Communications Commission.

2.42 FCC Internet Order.

Order on Remand and Report and Order, In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP Bound Traffic, FCC 01-131, CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68 (adopted April 18, 2001).

2.43 FCC Regulations.

The regulations duly and lawfully promulgated by the FCC, as in effect from time to time.

2.44 HDSL (High-Bit Rate Digital Subscriber Line).

A transmission technology that transmits up to a DS1 level signal, using any one of the following line codes: 2 Binary/1 Quarternary (2B1Q), Carrierless AM/PM, Discrete Multitone (DMT) or 3 Binary/1 Octal (3BO).

2.45 IDLC (Integrated Digital Loop Carrier).

A subscriber Loop carrier system which integrates within the switch at a DS1 level that is twenty-four (24) Loop transmission paths combined into a 1.544 Mbps digital signal.

2.46 ILEC (Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier).

Shall have the meaning stated in the Act.

2.47 Inside Wire or Inside Wiring.

All wire, cable, terminals, hardware, and other equipment or materials on the customer's side of the Rate Demarcation Point.

2.48 Internet Traffic.

Any traffic that is transmitted to or returned from the Internet at any point during the duration of the transmission as defined by, or consistent with the orders of, the Federal Communications Commission.

2.49 InterLATA Service.

Shall have the meaning set forth in the Act.

2.50 IntraLATA.

Telecommunications services that originate and terminate at a point within the same LATA.

2.51 IP (Interconnection Point)

For Reciprocal Compensation Traffic, the point at which a Party who receives Reciprocal Compensation Traffic originating on the network of the other Party assesses Reciprocal Compensation charges for the further transport and termination of that Reciprocal Compensation Traffic.

2.52 ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network).

A switched network service providing end-to-end digital connectivity for the simultaneous transmission of voice and data. Basic Rate Interface-ISDN (BRI-ISDN) provides for digital transmission of two (2) 64 kbps bearer channels and one (1) 16 kbps data and signaling channel (2B+D). Primary Rate Interface-ISDN (PRI-ISDN) provides for digital transmission of twenty-three (23) 64 kbps bearer channels and one (1) 64 kbps data and signaling channel (23B+D).

2.53 ISDN User Part (ISUP).

A part of the SS7 protocol that defines call setup messages and call takedown messages.

2.54 IXC (Interexchange Carrier).

A Telecommunications Carrier that provides, directly or indirectly, InterLATA or intraLATA Telephone Toll Services.

2.55 LATA (Local Access and Transport Area).

Shall have the meaning set forth in the Act.

2.56 LEC (Local Exchange Carrier).

Shall have the meaning set forth in the Act.

2.57 LERG (Local Exchange Routing Guide).

The Telcordia Technologies reference customarily used to identify NPANXX routing and homing information, as well as network element and equipment designation.

2.58 LIDB (Line Information Data Base).

One or all, as the context may require, of the Line Information databases owned individually by Verizon and other entities which provide, among other things, calling card validation functionality for telephone line number cards issued by Verizon and other entities. A LIDB also contains validation data for collect and third number-billed calls; i.e., Billed Number Screening.

2.59 Line Side.

An End Office Switch connection that provides transmission, switching and optional features suitable for Customers connection to the public switched network, including loop start supervision, ground start supervision and signaling for BRI-ISDN service.

2.60 Loop.

A transmission path that extends from a Main distribution Frame, DSX-panel, or functionally comparable piece of equipment in a Customer's serving End Office to the Rate Demarcation Point (or NID if installed at the Rate Demarcation Point) in or at the customer's premises. The actual transmission facilities used to provide a Loop may utilize any of several technologies.

2.61 LSR (Local Service Request).

The industry standard form, which contains data elements and usage rules, used by the Parties to establish, add, change or disconnect resold services and Unbundled Network Elements for the purposes of competitive local services.

2.62 MDF (Main Distribution Frame).

The primary point at which outside plant facilities terminate within a Wire Center, for interconnection to other telecommunications facilities within the Wire Center. The distribution frame used to interconnect cable pairs and line trunk equipment terminating on a switching system.

2.63 Measured Internet Traffic.

Dial-up, switched Internet Traffic originated by a Customer of one Party on that Party's network at a point in a Verizon local calling area, and delivered to a Customer or an Internet Service Provider served by the other Party, on that other Party's network at a point in the same Verizon local calling area. Verizon local calling areas shall be as defined by Verizon's applicable local exchange tariff. For the purposes of this definition, a Verizon local calling area includes a Verizon non-optional Extended Local Calling Scope Arrangement, but does not include a Verizon optional Extended Local Calling Scope Arrangement. Calls originated on a 1+ presubscription basis, or on a casual dialed (10XXX/101XXX) basis, are not considered Measured Internet Traffic.

2.64 MECAB (Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing).

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

2.65 MECOD (Multiple Exchange Carriers Ordering and Design Guidelines for Access Services - Industry Support Interface).

A document developed by the Ordering/Provisioning Committee under the auspices of the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF), which functions under the auspices of the Carrier Liaison Committee (CLC) of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS). The MECOD document, published by Telcordia Technologies as Special Report SR-STS-002643, establishes methods for processing orders for Exchange Access Service that is to be provided by two or more LECs.

2.66 Merger Order.

The FCC's Order "In re Application of GTE Corporation, Transferor, and Bell Atlantic Corporation, Transferee, For Consent to Transfer of Control of Domestic and International Section 214 and 310 Authorizations and Application to Transfer of a Submarine Cable Landing License", Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC CC Docket No. 98-184, FCC 00-221 (June 16, 2000), as modified from time to time.

2.67 NANP (North American Numbering Plan).

The system of telephone numbering employed in the United States, Canada, Bermuda, Puerto Rico and certain Caribbean islands. The NANP format is a 10-digit number that consist of a 3-digit NPA Code (commonly referred to as area code), followed by a 3-digit NXX code and 4 digit line number.

2.68 Network Element.

Shall have the meaning stated in the Act.

2.69 NID (Network Interface Device).

The Verizon provided interface terminating Verizon's Telecommunications network on the property where the Customer's service is located at a point determined by Verizon. The NID contains a FCC Part 68 registered jack from which inside wire may be connected to Verizon's network.

2.70 NPA (Numbering Plan Area).

Also sometimes referred to as an area code, is the first three-digit indicator of each 10-digit telephone number within the NANP. Each NPA contains 800 possible NXX Codes. There are two general categories of NPA, "Geographic NPAs" and "Non-Geographic NPAs". A Geographic NPA is associated with a defined geographic area, and all telephone numbers bearing such NPA are

associated with services provided within that geographic area. A Non-Geographic NPA, also known as a "Service Access Code" or "SAC Code" is typically associated with a specialized Telecommunications Service that may be provided across multiple geographic NPA areas. 500, 700, 800, 888 and 900 are examples of Non-Geographic NPAs.

2.71 NXX, NXX Code, Central Office Code or CO Code.

The three-digit switch entity indicator (i.e. the first three digits of a seven-digit telephone number). Each NXX Code contains 10,000 station numbers.

2.72 Order.

An order or application to provide, change or terminate a Service (including, but not limited to, a commitment to purchase a stated number or minimum number of lines or other Services for a stated period or minimum period of time).

2.73 POI (Point of Interconnection).

The physical location where the originating Party's facilities physically interconnect with the terminating Party's facilities for the purpose of exchanging traffic.

2.74 Port.

A line card (or equivalent) and associated peripheral equipment on an End Office Switch that interconnects individual Loops or individual Customer trunks with the switching components of an End Office Switch and the associated switching functionality in that End Office Switch. Each Port is typically associated with one (or more) telephone number(s) that serves as the Customer's network address. The Port is part of the provision of unbundled local Switching Element.

2.75 Principal Document.

This document, including, but not limited to, the Title Page, the Table of Contents, the Preface, the General Terms and Conditions, the signature page, this Glossary, the Attachments, and the Appendices to the Attachments

2.76 Providing Party.

A Party offering or providing a Service to the other Party under this Agreement.

2.77 Purchasing Party.

A Party requesting or receiving a Service from the other Party under this Agreement.

2.78 Rate Center Area or Exchange Area.

The geographic area that has been identified by a given LEC as being associated with a particular NPA-NXX code assigned to the LEC for its provision of Telephone Exchange Services. The Rate Center Area is the exclusive geographic area that the LEC has identified as the area within which it will

provide Telephone Exchange Services bearing the particular NPA-NXX designation associated with the specific Rate Center Area.

2.79 Rate Center Point.

A specific geographic point, defined by a V&H coordinate, located within the Rate Center Area and used to measure distance for the purpose of billing customers for distance-sensitive Telephone Exchange Services and Toll Traffic.

2.80 Rate Demarcation Point.

The physical point in a Verizon provided network facility at which Verizon's responsibility for maintaining that network facility ends and the Customer's responsibility for maintaining the remainder of the facility begins, as set forth in Verizon's applicable Tariffs, if any, or as otherwise prescribed under Applicable Law.

2.81 Reciprocal Compensation.

The arrangement for recovering, in accordance with Section 251(b)(5) of the Act, the FCC Internet Order, and other applicable FCC orders and FCC Regulations, costs incurred for the transport and termination of Reciprocal Compensation Traffic originating on one Party's network and terminating on the other Party's network (as set forth in Section 7 of the Interconnection Attachment).

2.82 Reciprocal Compensation Traffic.

Telecommunications traffic originated by a Customer of one Party on that Party's network and terminated to a Customer of the other Party on that other Party's network, except for Telecommunications traffic that is interstate or intrastate Exchange Access, Information Access, or exchange services for Exchange Access or Information Access. The determination of whether Telecommunications traffic is Exchange Access or Information Access shall be based upon Verizon's local calling area as defined by Verizon's applicable local exchange tariff. Reciprocal Compensation Traffic does not include: (1) any Internet Traffic; (2) traffic that does not originate and terminate within the same Verizon local calling area as such local calling area is defined by Verizon's applicable local exchange tariff; (3) Toll Traffic, including, but not limited to, calls originated on a 1+ presubscription basis, or on a casual dialed (10XXX/101XXXX) basis; (4) Optional Extended Local Calling Scope Arrangement Traffic; (5) special access, private line, Frame Relay, ATM, or any other traffic that is not switched by the terminating Party; (6) Tandem Transit Traffic; or, (7) Voice Information Service Traffic (as defined in Section 5 of the Additional Services Attachment). For the purposes of this definition, a Verizon local calling area includes a Verizon non-optional Extended Local Calling Scope Arrangement, but does not include a Verizon optional Extended Local Calling Scope Arrangement.

2.83 Retail Prices.

The prices at which a Service is provided by Verizon at retail to subscribers who

are not Telecommunications Carriers.

2.84 Routing Point.

A specific geographic point identified by a specific V&H coordinate. The Routing Point is used to route inbound traffic to specified NAP-NXXs and the Rate Center Point is used to calculate mileage measurements for distance-sensitive transport charges of switched access services. Pursuant to Telcordia Practice BR-795-100-100, the Rate Center Point may be an End Office location, or a "LEC Consortium Point Of Interconnection." The Routing Point must be located within the LATA in which the corresponding NPA-NXX is located. However, the Routing Point associated with each NPA-NXX need not be the same as the corresponding Rate Center Point, nor must it be located within the corresponding Rate Center Area, nor must there be a unique and separate Routing Point corresponding to each unique and separate Rate Center Area.

2.85 SCP (Service Control Point).

The node in the Common Channel Signaling network to which informational requests for service handling, such as routing, are directed and processed. The SCP is a real time database system that, based on a query from a SSP and via a Signaling Transfer Point, performs subscriber or application-specific service logic, and then sends instructions back to the SSP on how to continue call processing.

2.86 Service.

Any Interconnection arrangement, Network Element, Telecommunications Service, Collocation arrangement, or other service, facility or arrangement, offered for sale by a Party under this Agreement.

2.87 (SONET) Synchronous Optical Network.

Synchronous electrical (STS) or optical channel (OC) connections between LECs.

2.88 Signaling Point (SP).

A node in the CCS network that originates and/or receives signaling messages, or transfers signaling messages from one signaling link to another, or both.

2.89 SSP (Service Switching Point).

A Signaling Point that can launch queries to databases and receive/interpret responses used to provide specific Customer services.

2.90 SS7 (Signaling System 7).

The common channel out-of-band signaling protocol developed by the Consultative Committee for International Telephone and Telegraph (CCITT) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Verizon and BTLLC currently utilize this out-of-band signaling protocol.

2.91 STP (Signal Transfer Point).

A packet switch in the CCS network that is used to route signaling messages among SSPs, SCPs and other STPs in order to set up calls and to query databases for advanced services. Verizon's network includes mated pairs of local and regional STPs. STPs are provided in pairs for redundancy. Verizon STPs conform to ANSI T1.111-8 standards. It provides SS7 Network Access and performs SS7 message routing and screening.

2.92 Subsidiary.

A corporation or other legal entity that is controlled by a Party.

2.93 Switched Access Detail Usage Data.

A category 1101XX record as defined in the EMI Bellcore Practice BR-010-200-010.

2.94 Switched Access Summary Usage Data.

A category 1150XX record as defined in the EMI Bellcore Practice BR-010-200-010.

2.95 Switched Exchange Access Service.

The offering of transmission and switching services for the purpose of the origination or termination of Toll Traffic. Switched Exchange Access Services include but may not be limited to: Feature Group A, Feature Group B, Feature Group D, 700 access, 800 access, 888 access and 900 access.

2.96 Tandem Switches.

A switching entity that has billing and recording capabilities and is used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among End Office Switches and between and among End Office Switches and carriers' aggregation points, points of termination, or point of presence, and to provide Switched Exchange Access Services.

2.97 Tariff.

2.97.1 Any applicable Federal or state tariff of a Party, as amended from time-to-time;

2.97.2 Any standard agreement or other document, as amended from time-to-time, that sets forth the generally available terms, conditions and prices under which a Party offers a Service.

The term "Tariff" does not include any Verizon statement of generally available terms (SGAT) which has been approved or is pending approval by the Commission pursuant to Section 252(f) of the Act.

2.98 Telcordia Technologies.

Formerly known as Bell Communications Research, a wholly owned subsidiary of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). The organization

conducts research and development projects for its owners, including development of new Telecommunications Services. Telcordia Technologies also provides generic requirements for the telecommunications industry for products, services and technologies.

2.99 Telecommunications Carrier.

Shall have the meaning set forth in the Act.

2.100 Telecommunications Services.

Shall have the meaning set forth in the Act.

2.101 Telephone Exchange Service.

Shall have the meaning set forth in the Act.

2.102 Third Party Claim.

A Claim where there is (a) a claim, demand, suit or action by a person who is not a Party, (b) a settlement with, judgment by, or liability to, a person who is not a Party, or (c) a fine or penalty imposed by a person who is not a Party.

2.103 Toll Traffic.

Traffic that is originated by a Customer of one Party on that Party's network and delivered to a Customer of the other Party on that Party's network and is not Reciprocal Compensation Traffic, Measured Internet Traffic, or Ancillary Traffic. Toll Traffic may be either "IntraLATA Toll Traffic" or "InterLATA Toll Traffic," depending on whether the originating and terminating points are within the same LATA.

2.104 Toxic or Hazardous Substance.

Toxic or Hazardous Substance means any substance designated or defined as toxic or hazardous under any "Environmental Law" or that pose a risk to human health or safety, or the environment, and products and materials containing such substance. "Environmental Laws" means the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, the Water Pollution Control Act, the Air Pollution Control Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and all other Federal, State or local laws or governmental regulations or requirements, that are similar to the above-referenced laws or that otherwise govern releases, chemicals, products, materials or wastes that may pose risks to human health or safety, or the environment, or that relate to the protection of wetlands or other natural resources.

2.105 Traffic Factor 1.

For traffic exchanged via Interconnection Trunks, a percentage calculated by dividing the number of minutes of interstate traffic (excluding Measured Internet Traffic) by the total number of minutes of interstate and intrastate traffic. $(\{\text{Interstate Traffic Total Minutes of Use}\} \div \{\text{Interstate Traffic Total Minutes of Use} + \text{Intrastate Traffic Total Minutes of Use}\})$

Total Minutes of Use]] x 100). Until the form of a Party's bills is updated to use the term "Traffic Factor 1," the term "Traffic Factor 1" may be referred to on the Party's bills and in billing related communications as "Percent Interstate Usage" or "PIU."

2.106 Traffic Factor 2.

For traffic exchanged via Interconnection Trunks, a percentage calculated by dividing the combined total number of minutes of Reciprocal Compensation Traffic and Measured Internet Traffic by the total number of minutes of intrastate traffic. $\{[Reciprocal Compensation Traffic Total Minutes of Use + Measured Internet Traffic Total Minutes of Use] \div Intrastate Traffic Total Minutes of Use\} \times 100$). Until the form of a Party's bills is updated to use the term "Traffic Factor 2," the term "Traffic Factor 2" may be referred to on the Party's bills and in billing related communications as "Percent Local Usage" or "PLU."

2.107 Trunk Side.

A Central Office Switch connection that is capable of, and has been programmed to treat the circuit as, connecting to another switching entity, for example, to another carrier's network. Trunk side connections offer those transmission and signaling features appropriate for the connection of switching entities and cannot be used for the direct connection of ordinary telephone station sets.

2.108 Universal Digital Loop Carrier (UDLC).

UDLC arrangements consist of the Central Office Terminal and the Remote Terminal located in the outside plant or customer premises. The Central Office and the Remote Terminal units perform analog to digital conversions to allow the feeding facility to be digital. UDLC is deployed where the types of services to be provisioned by the systems cannot be integrated such as non-switched services and unbundled loops.

2.109 Unbundled Network Element (UNE).

A Network Element that Verizon is obligated to provide to CLECs on an unbundled basis pursuant to Applicable Law.

2.110 V and H Coordinates Method.

A method of computing airline miles between two points by utilizing an established formula that is based on the vertical and horizontal coordinates of the two points.

2.111 Voice Grade.

Either an analog signal of 300 to 3000 Hz or a digital signal of 56/64 kilobits per second. When referring to digital Voice Grade service (a 56-64 kbps channel), the terms "DS0" or "sub-DS1" may also be used.

2.112 Wire Center.

A building or portion thereof which serves as a Routing Point for Switched Exchange Access Service. The Wire Center serves as the premises for one or more Central Offices.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES ATTACHMENT

1. Alternate Billed Calls

Brandenburg should designate a centralized message distribution center host company ("CMDS") to act as its clearing house for alternative billed calls and shall notify Verizon of its selection. Until Brandenburg notifies Verizon of such selection, the Parties will engage in settlements of intraLATA intrastate alternative-billed calls (e.g., collect, calling card, and third-party billed calls), originated or authorized by their respective Customers in accordance with an arrangement mutually agreed to by the Parties.

2. Dialing Parity - Section 251(b)(3)

Each Party shall provide the other Party with nondiscriminatory access to such services and information as are necessary to allow the other Party to implement local Dialing Parity in accordance with the requirements of Section 251(b)(3) of the Act.

3. Directory Assistance (DA) and Operator Services

3.1 Either Party may request that the other Party provide the requesting Party with nondiscriminatory access to the other Party's directory assistance services (DA), IntraLATA operator call completion services (OS), and/or directory assistance listings database. If either Party makes such a request, the Parties shall enter into a mutually acceptable written agreement for such access.

3.2 BTLLC shall arrange, at its own expense, the trunking and other facilities required to transport traffic to and from the designated DA and OS switch locations.

4. Directory Listing and Directory Distribution

4.1 To the extent required by Applicable Law, Verizon will provide directory services to BTLLC. Such services will be provided in accordance with the terms set forth herein. Directory listing services shall be provided pursuant to Verizon's applicable tariffs, provided however, that no charge applies for directory listing services on newly ported numbers.

4.2 Listing Information.

As used herein, "Listing Information" means a BTLLC Customer's primary name, address (including city, state and zip code), telephone number(s), the delivery address and number of directories to be delivered, and, in the case of a business Customer, the primary business heading under which the business Customer desires to be placed, and any other information Verizon deems necessary for the publication and delivery of directories. "Listing Information" also includes all information provided to Verizon for placement in Verizon's applicable Directory Assistance database.

4.3 Listing Information Supply.

BTLLC shall provide to Verizon on a regularly scheduled basis, at no charge, and in a format required by Verizon or by a mutually agreed upon industry standard (e.g., Ordering and Billing Forum developed), all Listing Information and the service address for each BTLLC Customer whose service address location falls

within the geographic area covered by the relevant Verizon directory. BTLLC shall also provide to Verizon on a daily basis, (a) information showing BTLLC Customers who have disconnected or terminated their service with BTLLC; and (b) delivery information for each non-listed or non-published BTLLC Customer to enable Verizon to perform its directory distribution responsibilities. Verizon shall promptly provide to BTLLC, (normally within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt by Verizon, excluding non-Business Days), a query on any listing that is not acceptable.

4.4 Listing Inclusion and Distribution.

Verizon shall include each BTLLC Customer's Primary Listing in the directory listing database, in the appropriate alphabetical directory and, for business Customers, in the appropriate classified (Yellow Pages) directory in accordance with the directory configuration, scope and schedules determined by Verizon in its sole discretion, and shall provide initial distribution of such directories to such BTLLC Customers in the same manner it provides initial distribution of such directories to its own Customers. "Primary Listing" means a Customer's primary name, address, and telephone number. Listings of BTLLC's Customers shall be interfiled with listings of Verizon's Customers and the Customers of other LECs included in the Verizon directories. BTLLC shall pay Verizon's tariffed charges for additional and foreign alphabetical listings and other alphabetical services (e.g. caption arrangements) for BTLLC's Customers.

4.5 Verizon Information.

Upon request by BTLLC, Verizon shall make available to BTLLC the following information to the extent that Verizon provides such information to its own business offices: a directory list of relevant NXX codes, directory and "Customer Guide" close dates, publishing data, and Yellow Pages headings. Verizon also will make available to BTLLC, upon written request, a copy of Verizon's alphabetical listings standards and specifications manual.

4.6 Confidentiality of Listing Information.

Verizon shall accord BTLLC Listing Information the same level of confidentiality that Verizon accords its own listing information, and shall use such Listing Information solely for the purpose of providing directory-related services; provided, however, that should Verizon elect to do so, it may use or license BTLLC Listing Information for the publishing of directories in any form (including, but not limited to, in a printed paper form, and in electronic forms) and the provision of operator and directory assistance services (including both live and automated operator and directory assistance services). BTLLC Verizon shall not be obligated to compensate BTLLC for Verizon's use or licensing of BTLLC Listing Information.

4.7 Accuracy.

Both Parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure the accurate publication of BTLLC Customer listings. At BTLLC's request, Verizon shall provide BTLLC with a report of all BTLLC Customer listings normally no more than ninety (90) days and no less than thirty (30) days prior to the service order close date for the applicable directory. Verizon shall process any corrections made by BTLLC with respect to its listings, provided such corrections are received prior to the close date of the particular directory.

4.8 Indemnification.

BTLLC shall adhere to all practices, standards, and ethical requirements established by Verizon with regard to listings. By providing Verizon with Listing Information, BTLLC warrants to Verizon that BTLLC has the right to provide such Listing Information to Verizon on behalf of its Customers. BTLLC shall make commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that any business or person to be listed is authorized and has the right (a) to provide the product or service offered, and (b) to use any personal or corporate name, trade name, trademark, service mark or language used in the listing. BTLLC agrees to release, defend, hold harmless and indemnify Verizon from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, suits, or other actions, or any liability whatsoever, suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any person arising out of Verizon's publication or dissemination of the Listing Information as provided by BTLLC hereunder. Such indemnification shall not include any errors in or omissions of listings caused solely by Verizon.

4.9 Liability.

Verizon's liability to BTLLC in the event of a Verizon error in or omission of a listing shall not exceed the lesser of the amount of charges actually paid by BTLLC for such listing or the amount by which Verizon would be liable to its own customer for such error or omission. BTLLC agrees to take all reasonable steps, including, but not limited to, entering into appropriate contractual provisions with its Customers, to ensure that its and Verizon's liability to BTLLC's Customers in the event of a Verizon error in or omission of a listing shall be subject to the same limitations of liability applicable between Verizon and its own Customers.

4.10 Service Information Pages.

Verizon shall include all BTLLC NXX codes associated with the geographic areas to which each directory pertains, to the extent it does so for Verizon's own NXX codes, in any lists of such codes that are contained in the general reference portion of each directory. BTLLC's NXX codes shall appear in such lists in the same manner as Verizon's NXX information. In addition, when BTLLC is authorized to, and is offering, local service to Customers located within the geographic area covered by a specific directory, at BTLLC's request, Verizon shall include, at no charge, in the "Customer Guide" or comparable section of the applicable alphabetical directories, BTLLC's critical contact information for BTLLC's installation, repair and Customer service, as provided by BTLLC, and such other essential local service oriented information as is agreed to in writing by the Parties. Such critical contact information shall appear alphabetically by local exchange carrier and in accordance with Verizon's generally applicable policies. BTLLC shall be responsible for providing the necessary information to Verizon by the applicable close date for each affected directory.

4.11 Directory Publication.

Nothing in this Agreement shall require Verizon to publish a directory where it would not otherwise do so.

4.12 Other Directory Services.

BTLLC acknowledges that if BTLLC desires directory services in addition to those described herein, such additional services must be obtained under separate agreement with Verizon's directory publishing company.

5. Information Services Traffic.

- 5.1 For purposes of this Section, (a) Voice Information Service means a service that provides [i] recorded voice announcement information or [ii] a vocal discussion program open to the public, and (b) Voice Information Service Traffic means intraLATA switched voice traffic, delivered to a Voice Information Service. Voice Information Service Traffic does not include any form of Internet Traffic. Voice Information Service Traffic also does not include 555 traffic or similar traffic with AIN service interfaces, which traffic shall be subject to separate arrangements between the Parties. Voice Information Service Traffic is not subject to Reciprocal Compensation charges under Section 7 of the Interconnection Attachment.
- 5.2 If a BTLLC Customer is served by resold Verizon dial tone line Telecommunications Service or a Verizon Local Switching UNE, to the extent reasonably feasible, Verizon will route Voice Information Service Traffic originating from such Service or UNE to the appropriate Voice Information Service connected to Verizon's network unless a feature blocking such Voice Information Service Traffic has been installed. In addition to any other charges for such Voice Information Service Traffic, BTLLC shall pay to Verizon without discount any Voice Information Service provider charges billed by Verizon to BTLLC. BTLLC shall pay Verizon such charges in full regardless of whether or not BTLLC collects such charges from its own Customer.
- 5.3 BTLLC shall have the option to route Voice Information Service Traffic that originates on its own network to the appropriate Voice Information Service connected to Verizon's network. In the event BTLLC exercises such option, BTLLC will establish, at its own expense, a dedicated trunk group to the Verizon Voice Information Service serving switch. This trunk group will be utilized solely to allow BTLLC to route Voice Information Service Traffic originated on its network to Verizon. In addition to any other charges for such Voice Information Service Traffic, BTLLC shall pay to Verizon without discount any Voice Information Service provider charges billed by Verizon to BTLLC. BTLLC shall pay Verizon such charges in full regardless of whether or not BTLLC collects such charges from its own Customer.

6. Intercept and Referral Announcements

- 6.1 When a Customer changes its service provider from Verizon to BTLLC, or from BTLLC to Verizon, and does not retain its original telephone number, the Party formerly providing service to such Customer shall provide a referral announcement ("Referral Announcement") on the abandoned telephone number which provides the Customer's new number or other appropriate information, to the extent known to the Party formerly providing service. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party shall not be obligated under this Section to provide a Referral Announcement if the Customer owes the Party unpaid overdue amounts or the Customer requests that no Referral Announcement be provided.
- 6.2 Referral Announcements shall be provided, in the case of business Customers, for a period of not less than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date the Customer changes its telephone number, and, in the case of residential Customers, not less than thirty (30) days after the date the Customer changes its telephone number; provided that if a longer time period is required by Applicable Law, such longer time period shall apply. Except as otherwise provided by Applicable Law, the period for a referral may be shortened by the Party formerly providing service if a number shortage condition requires reassignment of the telephone number.

6.3 This referral announcement will be provided by each Party at no charge to the other Party or to the Customer requesting the service.

7. Originating Line Number Screening (OLNS)

Upon request, Verizon will update its database used to provide originating line number screening (the database of information which indicates to an operator the acceptable billing methods for calls originating from the calling number (e.g., penal institutions, COCOTS).

8. Operations Support Systems (OSS)

8.1 Definitions.

- 8.1.1 Verizon Operations Support Systems: Verizon systems for pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and repair, and billing.
- 8.1.2 Verizon OSS Services: Access to Verizon Operations Support Systems functions. The term "Verizon OSS Services" includes, but is not limited to: (a) Verizon's provision of BTLLC Usage Information to BTLLC pursuant to Section 8.1.3 below; and, (b) "Verizon OSS Information", as defined in Section 8.1.4 below.
- 8.1.3 Verizon OSS Facilities: Any gateways, interfaces, databases, facilities, equipment, software, or systems, used by Verizon to provide Verizon OSS Services to BTLLC.
- 8.1.4 Verizon OSS Information: Any information accessed by, or disclosed or provided to, BTLLC through or as a part of Verizon OSS Services. The term "Verizon OSS Information" includes, but is not limited to: (a) any Customer Information related to a Verizon Customer or a BTLLC Customer accessed by, or disclosed or provided to, BTLLC through or as a part of Verizon OSS Services; and, (b) any BTLLC Usage Information (as defined in Section 8.1.6 below) accessed by, or disclosed or provided to, BTLLC.
- 8.1.5 Verizon Retail Telecommunications Service: Any Telecommunications Service that Verizon provides at retail to subscribers that are not Telecommunications Carriers. The term "Verizon Retail Telecommunications Service" does not include any Exchange Access service (as defined in Section 3(16) of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 153(16)) provided by Verizon.
- 8.1.6 BTLLC Usage Information: The usage information for a Verizon Retail Telecommunications Service purchased by BTLLC under this Agreement that Verizon would record if Verizon was furnishing such Verizon Retail Telecommunications Service to a Verizon end-user retail Customer.
- 8.1.7 Customer Information: CPNI of a Customer and any other non-public, individually identifiable information about a Customer or the purchase by a Customer of the services or products of a Party.

8.2 Verizon OSS Services.

- 8.2.1 Upon request by BTLLC, Verizon shall provide to BTLLC, pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3), Verizon OSS Services.
- 8.2.2 Subject to the requirements of Applicable Law, Verizon Operations Support Systems, Verizon Operations Support Systems functions, Verizon OSS Facilities, Verizon OSS Information, and the Verizon OSS Services that will be offered by Verizon, shall be as determined by Verizon. Subject to the requirements of Applicable Law, Verizon shall have the right to change Verizon Operations Support Systems, Verizon Operations Support Systems functions, Verizon OSS Facilities, Verizon OSS Information, and the Verizon OSS Services, from time-to-time, without the consent of BTLLC.
- 8.2.3 To the extent required by Applicable Law, in providing Verizon OSS Services to BTLLC, Verizon will comply with Verizon's applicable OSS Change Management Guidelines, as such Guidelines are modified from time-to-time, including, but not limited to, the provisions of the Guidelines related to furnishing notice of changes in Verizon OSS Services. Verizon's OSS Change Management Guidelines will be set out on a Verizon website.

8.3 BTLLC Usage Information.

- 8.3.1 Upon request by BTLLC, Verizon shall provide to BTLLC, pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3), BTLLC Usage Information.
- 8.3.2 BTLLC Usage Information will be available to BTLLC through the following:
 - 8.3.2.1 Daily Usage File on Data Tape.
 - 8.3.2.2 Daily Usage File through Network Data Mover (NDM).
 - 8.3.2.3 Daily Usage File through Centralized Message Distribution System (CMDS) (Former Bell Atlantic service areas only).
 - 8.3.2.4 BTLLC Usage Information will be provided in a Bellcore Exchange Message Records (EMI) format.
 - 8.3.2.5 Daily Usage File Data Tapes provided pursuant to Section 8.3.2.1 above will be issued each day, Monday through Friday, except holidays observed by Verizon.
- 8.3.3 Except as stated in this Section 8.3, subject to the requirements of Applicable Law, the manner in which, and the frequency with which, BTLLC Usage Information will be provided to BTLLC shall be determined by Verizon.

8.4 Access to and Use of Verizon OSS Facilities.

- 8.4.1 Verizon OSS Facilities may be accessed and used by BTLLC only to the extent necessary for BTLLC's access to and use of Verizon OSS Services pursuant to the Agreement.
- 8.4.2 Verizon OSS Facilities may be accessed and used by BTLLC only to provide Telecommunications Services to BTLLC Customers.
- 8.4.3 BTLLC shall restrict access to and use of Verizon OSS Facilities to BTLLC. This Section 8 does not grant to BTLLC any right or license to grant sublicenses to other persons, or permission to other persons (except BTLLC's employees, agents and contractors, in accordance with Section 8.4.7 below), to access or use Verizon OSS Facilities.
- 8.4.4 BTLLC shall not (a) alter, modify or damage the Verizon OSS Facilities (including, but not limited to, Verizon software), (b) copy, remove, derive, reverse engineer, or decompile, software from the Verizon OSS Facilities, or (c) obtain access through Verizon OSS Facilities to Verizon databases, facilities, equipment, software, or systems, which are not offered for BTLLC's use under this Section 8.
- 8.4.5 BTLLC shall comply with all practices and procedures established by Verizon for access to and use of Verizon OSS Facilities (including, but not limited to, Verizon practices and procedures with regard to security and use of access and user identification codes).
- 8.4.6 All practices and procedures for access to and use of Verizon OSS Facilities, and all access and user identification codes for Verizon OSS Facilities: (a) shall remain the property of Verizon; (b) shall be used by BTLLC only in connection with BTLLC's use of Verizon OSS Facilities permitted by this Section 8; (c) shall be treated by BTLLC as Confidential Information of Verizon pursuant to Section 10 of the Agreement; and, (d) shall be destroyed or returned by BTLLC to Verizon upon the earlier of request by Verizon or the expiration or termination of the Agreement.
- 8.4.7 BTLLC's employees, agents and contractors may access and use Verizon OSS Facilities only to the extent necessary for BTLLC's access to and use of the Verizon OSS Facilities permitted by this Agreement. Any access to or use of Verizon OSS Facilities by BTLLC's employees, agents, or contractors, shall be subject to the provisions of the Agreement, including, but not limited to, Section 10 of the Agreement and Section 8.5.2.3 of this Attachment.

8.5 Verizon OSS Information.

- 8.5.1 Subject to the provisions of this Section 8 and Applicable Law, Verizon grants to BTLLC a non-exclusive license to use Verizon OSS Information.
- 8.5.2 All Verizon OSS Information shall at all times remain the property of Verizon. Except as expressly stated in this Section 8, BTLLC shall acquire no rights in or to any Verizon OSS Information.
 - 8.5.2.1 The provisions of this Section 8.5.2 shall apply to all Verizon OSS Information, except (a) BTLLC Usage

- Information, (b) CPNI of BTLLC, and (c) CPNI of a Verizon Customer or a BTLLC Customer, to the extent the Customer has authorized BTLLC to use the Customer Information.
- 8.5.2.2 Verizon OSS Information may be accessed and used by BTLLC only to provide Telecommunications Services to BTLLC Customers.
 - 8.5.2.3 BTLLC shall treat Verizon OSS Information that is designated by Verizon, through written or electronic notice (including, but not limited to, through the Verizon OSS Services), as "Confidential" or "Proprietary" as Confidential Information of Verizon pursuant to Section 10 of the Agreement.
 - 8.5.2.4 Except as expressly stated in this Section 8, this Agreement does not grant to BTLLC any right or license to grant sublicenses to other persons, or permission to other persons (except BTLLC's employees, agents or contractors, in accordance with Section 8.5.2.5 below, to access, use or disclose Verizon OSS Information.
 - 8.5.2.5 BTLLC's employees, agents and contractors may access, use and disclose Verizon OSS Information only to the extent necessary for BTLLC's access to, and use and disclosure of, Verizon OSS Information permitted by this Section 8. Any access to, or use or disclosure of, Verizon OSS Information by BTLLC's employees, agents or contractors, shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, Section 10 of the Agreement and Section 8.5.2.3 above.
 - 8.5.2.6 BTLLC's license to use Verizon OSS Information shall expire upon the earliest of: (a) termination of the license in accordance with this Section 8; or (b) expiration or termination of the Agreement.
 - 8.5.2.7 All Verizon OSS Information received by BTLLC shall be destroyed or returned by BTLLC to Verizon, upon expiration, suspension or termination of the license to use such Verizon OSS Information.
- 8.5.3 Unless sooner terminated or suspended in accordance with the Agreement or this Section 8 (including, but not limited to, Section 2.2 of the Agreement and Section 8.6.1 below), BTLLC's access to Verizon OSS Information through Verizon OSS Services shall terminate upon the expiration or termination of the Agreement.
- 8.5.3.1 Verizon shall have the right (but not the obligation) to audit BTLLC to ascertain whether BTLLC is complying with the requirements of Applicable Law and this Agreement with regard to BTLLC's access to, and use and disclosure of, Verizon OSS Information.
 - 8.5.3.2 Without in any way limiting any other rights Verizon may have under the Agreement or Applicable Law, Verizon shall

have the right (but not the obligation) to monitor BTLLC's access to and use of Verizon OSS Information which is made available by Verizon to BTLLC pursuant to this Agreement, to ascertain whether BTLLC is complying with the requirements of Applicable Law and this Agreement, with regard to BTLLC's access to, and use and disclosure of, such Verizon OSS Information. The foregoing right shall include, but not be limited to, the right (but not the obligation) to electronically monitor BTLLC's access to and use of Verizon OSS Information which is made available by Verizon to BTLLC through Verizon OSS Facilities.

8.5.3.3 Information obtained by Verizon pursuant to this Section 8.5.3 shall be treated by Verizon as Confidential Information of BTLLC pursuant to Section 10 of the Agreement; provided that, Verizon shall have the right (but not the obligation) to use and disclose information obtained by Verizon pursuant to this Section 8.5.3 to enforce Verizon's rights under the Agreement or Applicable Law.

8.6 Liabilities and Remedies.

8.6.1 Any breach by BTLLC, or BTLLC's employees, agents or contractors, of the provisions of Sections 8.4 or 8.5 above shall be deemed a material breach of the Agreement. In addition, if BTLLC or an employee, agent or contractor of BTLLC at any time breaches a provision of Sections 8.4 or 8.5 above and such breach continues for more than ten (10) days after written notice thereof from Verizon, then, except as otherwise required by Applicable Law, Verizon shall have the right, upon notice to BTLLC, to suspend the license to use Verizon OSS Information granted by Section 8.5.1 above and/or the provision of Verizon OSS Services, in whole or in part.

8.6.2 BTLLC agrees that Verizon would be irreparably injured by a breach of Sections 8.4 or 8.5 above by BTLLC or the employees, agents or contractors of BTLLC, and that Verizon shall be entitled to seek equitable relief, including injunctive relief and specific performance, in the event of any such breach. Such remedies shall not be deemed to be the exclusive remedies for any such breach, but shall be in addition to any other remedies available under this Agreement or at law or in equity.

8.7 Relation to Applicable Law.

The provisions of Sections 8.4, 8.5 and 8.6 above shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any provisions of Applicable Law, including, but not limited to, 47 U.S.C. § 222, and are not intended to constitute a waiver by Verizon of any right with regard to protection of the confidentiality of the information of Verizon or Verizon Customers provided by Applicable Law.

8.8 Cooperation.

BTLLC, at BTLLC's expense, shall reasonably cooperate with Verizon in using Verizon OSS Services. Such cooperation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 8.8.1 Upon request by Verizon, BTLLC shall by no later than the fifteenth (15th) day of each calendar month submit to Verizon reasonable, good faith estimates (by central office or other Verizon office or geographic area designated by Verizon) of the volume of each Verizon Retail Telecommunications Service for which BTLLC anticipates submitting orders in each week of the next calendar month.
 - 8.8.2 BTLLC shall reasonably cooperate with Verizon in submitting orders for Verizon Retail Telecommunications Services and otherwise using the Verizon OSS Services, in order to avoid exceeding the capacity or capabilities of such Verizon OSS Services.
 - 8.8.3 BTLLC shall participate in reasonable cooperative testing of Verizon OSS Services and shall provide reasonable assistance to Verizon in identifying and correcting mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, defects, faults, failures, or other deficiencies, in Verizon OSS Services.
- 8.9 Verizon Access to Information Related to BTLLC Customers.
- 8.9.1 Verizon shall have the right to access, use and disclose information related to BTLLC Customers that is in Verizon's possession (including, but not limited to, in Verizon OSS Facilities) to the extent such access, use and/or disclosure has been authorized by the BTLLC Customer in the manner required by Applicable Law.
 - 8.9.2 Upon request by Verizon, BTLLC shall negotiate in good faith and enter into a contract with Verizon, pursuant to which Verizon may obtain access to BTLLC's operations support systems (including, systems for pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and repair, and billing) and information contained in such systems, to permit Verizon to obtain information related to BTLLC Customers (as authorized by the applicable BTLLC Customer), to permit Customers to transfer service from one Telecommunications Carrier to another, and for such other purposes as may be permitted by Applicable Law.
- 8.10 Verizon Pre-OSS Services.
- 8.10.1 As used in this Section 8, "Verizon Pre-OSS Service" means a service which allows the performance of an activity which is comparable to an activity to be performed through a Verizon OSS Service and which Verizon offers to provide to BTLLC prior to, or in lieu of, Verizon's provision of the Verizon OSS Service to BTLLC. The term "Verizon Pre-OSS Service" includes, but is not limited to, the activity of placing orders for Verizon Retail Telecommunications Services through a telephone facsimile communication.
 - 8.10.2 Subject to the requirements of Applicable Law, the Verizon Pre-OSS Services that will be offered by Verizon shall be as determined by Verizon and Verizon shall have the right to change Verizon Pre-OSS Services, from time-to-time, without the consent of BTLLC.
 - 8.10.3 Verizon's prices for Pre-OSS Services, if any, shall be as determined by Verizon in accordance with Applicable Law.
 - 8.10.4 The provisions of Sections 8.4 through 8.8 above shall also apply to Verizon Pre-OSS Services. For the purposes of this Section 8.10: (a)

references in Sections 8.4 through 8.8 above to Verizon OSS Services shall be deemed to include Verizon Pre-OSS Services; and, (b) references in Sections 8.4 through 8.8 above to Verizon OSS Information shall be deemed to include information made available to BTLLC through Verizon Pre-OSS Services.

8.10.5 BTLLC acknowledges that the Verizon OSS Information, by its nature, is updated and corrected on a continuous basis by Verizon, and therefore that Verizon OSS Information is subject to change from time to time.

8.11 Cancellations.

Verizon may cancel orders for service which have had no activity within thirty-one (31) consecutive calendar days after the original service date. (Certain complex UNEs and UNEs requiring facility build-outs that may take longer than thirty-one (31) days to provision will be excluded from this provision).

9. Poles, Ducts, Conduits and Rights-of-Way

To the extent required by Applicable Law (including, but not limited to, Sections 224, 251(b)(4) and 271(c)(2)(B)(iii) of the Act), each Party ("Providing Party") shall afford the other Party non-discriminatory access to poles, ducts, conduits and rights-of-way owned or controlled by the Providing Party. Such access shall be provided in accordance with the Pole Attachment and Conduit Occupancy Attachment to this Agreement which is attached as Exhibit A.

10. Telephone Numbers

10.1 This Section applies in connection with BTLLC Customers served by Telecommunications Services provided by Verizon to BTLLC for resale or a Local Switching Network Element provided by Verizon to BTLLC.

10.2 BTLLC's use of telephone numbers shall be subject to Applicable Law the rules of the North American Numbering Council and the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, the applicable provisions of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, this Section 10), and Verizon's practices and procedures for use and assignment of telephone numbers, as amended from time-to-time.

10.3 Subject to Sections 10.2 and 10.4, if a Customer of either Verizon or BTLLC who is served by a Verizon Telecommunications Service ("VTS") or a Verizon Local Switching Network Element ("VLSNE") changes the LEC that serves the Customer using such VTS or VLSNE (including a change from Verizon to BTLLC, from BTLLC to Verizon, or from BTLLC to a LEC other than Verizon), after such change, the Customer may continue to use with such VTS or VLSNE the telephone numbers that were assigned to the VTS or VLSNE for the use of such Customer by Verizon immediately prior to the change.

10.4 Verizon shall have the right to change the telephone numbers used by a Customer if at any time: (a) the Customer requests service at a new location, that is not served by the Verizon switch and the Verizon rate center from which the Customer previously had service; (b) continued use of the telephone numbers is not technically feasible; or, (c) in the case of Telecommunications Service provided by Verizon to BTLLC for resale, the type or class of service subscribed to by the Customer changes.

- 10.5 If service on a VTS or VLSNE provided by Verizon to BTLLC under this Agreement is terminated and the telephone numbers associated with such VTS or VLSNE have not been ported to a BTLLC switch, the telephone numbers shall be available for reassignment by Verizon to any person to whom Verizon elects to assign the telephone numbers, including, but not limited to, Verizon, Verizon Customers, BTLLC, or Telecommunications Carriers other than Verizon and BTLLC.
- 10.6 BTLLC may reserve telephone numbers only to the extent Verizon's Customers may reserve telephone numbers.

11. LEC FREEZES

The Parties recognize and acknowledge that the procedures established by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in 807 KAR 5:062 governing the lifting of PIC freezes, also governs the lifting of LEC freezes, and agree to follow the procedures established therein.

INTERCONNECTION ATTACHMENT

1. General

Each Party ("Providing Party") shall provide to the other Party, in accordance with this Agreement and Applicable Law, interconnection with the Providing Party's network for the transmission and routing of Telephone Exchange Service and Exchange Access.

2. Points of Interconnection (POI) and Trunk Types

2.1 Points of Interconnection ("POI").

2.1.1 As and to the extent required by Section 251 of the Act, the Parties shall provide interconnection of their networks at any technically feasible point as specified in this Agreement. To the extent the originating Party's POI is not located at the terminating Party's relevant Interconnection Point ("IP"), the originating Party is responsible for transporting its traffic from its POI to the terminating Party's relevant IP.

2.1.2 BTLLC may specify any of the following methods for interconnection with Verizon:

2.1.2.1 a Collocation node BTLLC has established at the Verizon-IP pursuant to the Collocation Attachment; and/or

2.1.2.2 a Collocation node that has been established separately at the Verizon-IP by a third party with whom BTLLC has contracted for such purposes; and/or

2.1.2.3 an Entrance Facility and transport leased from Verizon (and any necessary multiplexing) pursuant to the applicable Verizon access Tariff, from the BTLLC POI to the Verizon-IP, and/or

2.1.2.4 at any other technically feasible point.

2.1.3 Verizon may specify any of the following methods for interconnection with BTLLC:

2.1.3.1 interconnection at a Collocation node that BTLLC has established at the Verizon-IP pursuant to the Collocation Attachment; and/or

2.1.3.2 interconnection at a Collocation node that has been established separately at the Verizon-IP by a third party and that is used by BTLLC; and/or

2.1.3.3 a Collocation node or other operationally equivalent arrangement Verizon established at the BTLLC-IP under mutual agreement by the Parties; and/or

2.1.3.4 a Collocation node established separately at the BTLLC-IP by a third party with whom Verizon has contracted for such purposes under mutual agreement by the Parties; and/or

2.1.3.5 an Entrance Facility leased from BTLLC (and any necessary multiplexing), to the BTLLC-IP.

2.2 Trunk Types.

- 2.2.1 In interconnecting their networks pursuant to this Attachment, the Parties' will use, as appropriate, the following separate and distinct trunk groups:
- 2.2.1.1 Local Interconnection Trunks for the transmission and routing of Reciprocal Compensation Traffic, translated LEC IntraLATA toll free service access code (e.g., 800/888/877) traffic, and IntraLATA Toll Traffic, between their respective Telephone Exchange Service Customers pursuant to Section 252(c)(2) of the Act, Tandem Transit Traffic, and, Measured Internet Traffic, all in accordance with Sections 5 through 7 of this Attachment;
 - 2.2.1.2 Access Toll Connecting Trunks for the transmission and routing of Exchange Access traffic, including translated InterLATA toll free service access code (e.g., 800/888/877) traffic, between BTLLC Telephone Exchange Service Customers and purchasers of Switched Exchange Access Service via a Verizon access Tandem, pursuant to Section 251(c)(2) of the Act, in accordance with Sections 8 through 10 of this Attachment; and
 - 2.2.1.3 Miscellaneous Trunk Groups as mutually agreed to by the Parties, including, but not limited to: (a) choke trunks for traffic congestion and testing; and, (b) untranslated IntraLATA/InterLATA toll free service access code (e.g. 800/888/877) traffic.
- 2.2.2 Other types of trunk groups may be used by the Parties as provided in other Attachments to this Agreement (e.g., 911/E911 Trunks; Information Services Trunks) or in other separate agreements between the Parties (e.g., Directory Assistance Trunks, Operator Services Trunks, BLV/BLVI Trunks).
- 2.2.3 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Parties will mutually agree upon where One Way Local Interconnection Trunks (trunks with traffic going in one direction, including one-way trunks and uni-directional two-way trunks) and/or Two Way Local Interconnection Trunks (trunks with traffic going in both directions) will be deployed.
- 2.2.4 In the event the traffic volume between a Verizon End Office and the BTLLC POI, which is carried by a Final Tandem Local Interconnection Trunk group, exceeds the CCS busy hour equivalent of one (1) DS-1 at any time and/or 200,000 combined minutes of use for a single month: (a) if One-Way Interconnection Trunks are used, the originating Party shall promptly establish new End Office One-Way local Interconnection Trunk groups between the Verizon End Office and the POI; or, (b) if Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks are used, then BTLLC shall promptly submit an ASR to Verizon to establish new End Office Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunk groups between that Verizon End Office and the POI.

2.3 One Way Interconnection Trunks.

- 2.3.1 BTLLC shall provide its own facilities or purchase transport for the delivery of traffic to any Collocation arrangement it establishes at a Verizon-IP pursuant to the Collocation Attachment.
- 2.3.2 BTLLC may order from Verizon any of the interconnection methods specified above in accordance with the rates and charges, order intervals, and other terms and conditions in this Agreement, in any applicable Tariff(s), or as may be otherwise agreed to between the Parties.
- 2.3.3 Verizon shall provide its own facilities or purchase necessary transport for the delivery of traffic to any Collocation node it establishes at a BTLLC-IP.
- 2.3.4 Verizon may order from BTLLC any of the Interconnection methods specified above in accordance with the rates and charges, order intervals and other terms and conditions, set forth in this Agreement, in any applicable Tariff(s), or as may be otherwise agreed to between the Parties.
- 2.3.5 The publication "Telcordia Technical Publication GR-342-CORE; High Capacity Digital Special Access Service, Transmission Parameter Limits and Interface Combination" describes the specification and interfaces generally utilized by Verizon and is referenced herein to assist the Parties in meeting their respective Interconnection responsibilities.
- 2.3.6 If a Party elects to provision its own One Way trunks, that Party will be responsible for the expense of providing such trunks for the delivery of Reciprocal Compensation Traffic and IntraLATA toll traffic to the other Party's IP.

2.4 Two-Way Interconnection Trunks.

- 2.4.1 Where the Parties have agreed to use Two Way Local Interconnection Trunks, prior to ordering any Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks from Verizon, BTLLC shall meet with Verizon to conduct a joint planning meeting ("Joint Planning Meeting"). At that Joint Planning Meeting, each Party shall provide to the other Party originating CCS (Hundred Call Second) information, and the Parties shall mutually agree on the appropriate initial number of Two-Way End Office and Tandem Local Interconnection Trunks and the interface specifications at the Point of Interconnection (POI).
- 2.4.2 Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks shall be from a Verizon End Office or Tandem to a mutually agreed upon POI. Where the BTLLC is collocated in a Verizon Wire Center, the POI shall be at the Verizon Wire Center.
- 2.4.3 On a semi-annual basis, BTLLC shall submit a good faith forecast to Verizon of the number of End Office and Tandem Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks that BTLLC anticipates that Verizon will need to provide during the ensuing two (2) year period. BTLLC's trunk forecasts shall conform to the Verizon CLEC trunk forecasting guidelines as set out on Verizon's website and in effect at that time.

- 2.4.4 The Parties shall meet (telephonically or in person) from time to time, as needed, to review data on End Office and Tandem Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks to determine the need for new trunk groups and to plan any necessary changes in the number of Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks.
- 2.4.5 Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks shall have SS7 Common Channel Signaling. The Parties agree to utilize B8ZS and Extended Super Frame (ESF) DS1 facilities, where available.
- 2.4.6 With respect to End Office Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks, both Parties shall use an economic CCS equal to five (5).
- 2.4.7 Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunk groups that connect to a Verizon access Tandem shall be engineered using a design blocking objective of Neal-Wilkenson B.005 during the average time consistent busy hour; Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunk groups that connect to a Verizon local Tandem shall be engineered using a design blocking objective of Neal Wilkenson B.01 during the average time consistent busy hour. Verizon and BTLLC shall engineer Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks using national standards.
- 2.4.8 BTLLC shall determine and order the number of Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks that are required to meet the applicable design blocking objective for all traffic carried on each Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunk group. BTLLC shall order Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks by submitting ASRs to Verizon setting forth the number of Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks to be installed and the requested installation dates within Verizon's effective standard intervals or negotiated intervals, as appropriate. BTLLC shall complete ASRs in accordance with Ordering and Billing Forum Guidelines as in effect from time to time as well as other applicable Verizon provided documentation.
- 2.4.9 Verizon may monitor Two-Way Local Interconnection Groups using service results for the applicable design-blocking objective. If Verizon observes blocking in excess of the applicable design objective on any final Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunk group and BTLLC has not notified Verizon that it has corrected such blocking, Verizon may submit to BTLLC a Trunk Group Service Request directing BTLLC to remedy the blocking. Upon receipt of a Trunk Group Service Request, BTLLC will complete an ASR to augment the Two-Way Local Interconnection Group with excessive blocking and submit the ASR to Verizon within five (5) Business Days.
- 2.4.10 Any Tandem Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunk group between the BTLLC's POI and a Verizon Tandem will be limited to a maximum of 240 trunks unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties. In the event that any Tandem Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunk group exceeds the 240 trunk level at any time, BTLLC shall promptly submit an ASR to Verizon to establish new or additional End Office Trunk groups to insure that such Tandem Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunk group does not exceed the 240 trunk level.
- 2.4.11 Upon request, BTLLC will submit a written report to Verizon each month setting forth trunk utilization information and percentages. BTLLC will calculate utilization percentages by using a traffic data

analysis system specified by Verizon, industry standard study periods and a time consistent busy hour.

- 2.4.12 The Parties will review all Tandem Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunk groups that reach a utilization level of seventy percent (70%), or greater, to determine whether those groups should be augmented. BTLLC will promptly augment all Tandem Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunk groups that reach a utilization level of eighty percent (80%) by submitting ASRs for additional trunks sufficient to attain a utilization level of approximately seventy percent (70%), unless the Parties agree that additional trunking is not required. For each Tandem Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunk group with a utilization level of less than sixty percent (60%), unless the Parties agree otherwise, BTLLC will promptly submit ASRs to disconnect a sufficient number of Local Interconnection Trunks to attain a utilization level of approximately sixty percent (60%) for each respective group. In the event BTLLC fails to submit an ASR for Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks in conformance with this section, Verizon may bill BTLLC for the excess Local Interconnection Trunks at the applicable rates provided for in the Pricing Attachment; provided that Verizon shall not charge BTC for the excess Local Interconnection Trunks pursuant to this sentence if the number of trunks in the underutilized trunk group does not exceed the number of trunks in one DS-1 (i.e., 24 DS0 trunks).
- 2.4.13 The performance standard on final Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks shall be that no such Local Interconnection Trunk group will exceed its design blocking objective (B.005 or B.01, as applicable) for three (3) consecutive calendar traffic study months.
- 2.4.14 Verizon's performance on these Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunk groups (except for maintenance and installation intervals and missed installation appointments) shall not be subject to any performance measurements and remedies under this Agreement, and, except as otherwise required by Applicable Law, under any FCC or Commission approved carrier-to-carrier performance assurance guidelines or plan.
- 2.4.15 Upon three (3) months prior written notice and with the mutual agreement of the Parties, either Party may withdraw its traffic from a Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunk group and install One-Way Local Interconnection Trunks to the applicable POI.
- 2.4.16 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks shall only carry Reciprocal Compensation Traffic, IntraLATA Toll Traffic and Measured Internet Traffic.
- 2.4.17 BTLLC will route its traffic to Verizon over the End Office and Tandem Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks in accordance with SR-TAP192, including but not limited to those standards requiring that a call from BTLLC to a Verizon End Office will first be routed to the End Office Local Interconnection Trunk group between BTLLC and the Verizon End Office.
- 2.4.18 When the Parties implement Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks, the Parties will work cooperatively to calculate a Proportionate Percentage of Use or "PPU" factor, based on the total number of

minutes of Traffic that each Party originates over the Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks. BTLLC will pay a percentage of Verizon's monthly recurring charges for the facility on which the Two-Way Local Interconnection Trunks ride equal to BTLLC's percentage of use of the facility as shown by the PPU. Non-recurring charges for the facility on which the Two-Way Interconnection Trunks ride shall be apportioned as follows: (a) for the portion of the Trunks on Verizon's side of the BTLLC-IP, the non-recurring charges shall be divided equally between the Parties; and, (b) for the portion of the Trunks on BTLLC's side of the BTLLC-IP, the non-recurring charges shall be divided equally between the Parties. The Parties assert that this subsection complies with the standards established in FCC Rule 51.703(b).

3. Omitted

4. Initiating Interconnection

- 4.1 If BTLLC determines to offer Telephone Exchange Services and to interconnect with Verizon in any LATA in which Verizon also offers Telephone Exchange Services and in which the Parties are not already interconnected pursuant to this Agreement, BTLLC shall provide written notice to Verizon of the need to establish Interconnection in such LATA pursuant to this Agreement.
- 4.2 The notice provided in Section 5.1 shall include (a) the initial Routing Point(s); (b) the applicable BTLLC-IPs to be established in the relevant LATA in accordance with this Agreement; (c) BTLLC's intended Interconnection activation date; and (d) a forecast of BTLLC's trunking requirements conforming to Section 14.3; and (e) such other information as Verizon shall reasonably request in order to facilitate Interconnection.
- 4.3 The interconnection activation date in the new LATA shall be mutually agreed to by the Parties after receipt by Verizon of all necessary information as indicated above. Within ten (10) Business Days of Verizon's receipt of BTLLC's notice provided for in Section 4.1, Verizon and BTLLC shall confirm the Verizon-IP(s), the BTLLC-IP(s) and the mutually agreed upon Interconnection activation date for the new LATA.

5. Transmission and Routing of Telephone Exchange Service Traffic

5.1 Scope of Traffic.

Section 5 prescribes parameters for Local Interconnection Trunks used for Interconnection pursuant to Sections 2 through 4 of this Attachment.

5.2 Trunk Group Connections and Ordering.

- 5.2.1 Both Parties shall use either a DS-1 or DS-3 interface at the POI. Upon mutual agreement, the Parties may use other types of interfaces, such as STS-1, at the POI, when and where available.
- 5.2.2 Each Party will identify its Carrier Identification Code, a three or four digit numeric code obtained from Telcordia, to the other Party when ordering a trunk group.
- 5.2.3 Unless mutually agreed to by both Parties, each Party will output ten (10) digits to the other Party.

- 5.2.4 Each Party will use commercially reasonable efforts to monitor trunk groups under its control and to augment those groups using generally accepted trunk-engineering standards so as to not exceed blocking objectives. Each Party agrees to use modular trunk engineering techniques for trunks subject to this Attachment.
- 5.2.5 Switching System Hierarchy and Trunking Requirements. For purposes of routing BTLLC traffic to Verizon, the subtending arrangements between Verizon Tandem Switches and Verizon End Office Switches shall be the same as the Tandem/End Office subtending arrangements Verizon maintains for the routing of its own or other carriers' traffic. For purposes of routing Verizon traffic to BTLLC, the subtending arrangements between BTLLC Tandem Switches and BTLLC End Office Switches shall be the same as the Tandem/End Office subtending arrangements which BTLLC maintains for the routing of its own or other carriers' traffic.
- 5.2.6 Signaling. Each Party will provide the other Party with access to its databases and associated signaling necessary for the routing and completion of the other Party's traffic in accordance with the provisions contained in the Unbundled Network Element Attachment or applicable access tariff.
- 5.2.7 Grades of Service. The Parties shall initially engineer and shall monitor and augment all trunk groups consistent with the Joint Process as set forth in Section 13.1.

6. Traffic Measurement and Billing over Interconnection Trunks

- 6.1 For billing purposes, each Party shall pass Calling Party Number (CPN) information on at least ninety-five percent (95%) of calls carried over the Local Interconnection Trunks.
- 6.1.1 As used in this Section 6, "Traffic Rate" means the applicable Reciprocal Compensation Traffic rate, Measured Internet Traffic rate, intrastate Switched Exchange Access Service rate, interstate Switched Exchange Access Service rate, or intrastate/interstate Tandem Transit Traffic rate, as provided in the Pricing Attachment, an applicable Tariff, or, for Measured Internet Traffic, the FCC Internet Order.
- 6.1.2 If the originating Party passes CPN on ninety-five percent (95%) or more of its calls, the receiving Party shall bill the originating Party the Traffic Rate applicable to each relevant minute of traffic for which CPN is passed. For any remaining (up to 5%) calls without CPN information, the receiving Party shall bill the originating Party for such traffic at the Traffic Rate applicable to each relevant minute of traffic, in direct proportion to the minutes of use of calls passed with CPN information.
- 6.1.3 If the originating Party passes CPN on less than ninety-five percent (95%) of its calls and the originating Party chooses to combine Reciprocal Compensation Traffic and Toll Traffic on the same trunk group, the receiving Party shall bill the higher of its interstate Switched Exchange Access Service rates or its intrastate Switched Exchange Access Services rates for all traffic that is passed without CPN, unless the Parties agree that other rates should apply to such traffic.

- 6.2 At such time as a receiving Party has the capability, on an automated basis, to use such CPN to classify traffic delivered over Local Interconnection Trunks by the other Party by Traffic Rate type (e.g., Reciprocal Compensation Traffic/Measured Internet Traffic, intrastate Switched Exchange Access Service, interstate Switched Exchange Access Service, or intrastate/interstate Tandem Transit Traffic), such receiving Party shall bill the originating Party the Traffic Rate applicable to each relevant minute of traffic for which CPN is passed. If the receiving Party lacks the capability, on an automated basis, to use CPN information on an automated basis to classify traffic delivered by the other Party by Traffic Rate type, the originating Party will supply Traffic Factor 1 and Traffic Factor 2. The Traffic Factors shall be supplied in writing by the originating Party within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date and shall be updated in writing by the originating Party quarterly. Measurement of billing minutes for purposes of determining terminating compensation shall be in conversation seconds (the time in seconds that the Parties' equipment is used for a completed call, measured from the receipt of answer supervision to the receipt of disconnect supervision). Measurement of billing minutes for originating toll free service access code (e.g., 800/888/877) calls shall be in accordance with applicable Tariffs. Determinations as to whether traffic is Reciprocal Compensation Traffic or Measured Internet Traffic shall be made in accordance with Section 7.3.2.1 below.
- 6.3 Each Party reserves the right to audit all Traffic, up to a maximum of two audits per calendar year, to ensure that rates are being applied appropriately; provided, however, that either Party shall have the right to conduct additional audit(s) if the preceding audit disclosed material errors or discrepancies. Each Party agrees to provide the necessary Traffic data in conjunction with any such audit in a timely manner.
- 6.4 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit either Party's ability to designate the areas within which that Party's Customers may make calls which that Party rates as "local" in its Customer Tariffs.

7. Reciprocal Compensation Arrangements Pursuant to Section 251(b)(5) of the Act

7.1 Traffic Interconnection Points.

7.1.1 Except as otherwise agreed by the Parties, the Interconnection Points ("IPs") from which BTLLC will provide transport and termination of Traffic to its Customers ("BTLLC-IPs") shall be as follows:

7.1.1.1 For each LATA in which BTLLC requests to interconnect with Verizon, except as otherwise agreed by the Parties, BTLLC shall establish a BTLLC-IP in each LATA in which BTLLC chooses to assign telephone numbers to its Customers. Provided, however, that BTLLC will establish another POI when the amount of traffic passing through a Verizon access tandem switch reaches a DS-3 level. BTLLC shall establish such BTLLC-IP consistent with the methods of interconnection and interconnection trunking architectures that it will use pursuant to Section 2 or Section 3 of this Attachment.

7.1.1.2 At any time that BTLLC establishes a Collocation site at a Verizon End Office Wire Center in a LATA in which BTLLC is interconnected or requesting interconnection with Verizon, either Party may request in writing that such

BTLLC Collocation site be established as the BTLLC-IP for traffic originated by Verizon Customers served by that End Office. Upon such request, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith mutually acceptable arrangements for the transition to such BTLLC-IP.

- 7.1.2 Except as otherwise agreed by the Parties, the Interconnection Points ("IPs") from which Verizon will provide transport and termination of Traffic to its Customers ("Verizon-IPs") shall be as follows:
 - 7.1.2.1 For Reciprocal Compensation Traffic delivered by BTLLC to the Verizon Tandem subtended by the terminating End Office serving the Verizon Customer, the Verizon-IP will be the Verizon Tandem switch.
 - 7.1.2.2 For Reciprocal Compensation Traffic delivered by BTLLC to the Verizon terminating End Office serving the Verizon Customer, the Verizon-IP will be Verizon End Office switch.
- 7.1.3 Should either Party offer additional IPs to any Telecommunications Carrier that is not a Party to this Agreement, the other Party may elect to deliver traffic to such IPs for the NXXs or functionalities served by those IPs.
- 7.1.4 Each Party is responsible for delivering its Reciprocal Compensation Traffic that is to be terminated by the other Party to the other Party's relevant IP.

7.2 Reciprocal Compensation.

The Parties shall compensate each other for the transport and termination of Reciprocal Compensation Traffic delivered to the terminating Party in accordance with Section 251(b)(5) of the Act at the rates stated in the Pricing Attachment. These rates are to be applied at the BTLLC-IP for traffic delivered by Verizon for termination by BTLLC, and at the Verizon-IP for traffic delivered by BTLLC for termination by Verizon. Except as expressly specified in this Agreement, no additional charges shall apply for the termination from the IP to the Customer of Reciprocal Compensation Traffic delivered to the Verizon-IP by BTLLC or the BTLLC -IP by Verizon. When such Reciprocal Compensation Traffic is delivered over the same trunks as Toll Traffic, any port or transport or other applicable access charges related to the delivery of Toll Traffic from the IP to an end user shall be prorated to be applied only to the Toll Traffic. The designation of traffic as Reciprocal Compensation Traffic for purposes of Reciprocal Compensation shall be based on the actual originating and terminating points of the complete end-to-end communication.

7.3 Traffic Not Subject to Reciprocal Compensation.

- 7.3.1 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to interstate or intrastate Exchange Access, Information Access, or exchange services for Exchange Access or Information Access.
- 7.3.2 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to Internet Traffic.
 - 7.3.2.1 The determination of whether traffic is Reciprocal Compensation Traffic or Internet Traffic shall be performed in accordance with Paragraphs 8 and 79, and other

applicable provisions, of the FCC Internet Order (including, but not limited to, in accordance with the rebuttable presumption established by the FCC Internet Order that traffic delivered to a carrier that exceeds a 3:1 ratio of terminating to originating traffic is Internet Traffic, and in accordance with the process established by the FCC Internet Order for rebutting such presumption before the Commission).

- 7.3.3 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to Toll Traffic, including, but not limited to, calls originated on a 1+ presubscription basis, or on a casual dialed (10XXX/101XXXX) basis.
- 7.3.4 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to Optional Extended Local Calling Area Traffic.
- 7.3.5 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to special access, private line, or any other traffic that is not switched by the terminating Party.
- 7.3.6 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to Tandem Transit Traffic.
- 7.3.7 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to Voice Information Service Traffic (as defined in Section 5 of the Additional Services Attachment).
- 7.4 The Reciprocal Compensation rates (including, but not limited to, the Reciprocal Compensation per minute of use rates) billed by BTLIC to Verizon shall not exceed the Reciprocal Compensation rates (including, but not limited to, the Reciprocal Compensation per minute of use rates) billed by Verizon to BTLIC.

8. Other Types of Traffic

- 8.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any Tariff: (a) the Parties' rights and obligations with respect to any intercarrier compensation that may be due in connection with their exchange of Internet Traffic shall be governed by the terms of the FCC Internet Order and other applicable FCC orders and FCC Regulations; and, (b) a Party shall not be obligated to pay any intercarrier compensation for Internet Traffic that is in excess of the intercarrier compensation for Internet Traffic that such Party is required to pay under the FCC Internet Order and other applicable FCC orders and FCC Regulations.
- 8.2 Subject to Section 8.1 above, interstate and intrastate Exchange Access, Information Access, exchange services for Exchange Access or Information Access, and Toll Traffic, shall be governed by the applicable provisions of this Agreement and applicable Tariffs.
- 8.3 For any traffic originating with a third party carrier and delivered by one Party to the other Party, the delivering Party shall pay the other Party the same amount that such third party carrier would have been obligated to pay for termination of that traffic at the location the traffic is delivered.
- 8.4 Any traffic not specifically addressed in this Agreement shall be treated as required by the applicable Tariff of the Party transporting and/or terminating the traffic.
- 8.5 Interconnection Points.
 - 8.5.1 The IP of a Party ("Receiving Party") for Measured Internet Traffic delivered to the Receiving Party by the other Party shall be the same

as the IP of the Receiving Party for Reciprocal Compensation Traffic under Section 7.1 above.

- 8.5.2 Except as otherwise set forth in the applicable Tariff of a Party ("Receiving Party") that receives Toll Traffic from the other Party, the IP of the Receiving Party for Toll Traffic delivered to the Receiving Party by the other Party shall be the same as the IP of the Receiving Party for Reciprocal Compensation Traffic under Section 7.1 above.
- 8.5.3 The IP for traffic exchanged between the Parties that is not Reciprocal Compensation Traffic, Measured Internet Traffic or Toll Traffic, shall be as specified in the applicable provisions of this Agreement or the applicable Tariff of the receiving Party, or in the absence of applicable provisions in this Agreement or a Tariff of the receiving Party, as mutually agreed by the Parties.

9. Transmission and Routing of Exchange Access Traffic

9.1 Scope of Traffic.

Section 8 prescribes parameters for certain trunks to be established over the Interconnections specified in Sections 2 through 5 of this Attachment for the transmission and routing of traffic between BTLLC Telephone Exchange Service Customers and Interexchange Carriers ("Access Toll Connecting Trunks"), in any case where BTLLC elects to have its End Office Switch subtend a Verizon Tandem. This includes casually-dialed (1010XXX and 101XXXX) traffic.

9.2 Access Toll Connecting Trunk Group Architecture.

- 9.2.1 If BTLLC chooses to subtend a Verizon access Tandem, BTLLC's NPA/NXX must be assigned by BTLLC to subtend the same Verizon access Tandem that a Verizon NPA/NXX serving the same Rate Center subtends as identified in the LERG.
- 9.2.2 BTLLC shall establish Access Toll Connecting Trunks pursuant to applicable access Tariffs by which it will provide Switched Exchange Access Services to Interexchange Carriers to enable such Interexchange Carriers to originate and terminate traffic to and from BTLLC's Customers.
- 9.2.3 The Access Toll Connecting Trunks shall be two-way trunks. Such trunks shall connect the End Office BTLLC utilizes to provide Telephone Exchange Service and Switched Exchange Access to its Customers in a given LATA to the Tandem Verizon utilizes to provide Exchange Access in such LATA.
- 9.2.4 Access Toll Connecting Trunks shall be used solely for the transmission and routing of Exchange Access to allow BTLLC's Customers to connect to or be connected to the interexchange trunks of any Interexchange Carrier which is connected to a Verizon access tandem.

10. Meet-Point Billing Arrangements

- 10.1 BTLLC and Verizon will establish Meet-Point Billing ("MPB") arrangements in order to provide a common transport option to Switched Access Services Customers via a Verizon access Tandem Switch in accordance with the Meet

Point Billing guidelines contained in the OBF's MECAB and MECOD documents, except as modified herein, and in Verizon's applicable Tariffs. The arrangements described in this Section 9 are intended to be used to provide Switched Exchange Access Service that originates and/or terminates on Telephone Exchange Service that is provided by either Party, where the transport component of the Switched Exchange Access Service is routed through a access Tandem Switch that is provided by Verizon.

- 10.2 In each LATA, the Parties shall establish MPB arrangements between the applicable Routing Point/Verizon Serving Wire Center combinations.
- 10.3 Interconnection for the MPB arrangement shall occur at the Verizon access Tandems in the LATA, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.
- 10.4 BTLLC and Verizon will use reasonable efforts, individually and collectively, to maintain provisions in their respective state access Tariffs, and/or provisions within the National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") Tariff No. 4, or any successor Tariff sufficient to reflect the MPB arrangements established pursuant to this Agreement.
- 10.5 In general, there are four alternative Meet-Point Billing arrangements possible, which are:
 - 10.5.1 "Single Bill/Single Tariff" in which a single bill is presented to the Interexchange Carrier and each Local Exchange Carrier involved applies rates for its portion of the services from the same Tariff.
 - 10.5.2 "Multiple Bill/Single Tariff" in which each involved Local Exchange Carrier presents separate bills to the Interexchange Carrier and each Local Exchange Carrier involved applies rates for its portion of the service from the same Tariff.
 - 10.5.3 "Multiple Bill/Multiple Tariff" in which each involved Local Exchange Carrier presents separate bill to the Interexchange Carrier and each Local Exchange Carrier involved applies rates for its portion of the service from its own Tariff.
 - 10.5.4 "Single Bill/Multiple Tariff" in which a single bill is presented to the Interexchange Carrier and each Local Exchange Carrier involved applies rates for its portion of the service from its own Tariff.

Each Party shall implement the "Multiple Bill/Single Tariff" or "Multiple Bill/Multiple Tariff" option, as appropriate, in order to bill an IXC for the portion of the jointly provided Telecommunications Service provided by that Party. Alternatively, in former Bell Atlantic service areas, upon agreement of the Parties, each Party may use the New York State Access Pool on its behalf to implement the Single Bill/Multiple Tariff or Single Bill/Single Tariff option, as appropriate, in order to bill an IXC for the portion of the jointly provided Telecommunications Service provided by each Party.

- 10.6 The rate elements to be billed by each Party shall be as set forth in that Party's applicable Tariffs, or other document that contains the terms under which that Party's access services are offered. The actual rate values for each Party's affected Switched Exchange Access Service rate element shall be the rates contained in that Party's own effective federal and state access Tariffs, or other document that contains the terms under which that Party's access services are offered. The MPB billing percentages for each Routing Point/Verizon Serving

Wire Center combination shall be calculated in accordance with the formula set forth in Section 9.15.

- 10.7 Each Party shall provide the other Party with the billing name, billing address, and Carrier Identification Code ("CIC") of the IXC, and identification of the Verizon Wire Center serving the IXC in order to comply with the MPB notification process as outlined in the MECAB document.
- 10.8 Verizon shall provide BTLLC with the Switched Access Detail Usage Data (EMI category 1101XX records) on magnetic tape or via such other media as the Parties may agree to, no later than ten (10) Business Days after the date the usage occurred.
- 10.9 BTLLC shall provide Verizon with the Switched Access Summary Usage Data (EMI category 1150XX records) on magnetic tape or via such other media as the Parties may agree to, no later than ten (10) Business Days after the date of its rendering of the bill to the relevant IXC, which bill shall be rendered no less frequently than monthly.
- 10.10 All usage data to be provided pursuant to Sections 9.8 and 9.9 shall be sent to the following addresses:

To BTLLC:

General Manager
Brandenburg Telecom LLC
200 Telco Drive
Brandenburg, Kentucky 40108

For Verizon (Former BA service area):

New York Access Billing
C/O ACM, Inc.
120 Erie Blvd.
Schenectady, NY 12305
Attn: Mark Ferri

For Verizon (Former GTE service area):

Verizon Data Services
ATTN: MPB
1 East Telecom Parkway
Dock K
Temple Terrace, FL 33637

Either Party may change its address for receiving usage data by notifying the other Party in writing pursuant to Section 4.23 of the General Terms and Conditions

- 10.11 BTLLC and Verizon shall coordinate and exchange the billing account reference ("BAR") and billing account cross reference ("BACR") numbers or Operating Company Number ("OCN"), as appropriate, for the MPB arrangements described in this Section 9. Each Party shall notify the other if the level of billing or other

BAR/BACR elements change, resulting in a new BAR/BACR number, or if the OCN changes.

- 10.12 Each Party agrees to provide the other Party with notification of any errors it discovers in MPB data within 30 calendar days of the receipt of the original data. The other party shall attempt to correct the error and resubmit the data within (ten) 10 Business Days of the notification. In the event the errors cannot be corrected within such (ten) 10-Business Day period, the erroneous data will be considered lost. In the event of a loss of data, whether due to uncorrectable errors or otherwise, both Parties shall cooperate to reconstruct the lost data and, if such reconstruction is not possible, shall accept a reasonable estimate of the lost data based upon prior usage data.
- 10.13 Either Party may request a review or audit of the various components of access recording up to a maximum of two (2) audits per calendar year. All costs associated with each review and audit shall be borne by the requesting Party. Such review or audit shall be conducted subject to Section 4.4 of the General Terms and Conditions and during regular business hours. A Party may conduct additional audits, at its expense, upon the other Party's consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 10.14 Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, nothing contained in this Section 9 shall create any liability for damages, losses, claims, costs, injuries, expenses or other liabilities whatsoever on the part of either Party. MPB will apply for all traffic bearing the 500, 900, toll free service access code (e.g. 800/888/877) (to the extent provided by an IXC) or any other non-geographic NPA which may be designated for such traffic in the future.
- 10.15 In the event BTLLC determines to offer Telephone Exchange Services in another LATA in which Verizon operates an access Tandem Switch, Verizon shall permit and enable BTLLC to subtend the Verizon access Tandem Switch(es) designated for the Verizon End Offices in the area where the BTLLC Routing Point(s) associated with the NPA NXX(s) to/from which the Switched Exchange Access Services are homed. Except as otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties, the MPB billing percentages for each Routing Point/Verizon Serving Wire Center combination shall be calculated according to the following formula, unless as mutually agreed to by the Parties:
- $$a / (a + b) = \text{BTLLC Billing Percentage}$$
- and
- $$b / (a + b) = \text{Verizon Billing Percentage}$$
- where:
- a = the airline mileage between BTLLC Routing Point and the actual point of interconnection for the MPB arrangement; and
- b = the airline mileage between the Verizon serving Wire Center and the actual point of interconnection for the MPB arrangement.
- 10.16 BTLLC shall inform Verizon of each LATA in which it intends to offer Telephone Exchange Services and its calculation of the billing percentages which should apply for such arrangement. Within ten (10) Business Days of BTLLC's delivery of notice to Verizon, Verizon and BTLLC shall confirm the Routing Point/Verizon Serving Wire Center combination and billing percentages.

11. Toll Free Service Access Code (e.g., 800/888/877) Traffic

The following terms shall apply when either Party delivers toll free service access code (e.g., 800/888/877) ("800") calls to the other Party.

11.1 When BTLLC delivers toll free service access code calls that have been queried to an "800" database to Verizon for delivery

11.1.1 to an IXC:

BTLLC shall provide an appropriate EMI record to Verizon for processing and Meet Point Billing in accordance with Section 9 above; and BTLLC shall bill the IXC the BTLLC query charge associated with the call.

11.1.2 to Verizon or another LEC that is a toll free service access code service provider in the LATA:

11.1.2.1 BTLLC shall provide an appropriate EMI record to the toll free service access code service provider; and

11.2 BTLLC's Tariffed Feature Group D ("FGD") Switched Exchange Access or Reciprocal Compensation charges, as applicable, and the BTLLC query charge, shall be assessed to the toll free service access code service provider; and

11.3 Verizon shall assess applicable Tandem Transit Service charges and associated passthrough charges to BTLLC.

11.4 When Verizon delivers toll free service access code calls that have been queried to an "800" database, originated by Verizon's or another LEC's Customers, to BTLLC:

11.4.1 where the queried call is an intraLATA call that is handed off to BTLLC in CLEC's capacity as a toll free service access code service provider:

11.4.2 Verizon shall bill BTLLC the Verizon query charge associated with the call as specified in the Pricing Attachment; and

11.4.2.1 Verizon shall provide an appropriate EMI record to BTLLC; and

11.4.2.2 Verizon's Tariffed FGD Switched Exchange Access or Reciprocal Compensation charges shall be billed to BTLLC as applicable.

11.5 Unqueried Toll Free Service Access Code (e.g., 800/888/877) Traffic.

If BTLLC chooses Verizon to handle toll free service access code (e.g., 800/888/877) ("800") database queries from BTLLC's central office switches, all BTLLC originating 800 traffic will be routed over a separate 800 trunk group. The 800 trunk group will be one-way from BTLLC to Verizon. Verizon will perform the query and route the call appropriately.

11.5.1 When the 800 call is routed to an IXC:

11.5.1.1 Verizon will query the call and route the call to the appropriate IXC.

- 11.5.1.2 Verizon shall provide an appropriate EMI record to BTLLC to facilitate billing to the IXC.
- 11.5.2 Verizon shall bill the IXC the Verizon query charge associated with the call and any other applicable Verizon charges.
- 11.5.3 When the 800 call is an IntraLATA call routed to Verizon or another LEC that is a toll free service access code service provider in the LATA:
 - 11.5.3.1 Verizon will query the call and route the call to the appropriate LEC toll free service access code service provider.
 - 11.5.3.2 Verizon shall provide an appropriate EMI record to BTLLC to facilitate billing to the LEC toll free service access code service provider
 - 11.5.3.3 Verizon shall bill the LEC toll free service access code service provider the query charge associated with the call and any other applicable Verizon charges.
- 11.6 Verizon will not direct unqueried toll free service access code call to BTLLC.

12. Tandem Transit Traffic

- 12.1 As used in this Section 11, Tandem Transit Traffic is Telephone Exchange Service traffic that originates on BTLLC's network, and is transported through a Verizon Tandem to the Central Office of a CLEC, ILEC other than Verizon, Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) carrier, or other LEC, that subtends the relevant Verizon Tandem to which BTLLC delivers such traffic. Neither the originating nor terminating customer is a Customer of Verizon. Subtending Central Offices shall be determined in accordance with and as identified in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG). Switched Exchange Access Service traffic is not Tandem Transit Traffic.
- 12.2 Tandem Transit Traffic Service provides BTLLC with the transport of Tandem Transit Traffic as provided below.
- 12.3 Tandem Transit Traffic may be routed over the Local Interconnection Trunks described in Sections 3 through 6. BTLLC shall deliver each Tandem Transit Traffic call to Verizon with CCS and the appropriate Transactional Capabilities Application Part ("TCAP") message to facilitate full interoperability of CLASS Features and billing functions. The Parties will mutually agree to the types of records to be exchanged until industry standards are established and implemented.
- 12.4 BTLLC shall exercise commercially reasonable efforts to enter into a reciprocal Telephone Exchange Service traffic arrangement (either via written agreement or mutual Tariffs) with any CLEC, ILEC, CMRS carrier, or other LEC, to which it delivers Telephone Exchange Service traffic that transits Verizon's Tandem Office.
- 12.5 BTLLC shall pay Verizon for Transit Service that BTLLC originates at the rate specified in the Pricing Attachment, plus the third party CLEC, ILEC, CMRS carrier, or other LEC's tariff or contract rates on file with and approved by the

Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the delivery or termination of such traffic.

- 12.6 Verizon will not provide Tandem Transit Traffic Service for Tandem Transit Traffic to be delivered to a CLEC, ILEC, CMRS carrier, or other LEC, if the volume of Tandem Transit Traffic to be delivered to that carrier exceeds one (1) DS1 level volume of calls.
- 12.7 If or when a third party carrier's Central Office subtends a BTLLC Central Office, then BTLLC shall offer to Verizon a service arrangement equivalent to or the same as Tandem Transit Service provided by Verizon to BTLLC as defined in this Section 11 such that Verizon may terminate calls to a Central Office of a CLEC, ILEC, CMRS carrier, or other LEC, that subtends a BTLLC Central Office ("Reciprocal Tandem Transit Service"). BTLLC shall offer such Reciprocal Transit Service arrangements under terms and conditions no less favorable than those provided in this Section 11.
- 12.8 Neither Party shall take any actions to prevent the other Party from entering into a direct and reciprocal traffic exchange agreement with any carrier to which it originates, or from which it terminates, traffic.

13. Number Resources, Rate Centers and Routing Points

- 13.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or otherwise adversely affect in any manner either Party's right to employ or to request and be assigned any Central Office Codes ("NXX") pursuant to the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines and any relevant FCC or Commission orders, as may be amended from time to time, or to establish, by Tariff or otherwise, Rate Centers and Routing Points corresponding to such NXX codes.
- 13.2 It shall be the responsibility of each Party to program and update its own switches and network systems pursuant to information provided on ASRs as well as the LERG in order to recognize and route traffic to the other Party's assigned NXX codes. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, neither Party shall impose any fees or charges whatsoever on the other Party for such activities.
- 13.3 Unless otherwise required by Commission order, the Rate Center Areas will be the same for each Party. During the term of this Agreement, BTLLC shall adopt the Rate Center Area and Rate Center Points that the Commission has approved for Verizon within the LATA and Tandem serving area, in all areas where Verizon and BTLLC service areas overlap. BTLLC shall assign whole NPA-NXX codes to each Rate Center Area unless otherwise ordered by the FCC, the Commission or another governmental entity of appropriate jurisdiction, or the LEC industry adopts alternative methods of utilizing NXXs.
- 13.4 BTLLC will also designate a Routing Point for each assigned NXX code. BTLLC shall designate one location for each Rate Center Area in which the BTLLC has established NXX code(s) as the Routing Point for the NPA-NXXs associated with that Rate Center, and such Routing Point shall be within the same LATA as the Rate Center Area but not necessarily within the Rate Center Area itself. Unless specified otherwise, calls to subsequent NXXs of BTLLC will be routed in the same manner as calls to BTLLC's initial NXXs.
- 13.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, nothing in this Agreement is intended, and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed, to in any way constrain BTLLC's choices regarding the size of the local calling area(s)

that BTLCC may establish for its Customers, which local calling areas may be larger than, smaller than, or identical to Verizon's local calling areas.

14. Joint Network Implementation and Grooming Process; and Installation, Maintenance, Testing and Repair

14.1 Joint Network Implementation and Grooming Process.

Upon request of either Party, the Parties shall jointly develop an implementation and grooming process (the "Joint Grooming Process" or "Joint Process") which may define and detail, inter alia.

14.1.1 standards to ensure that Local Interconnection Trunks experience a grade of service, availability and quality which is comparable to that achieved on interoffice trunks within Verizon's network and in accord with all appropriate relevant industry-accepted quality, reliability and availability standards. Except as otherwise stated in this Agreement, trunks provided by either Party for Interconnection services will be engineered using a design-blocking objective of B.01.

14.1.2 the respective duties and responsibilities of the Parties with respect to the administration and maintenance of the trunk groups, including, but not limited to, standards and procedures for notification and discoveries of trunk disconnects;

14.1.3 disaster recovery provision escalations;

14.1.4 additional technically feasible and geographically relevant IP(s) in a LATA as provided in Section 8; and

14.1.5 such other matters as the Parties may agree, including, e.g., End Office to End Office high usage trunks as good engineering practices may dictate.

14.2 Installation, Maintenance, Testing and Repair.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, to the extent required by Applicable Law, Interconnection provided by a Party shall be equal in quality to that provided by such Party to itself, any subsidiary, affiliates or third party. If either Party is unable to fulfill its obligations under this Section 13.2, it shall notify the other Party of its inability to do so and will negotiate alternative intervals in good faith. The Parties agree that to the extent required by Applicable Law, the standards to be used by a Party for isolating and clearing any disconnections and/or other outages or troubles shall be at parity with standards used by such Party with respect to itself, any subsidiary, affiliate or third party.

14.3 Forecasting Requirements for Trunk Provisioning.

Within ninety (90) days of executing this Agreement, BTLCC shall provide Verizon a two (2) year traffic forecast. This initial forecast will provide the amount of traffic to be delivered to and from Verizon over each of the Local Interconnection Trunk groups over the next eight (8) quarters. The forecast shall be updated and provided to Verizon on an as-needed basis but no less frequently than semiannually. All forecasts shall comply with the Verizon CLEC Interconnection Trunking Forecast Guide and shall include, at a minimum, Access Carrier Terminal Location ("ACTL"), traffic type (Reciprocal Compensation Traffic/Toll Traffic, Operator Services, 911, etc.), code (identifies

trunk group), A location/Z location (CLLI codes for BTLLC-IPs and Verizon-IPs), interface type (e.g., DS1), and trunks in service each year (cumulative).

14.3.1 Initial Forecasts/Trunking Requirements. Because Verizon's trunking requirements will, at least during an initial period, be dependent on the Customer segments and service segments within Customer segments to whom BTLLC decides to market its services, Verizon will be largely dependent on BTLLC to provide accurate trunk forecasts for both inbound (from Verizon) and outbound (to Verizon) traffic. BTLLC will make such forecasts based on reasonable engineering criteria. Verizon will, provide the number of trunks indicated by BTLLC's forecast.

14.3.2 Monitoring and Adjusting Forecasts. Verizon may monitor traffic on each trunk group that it establishes at pursuant to BTLLC's forecast. For each trunk group with a utilization level of less than sixty percent (60%) (an "Underutilized Trunk Group"), unless the Parties agree otherwise, Verizon may notify BTLLC of its intent to disconnect a sufficient number of trunks to attain a utilization level of approximately sixty percent (60%) for each respective trunk group; provided that Verizon shall retain at least one (1) DS-1 (i.e., 24 DS0 trunks) in service for the trunk group), CLEC shall have the option to lease the Underutilized Trunk Group(s) and provided, further that in no case shall such disconnection by Verizon result in complete removal of all trunks between CLEC and a particular Verizon end point. If Verizon at BTLLC's request does not disconnect trunks on an Underutilized Trunk Group and the trunk group does not have a utilization of at least sixty percent (60%), Verizon may bill BTLLC for the excess trunks and facilities at the applicable rates provided for in the Pricing Attachment; provided that Verizon shall not charge BTLLC for excess trunks and facilities pursuant to this sentence if the number of trunks in the Underutilized Trunk Group does not exceed the number of trunks in one DS-1 (i.e., 24 DS0 trunks).

15. Number Portability - Section 251(B)(2)

15.1 Scope.

The Parties shall provide Number Portability ("NP") in accordance with rules and regulations as from time to time prescribed by the FCC.

15.2 Procedures for Providing LNP ("Long-term Number Portability").

The Parties will follow the LNP provisioning process recommended by the North American Numbering Council (NANC) and adopted by the FCC. In addition, the Parties agree to follow the LNP ordering procedures established at the Ordering And Billing Forum (OBF). The Parties shall provide LNP on a reciprocal basis.

15.2.1 A Customer of one Party ("Party A") elects to become a Customer of the other Party ("Party B"). The Customer elects to utilize the original telephone number(s) corresponding to the Telephone Exchange Service(s) it previously received from Party A, in conjunction with the Telephone Exchange Service(s) it will now receive from Party B. After

Party B has received authorization from an end user customer and sends a LSR to Party A, Parties A and B will work together to port the customer's telephone number(s) from Party A's network to Party B's network.

- 15.2.2 When a telephone number is ported out of Party A's network, Party A will remove any non-proprietary line based calling card(s) associated with the ported number(s) from its Line Information Database ("LIDB"). Reactivation of the line-based calling card in another LIDB, if desired, is the responsibility of Party B or Party B's customer.
- 15.2.3 When a customer of Party A ports their telephone numbers to Party B and the customer has previously secured a reservation of line numbers from Party A for possible activation at a future point, these reserved but inactive numbers may be ported along with the active numbers to be ported provided the numbers have been reserved for the customer. Party B may request that Party A port all reserved numbers assigned to the customer or that Party A port only those numbers listed by Party B. As long as Party B maintains reserved but inactive numbers ported for the customer, Party A shall not reassign those numbers. Party B shall not reassign the reserved numbers to another end user customer.
- 15.2.4 When a customer of Party A ports their telephone numbers to Party B, in the process of porting the customer's telephone numbers, Party A shall implement the ten-digit trigger feature where it is available. When Party A receives the porting request, the unconditional trigger shall be applied to the customer's line before the due date of the porting activity. When the ten-digit unconditional trigger is not available, Party A and Party B must coordinate the disconnect activity.
- 15.2.5 The Parties shall furnish each other with the Jurisdiction Information Parameter (JIP) in the Initial Address Message (IAM), containing a Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG)-assigned NPA-NXX (6 digits) identifying the originating switch on calls originating from LNP capable switches.
- 15.2.6 Where LNP is commercially available, the NXXs in the office shall be defined as portable, except as noted in 14.2.7, and translations will be changed in the Parties' switches to open those NXXs for database queries in all applicable LNP capable offices within the LATA of the given switch(es). On a prospective basis, all newly deployed switches will be equipped with LNP capability and so noted in the LERG.
- 15.2.7 All NXXs assigned to LNP capable switches are to be designated as portable unless a NXX(s) has otherwise been designated as non-portable. Non-portable NXXs include NXX codes assigned to paging, cellular and wireless services; codes assigned for internal testing and official use; and any other NXX codes required to be designated as non-portable by the rules and regulations of the FCC. NXX codes assigned to mass calling on a choked network may not be ported using LNP technology but are portable using methods established by the NANC and adopted by the FCC. On a prospective basis, newly assigned codes in switches capable of porting shall become commercially available for porting with the effective date in the network.

15.2.8 Both Parties' use of LNP shall meet the performance criteria specified by the FCC. Both Parties will act as the default carrier for the other Party in the event that either Party is unable to perform the routing necessary for LNP.

15.2.9 Neither Party shall charge the other Party for LNP orders.

15.3 Procedures for Providing NP Through Full NXX Code Migration.

Where a Party has activated an entire NXX for a single Customer, or activated at least eighty percent (80%) of an NXX for a single Customer, with the remaining numbers in that NXX either reserved for future use by that Customer or otherwise unused, if such Customer chooses to receive Telephone Exchange Service from the other Party, the first Party shall cooperate with the second Party to have the entire NXX reassigned in the LERG (and associated industry databases, routing tables, etc.) to an End Office operated by the second Party. Such transfer will be accomplished with appropriate coordination between the Parties and subject to appropriate industry lead times for movements of NXXs from one switch to another. Neither Party shall charge the other in connection with this coordinated transfer.

15.4 Procedures for Providing INP (Interim Number Portability).

The Parties shall provide Interim Number Portability ("INP") in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the FCC and state regulatory bodies, the Parties respective company procedures, and as set forth in this Section 14.4. The Parties shall provide INP on a reciprocal basis.

15.4.1 In the event that either Party, Party B, wishes to serve a Customer currently served at an End Office of the other Party, Party A, and that End Office is not LNP-capable, Party A shall make INP available. INP will be provided by remote call forwarding (RCF) and/or direct inward dialing (DID) technology, which will forward terminating calls to Party B's End Office. Party B shall provide Party A with an appropriate "forward-to" number.

15.4.2 Prices for INP and formulas for sharing Terminating access revenues associated with INP shall be provided where applicable, upon request by BTLLC.

15.4.3 Either Party wishing to use DID to provide for INP must request a dedicated trunk group from the End Office where the DID numbers are currently served to the new serving-End Office. If there are no existing facilities between the respective End Offices, the dedicated facilities and transport trunks will be provisioned as unbundled service through the ASR provisioning process. The requesting party will reroute the DID numbers to the pre-positioned trunk group using the LSR provisioning process. DID trunk rates are contained in the Parties' respective tariffs.

15.4.4 The Parties Agree that, per FCC 98-275, Paragraph 16, effective upon the date LNP is available at any End Office of one Party, Party A, providing INP for Customers of the other Party, Party B, no further orders will be accepted for new INP at that End Office. Orders for new INP received prior to that date, and change orders for existing INP, shall be worked by Party A. Orders for new INP received by Party A

on or after that date shall be rejected. Existing INP will be grandfathered, subject to Section 14.4.5, below.

- 15.4.5 In offices equipped with LNP prior to September 1, 1999 for former Bell Atlantic offices and October 1, 2000 for former GTE offices, the Parties agree to work together to convert all existing INP-served Customers to LNP by December 31, 2000 in accordance with a mutually agreed to conversion process and schedule. If mutually agreed to by the Parties, the conversion period may be extended one time by no more than 90 days from December 31, 2000.
- 15.4.6 Upon availability of LNP after October 1, 2000 at an End Office of either Party, both Parties agree to work together to convert the existing INP-served Customers to LNP by no later than 90 days from the date of LNP availability unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.
- 15.4.7 When, through no fault of Verizon's, all INP have not been converted to LNP at the end of the agreed to conversion period, then the remaining INPs will be changed to a functionally equivalent tariff service and billed to the CLEC at the tariff rate(s) for the subject jurisdiction.

15.5 Procedures for LNP Request.

The Parties shall provide for the requesting of End Office LNP capability on a reciprocal basis through a written request. The Parties acknowledge that Verizon has deployed LNP throughout its network in compliance with FCC 96-286 and other applicable FCC rules.

- 15.5.1 If Party B desires to have LNP capability deployed in an End Office of Party A, which is not currently capable, Party B shall issue a BFR to the Party A. Party A respond to the Party B, within ten (10) days of receipt of the BFR, with a date for which LNP will be available in the requested End Office. Party A shall proceed to provide for LNP in compliance with the procedures and timelines set forth in FCC 96-286, Paragraph 80, and FCC 97-74, Paragraphs 65 through 67.
- 15.5.2 The Parties acknowledge that each can determine the LNP-capable End Offices of the other through the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG). In addition the Parties shall make information available upon request showing their respective LNP-capable End Offices, as set forth in this Section 14.5.

RESALE ATTACHMENT

1. General

Verizon shall provide to BTLLC, in accordance with this Agreement (including, but not limited to, Verizon's applicable Tariffs) and the requirements of Applicable Law (including, but not limited to, Sections 251(b)(1), 251(c)(4) and 271(c)(2)(B)(xiv) of the Act), Verizon's Telecommunications Services for resale by BTLLC; provided, that notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Verizon shall be obligated to provide Telecommunications Services to BTLLC only to the extent required by Applicable Law and may decline to provide a Telecommunications Service to BTLLC to the extent that provision of such Telecommunications Service is not required by Applicable Law.

2. Use of Verizon Telecommunications Services

- 2.1 Verizon Telecommunications Services may be purchased by BTLLC under this Resale Attachment only for the purpose of resale by BTLLC as a Telecommunications Carrier. Verizon Telecommunications Services to be purchased by BTLLC for other purposes (including, but not limited to, BTLLC's own use) must be purchased by BTLLC pursuant to other applicable Attachments to this Agreement (if any), or separate written agreements, including, but not limited to, applicable Verizon Tariffs.
- 2.2 BTLLC shall not resell:
- 2.2.1 Residential service to persons not eligible to subscribe to such service from Verizon (including, but not limited to, business or other nonresidential Customers);
 - 2.2.2 Lifeline, Link Up America, or other means-tested service offerings, to persons not eligible to subscribe to such service offerings from Verizon;
 - 2.2.3 Grandfathered or discontinued service offerings to persons not eligible to subscribe to such service offerings from Verizon; or
 - 2.2.4 Any other Verizon service in violation of a restriction stated in this Agreement (including, but not limited to, a Verizon Tariff) that is not prohibited by Applicable Law.
 - 2.2.5 In addition to any other actions taken by BTLLC to comply with this Section 2.2, BTLLC shall take those actions required by Applicable Law to determine the eligibility of BTLLC Customers to purchase a service, including, but not limited to, obtaining any proof or certification of eligibility to purchase Lifeline, Link Up America, or other means-tested services, required by Applicable Law. BTLLC shall indemnify Verizon from any Claims resulting from BTLLC's failure to take such actions required by Applicable Law.
 - 2.2.6 Verizon may perform audits to confirm BTLLC's conformity to the provisions of this Section 2.2. Such audits may be performed twice per calendar year and shall be performed in accordance with Sections 4.4.2 through 4.4.4 of the General Terms and Conditions.

- 2.3 BTLLC shall be subject to the same limitations that Verizon's Customers are subject to with respect to any Telecommunications Service that Verizon grandfathers or discontinues offering. Without limiting the foregoing, except to the extent that Verizon follows a different practice for Verizon Customers in regard to a grandfathered Telecommunications Service, such grandfathered Telecommunications Service: (a) shall be available only to a Customer that already has such Telecommunications Service; (b) may not be moved to a new service location; and, (c) will be furnished only to the extent that facilities continue to be available to provide such Telecommunications Service.
- 2.4 BTLLC shall not be eligible to participate in any Verizon plan or program under which Verizon Customers may obtain products or services which are not Verizon Telecommunications Services, in return for trying, agreeing to purchase, purchasing, or using, Verizon Telecommunications Services.
- 2.5 In accordance with 47 CFR § 51.617(b), Verizon shall be entitled to all charges for Verizon Exchange Access services used by interexchange carriers to provide service to BTLLC Customers.

3. Availability of Verizon Telecommunications Services

- 3.1 Verizon will provide a Verizon Telecommunications Service to BTLLC for resale pursuant to this Attachment where and to the same extent, but only where and to the same extent, that such Verizon Telecommunications Service is provided to Verizon's Customers.
- 3.2 Except as otherwise required by Applicable Law, subject to Section 3.1, Verizon shall have the right to add, modify, grandfather, discontinue or withdraw, Verizon Telecommunications Services at any time, without the consent of BTLLC.
- 3.3 To the extent required by Applicable Law, the Verizon Telecommunications Services to be provided to BTLLC for resale pursuant to this Attachment will include a Verizon Telecommunications Service customer-specific contract service arrangement ("CSA") (such as a customer specific pricing arrangement or individual case based pricing arrangement) that Verizon is providing to a Verizon Customer at the time the CSA is requested by BTLLC.

4. Responsibility for Charges

BTLLC shall be responsible for and pay all charges for any Verizon Telecommunications Services provided by Verizon pursuant to this Resale Attachment.

5. Operations Matters

- 5.1 Facilities.
 - 5.1.1 Verizon and its suppliers shall retain all of their right, title and interest in all facilities, equipment, software, information, and wiring, used to provide Verizon Telecommunications Services.
 - 5.1.2 Verizon shall have access at all reasonable times to BTLLC Customer locations for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, and removing, facilities, equipment, software, and wiring, used to provide the Verizon Telecommunications Services. BTLLC shall, at BTLLC's expense, obtain any rights and authorizations necessary for such access.

5.1.3 Except as otherwise agreed to in writing by Verizon, Verizon shall not be responsible for the installation, inspection, repair, maintenance, or removal, of facilities, equipment, software, or wiring, provided by BTLLC or BTLLC Customers for use with Verizon Telecommunications Services.

5.2 Branding.

5.2.1 Except as stated in Section 5.2.2, in providing Verizon Telecommunications Services to BTLLC, Bell Atlantic shall have the right (but not the obligation) to identify the Verizon Telecommunications Services with Verizon's trade names, trademarks and service marks ("Verizon Marks"), to the same extent that these Services are identified with Verizon's Marks when they are provided to Verizon's Customers. Any such identification of Verizon's Telecommunications Services shall not constitute the grant of a license or other right to BTLLC to use Verizon's Marks.

5.2.2 To the extent required by Applicable Law, upon request by BTLLC and at prices, terms and conditions to be negotiated by BTLLC and Verizon, Verizon shall provide Verizon Telecommunications Services for resale that are identified by BTLLC's trade name, or that are not identified by trade name, trademark or service mark.

5.2.3 If Verizon uses a third-party contractor to provide Verizon Operator Services or Verizon Directory Assistance Services, BTLLC will be responsible for entering into a direct contractual arrangement with the third-party contractor at BTLLC's expense (a) to obtain identification of Verizon Operator Services or Verizon Directory Assistance Services purchased by BTLLC for resale with BTLLC's trade name, or (b) to obtain removal of trade name, trademark or service mark identification from Verizon Operator Services or Verizon Directory Assistance Services purchased by BTLLC for resale.

UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS (UNEs) ATTACHMENT

1. General

- 1.1 Verizon shall provide to BTLLC, in accordance with this Agreement (including, but not limited to, Verizon's applicable Tariffs) and the requirements of Applicable Law, access to Verizon's Network Elements on an unbundled basis and in combinations (Combinations); provided, however, that notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Verizon shall be obligated to provide unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) and Combinations to BTLLC only to the extent required by Applicable Law and may decline to provide UNEs or Combination to BTLLC to the extent that provision of such UNEs or Combination are not required by Applicable Law.
- 1.2 Except as otherwise required by Applicable Law: (a) Verizon shall be obligated to provide a UNE or Combination pursuant to this Agreement only to the extent such UNE or Combination, and the equipment and facilities necessary to provide such UNE or Combination, are available in Verizon's network; (b) Verizon shall have no obligation to construct or deploy new facilities or equipment to offer any UNE or Combination; and, (c) Verizon shall not be obligated to combine UNEs that are not already combined in Verizon's network. BTLLC shall not directly or through a third party (e.g., BTLLC's Customer) order Telecommunications Services from Verizon in order to impose on Verizon an obligation to provide a UNE or a Combination that Verizon would not otherwise have an obligation to provide. For example, BTLLC shall not order Telecommunications Services or advise its Customer to order Telecommunications Services where existing UNEs or Combination desired by BTLLC are not available in order to permit BTLLC to subsequently convert the Telecommunications Services to the UNEs or Combinations desired by BTLLC.
- 1.3 BTLLC may use a UNE or Combination only for those purposes for which Verizon is required by Applicable Law to provide such UNE or Combination to BTLLC. Without limiting the foregoing, BTLLC may use a UNE or Combination (a) only to provide a Telecommunications Service and (b) to provide Exchange Access services only to the extent that Verizon is required by Applicable Law to provide such UNE or Combination to BTLLC in order to allow BTLLC to provide such Exchange Access services.
- 1.4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement:
 - 1.4.1 To the extent that Verizon is required by a change in Applicable Law to provide a UNE or Combination not offered under this Agreement to BTLLC as of the Effective Date, the terms, conditions and prices for such UNE or Combination (including, but not limited to, the terms and conditions defining the UNE or Combination and stating when and where the UNE or Combination will be available and how it will be used, and terms, conditions and prices for pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, repair, maintenance and billing) shall be as provided in an applicable Tariff of Verizon, or, in the absence of an applicable Verizon Tariff, as mutually agreed by the Parties.
 - 1.4.2 Verizon shall not be obligated to provide to BTLLC, and BTLLC shall not request from Verizon, access to a proprietary advanced intelligent network service.
- 1.5 Without limiting Verizon's rights pursuant to Applicable Law or any other section of this Agreement to terminate its provision of a UNE or a Combination, if Verizon

provides a UNE or Combination to BTLLC, and the Commission, the FCC, a court or other governmental body of appropriate jurisdiction determines or has determined that Verizon is not required by Applicable Law to provide such UNEs or Combination, Verizon may terminate its provision of such UNE or Combination to BTLLC. If Verizon terminates its provision of a UNE or a Combination to BTLLC pursuant to this Section 1.5 and BTLLC elects to purchase other Services offered by Verizon in place of such UNE or Combination, then: (a) Verizon shall reasonably cooperate with BTLLC to coordinate the termination of such UNE or Combination and the installation of such Services to minimize the interruption of service to Customers of BTLLC; and, (b) BTLLC shall pay all applicable charges for such Services, including, but not limited to, all applicable installation charges.

- 1.6 Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute an agreement by Verizon that any item identified in this Agreement as a UNE is (i) a Network Element under Applicable Law, or (ii) a Network Element Verizon is required by Applicable Law to provide to BTLLC on an unbundled basis.
- 1.7 Except as otherwise expressly stated in this Agreement, BTLLC shall access Verizon's UNEs specifically identified in this Agreement via Collocation in accordance with the Collocation Attachment at the Verizon Wire Center where those elements exist, and each Loop or Port shall, in the case of Collocation, be delivered to BTLLC's Collocation node by means of a Cross Connection.
- 1.8 If as the result of BTLLC Customer actions (i.e., Customer Not Ready ("CNR")), Verizon cannot complete requested work activity when a technician has been dispatched to the BTLLC Customer premises, BTLLC will be assessed a non-recurring charge associated with this visit. This charge will be the sum of the applicable Service Order charge specified in the Pricing Attachment and the Premises Visit Charge as specified in Verizon's applicable retail or Wholesale Tariff.

2. Verizon's Provision of UNEs

Subject to the conditions set forth in Section 1, in accordance with, but only to the extent required by, Applicable Law, Verizon shall provide BTLLC access to the following:

- 2.1 Loops, as set forth in Section 3;
- 2.2 Line Sharing, as set forth in Section 4;
- 2.3 Line Splitting, as set forth in Section 5;
- 2.4 Sub-Loops, as set forth in Section 6;
- 2.5 Inside Wire, as set forth in Section 7;
- 2.6 Dark Fiber, as set forth in Section 8;
- 2.7 Network Interface Device, as set forth in Section 9;
- 2.8 Switching Elements, as set forth in Section 10;
- 2.9 Interoffice Transmission Facilities, as set forth in Section 11;
- 2.10 Signaling Networks and Call-Related Databases, as set forth in Section 12;
- 2.11 Operations Support Systems, as set forth in Section 13; and

2.12 Other UNEs in accordance with Section 14.

3. Loop Transmission Types

Subject to the conditions set forth in Section 1, Verizon shall allow BTLCC to access Loops unbundled from local switching and local transport, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Section 3. Verizon shall allow BTLCC access to Loops in accordance with, but only to extent required by, Applicable Law. The available Loop types are as set forth below:

- 3.1 "2 Wire Analog Voice Grade Loop" or "Analog 2W" provides an effective 2-wire channel with 2-wire interfaces at each end that is suitable for the transport of analog Voice Grade (nominal 300 to 3000 Hz) signals and loop-start signaling. This Loop type is more fully described in Verizon TR-72565, as revised from time-to-time. If "Customer-Specified Signaling" is requested, the Loop will operate with one of the following signaling types that may be specified when the Loop is ordered: loop-start, ground-start, loop-reverse-battery, and no signaling. Customer specified signaling is more fully described in Verizon TR-72570, as revised from time-to-time.
- 3.2 "4-Wire Analog Voice Grade Loop" or "Analog 4W" provides an effective 4-wire channel with 4-wire interfaces at each end that is suitable for the transport of analog Voice Grade (nominal 300 to 3000 Hz) signals. This Loop type will operate with one of the following signaling types that may be specified when the service is ordered: loop-start, ground-start, loop-reverse-battery, duplex, and no signaling. This Loop type is more fully described in Bell Atlantic TR-72570, as revised from time-to-time.
- 3.3 "2-Wire ISDN Digital Grade Loop" or "BRI ISDN" provides a channel with 2-wire interfaces at each end that is suitable for the transport of 160 kbps digital services using the ISDN 2B1Q line code as described in ANSI T1.601-1998 and Verizon TR 72575 (, as TR 72575 is revised from time-to-time). In some cases loop extension equipment may be necessary to bring the line loss within acceptable levels. Verizon will provide loop extension equipment only upon request. A separate charge will apply for loop extension equipment.
- 3.4 "2-Wire ADSL-Compatible Loop" or "ADSL 2W" provides a channel with 2-wire interfaces at each end that is suitable for the transport of digital signals up to 8 Mbps toward the Customer and up to 1 Mbps from the Customer. ADSL-Compatible Loops will be available only where existing copper facilities are available and meet applicable specifications. Verizon will not build new copper facilities. The upstream and downstream ADSL power spectral density masks and dc line power limits in Verizon TR 72575, Issue 2, as revised from time-to-time, must be met.
- 3.5 "2-Wire HDSL-Compatible Loop" or "HDSL 2W" consists of a single 2-wire non-loaded, twisted copper pair that meets the carrier serving area design criteria. The HDSL power spectral density mask and dc line power limits referenced in Verizon TR 72575, Issue 2, as revised from time-to-time, must be met. 2-wire HDSL-compatible local loops will be provided only where existing facilities are available and can meet applicable specifications. Verizon will not build new copper facilities. The 2-wire HDSL-compatible loop is only available in former Bell Atlantic service areas. BTLCC may order a GTE Designed Digital Loop to provide similar capability in the GTE service area.
- 3.6 "4-Wire HDSL-Compatible Loop" or "HDSL 4W" consists of two 2-wire non-loaded, twisted copper pairs that meet the carrier serving area design criteria.

The HDSL power spectral density mask and dc line power limits referenced in Verizon TR 72575, Issue 2, as revised from time-to-time, must be met. 4-Wire HDSL-compatible local loops will be provided only where existing facilities are available and can meet applicable specifications. Verizon will not build new copper facilities.

- 3.7 "4-Wire DS1-compatible Loop" provides a channel with 4-wire interfaces at each end. Each 4-wire channel is suitable for the transport of 1.544 Mbps digital signals simultaneously in both directions using PCM line code. DS-1-compatible Loops will be available only where existing facilities can meet the specifications in ANSI T1.403 and Verizon TR 72575 (as TR 72575 is revised from time-to-time).
- 3.8 "2-Wire IDSL-Compatible Metallic Loop" consists of a single 2-wire non-loaded, twisted copper pair that meets revised resistance design criteria. This UNE loop, is intended to be used with very-low band symmetric DSL systems that meet the Class 1 signal power limits and other criteria in the draft T1E1.4 loop spectrum management standard (T1E1.4/2000-002R3) and are not compatible with 2B1Q 160 kbps ISDN transport systems. The actual data rate achieved depends upon the performance of CLEC-provided modems with the electrical characteristics associated with the loop. This loop cannot be provided via UDLC. IDLC-compatible local loops will be provided only where facilities are available and can meet applicable specifications. Verizon will not build new copper facilities.
- 3.9 "2-Wire SDSL-Compatible Loop", is intended to be used with low band symmetric DSL systems that meet the Class 2 signal power limits and other criteria in the draft T1E1.4 loop spectrum management standard (T1E1.4/2000-002R3). This UNE loop consists of a single 2-wire non-loaded, twisted copper pair that meets Class 2 length limit in T1E1.4/2000-002R3. The data rate achieved depends on the performance of the CLEC-provided modems with the electrical characteristics associated with the loop. SDSL-compatible local loops will be provided only where facilities are available and can meet applicable specifications. Verizon will not build new copper facilities.
- 3.10 "4-Wire 56 kbps Loop" is a 4-wire Loop that provides a transmission path that is suitable for the transport of digital data at a synchronous rate of 56 kbps in opposite directions on such Loop simultaneously. A 4-Wire 56 kbps Loop consists of two pairs of non-loaded copper wires with no intermediate electronics or it consists of universal digital loop carrier with 56 kbps DDS dataport transport capability. Verizon shall provide 4-Wire 56 kbps Loops to BTLLC in accordance with, and subject to, the technical specifications set forth in Verizon Technical Reference TR72575, Issue 2, as revised from time-to-time
- 3.11 "DS-3 Loops" will support the transmission of isochronous bipolar serial data at a rate of 44.736 Mbps or the equivalent of 28 DS-1 channels. The DS-3 Loop includes the electronics necessary to provide the DS-3 transmission rate. A DS-3 Loop will only be provided where the electronics are at the requested installation date currently available for the requested loop. Verizon will not install new electronics. DS-3 specifications are referenced in Verizon's TR72575 as revised from time to time).
- 3.12 "Digital Designed Loops" are comprised of designed loops that meet specific BTLLC requirements for metallic loops over 18k ft. or for conditioning of ADSL, HDSL, SDSL, IDSL, or BRI ISDN Loops. "Digital Designed Loops" may include requests for:

- 3.12.1 a 2W Digital Designed Metallic Loop with a total loop length of 18k to 30k ft., unloaded, with the option to remove bridged tap;
 - 3.12.2 a 2W ADSL Loop of 12k to 18k ft. with an option to remove bridged tap;
 - 3.12.3 a 2W ADSL Loop of less than 12k ft. with an option to remove bridged tap;
 - 3.12.4 a 2W HDSL Loop of less than 12k ft. with an option to remove bridged tap;
 - 3.12.5 a 4W HDSL Loop of less than 12k ft with an option to remove bridged tap;
 - 3.12.6 a 2 W Digital Designed Metallic Loop with Verizon-placed ISDN loop extension electronics;
 - 3.12.7 a 2W SDSL Loop with an option to remove bridged tap;
 - 3.12.8 a 2W IDSL Loop of less than 18k ft. with an option to remove bridged tap; and
- 3.13 Verizon shall make Digital Designed Loops available to BTLLC at the rates as set forth in the Pricing Attachment.
- 3.14 The following ordering procedures shall apply to the xDSL and Digital Designed Loops:
- 3.14.1 BTLLC shall place orders for Digital Designed Loops by delivering to Verizon a valid electronic transmittal service order or other mutually agreed upon type of service order. Such service order shall be provided in accordance with industry format and specifications or such format and specifications as may be agreed to by the Parties.
 - 3.14.2 Verizon is conducting a mechanized survey of existing Loop facilities, on a Central Office by Central Office basis, to identify those Loops that meet the applicable technical characteristics established by Verizon for compatibility with ADSL, HDSL, IDSL and SDSL signals. The results of this survey will be stored in a mechanized database and made available to BTLLC as the process is completed in each Central Office. BTLLC must utilize this mechanized loop qualification database, where available, in advance of submitting a valid electronic transmittal service order for an ADSL, HDSL, IDSL or SDSL Loop. Charges for mechanized loop qualification information are set forth in the Pricing Attachment.
 - 3.14.3 If the Loop is not listed in the mechanized database described in Section 3.14.2, BTLLC must request a manual loop qualification prior to submitting a valid electronic service order for an ADSL, HDSL, SDSL, IDSL, or BRI ISDN Loop. The rates for manual loop qualification are set forth in the Pricing Attachment. In general, Verizon will complete a manual loop qualification request within three Business Days, although Verizon may require additional time due to poor record conditions, spikes in demand, or other unforeseen events.
 - 3.14.4 If a query to the mechanized loop qualification database or manual loop qualification indicates that a Loop does not qualify (e.g., because

it does not meet the applicable technical parameters set forth in the Loop descriptions above), BTLLC may request an Engineering Query, as described in Section 3.14.6, to determine whether the result is due to characteristics of the loop itself.

- 3.14.5 If BTLLC submits a service order for an ADSL, HDSL, SDSL, IDSL, or BRI ISDN Loop that has not been prequalified, Verizon will query the service order back to the CLEC for qualification and will not accept such service order until the Loop has been prequalified on a *mechanized or manual basis*. If BTLLC submits a service order for an ADSL, HDSL, SDSL, IDSL, or BRI ISDN Loop that is, in fact, not compatible with such services in its existing condition, Verizon will respond back to BTLLC with a "Nonqualified" indicator and the with information showing whether the non-qualified result is due to the presence of load coils, presence of digital loop carrier, or loop length (including bridged tap).
- 3.14.6 Where BTLLC has followed the prequalification procedure described above and has determined that a Loop is not compatible with ADSL, HDSL, SDSL, IDSL, or BRI ISDN service in its existing condition, it may either request an Engineering Query to determine whether conditioning may make the Loop compatible with the applicable service; or if BTLLC is already aware of the conditioning required (e.g., where BTLLC has previously requested a qualification and has obtained loop characteristics), BTLLC may submit a service order for a Digital Designed Loop. Verizon will undertake to condition or extend the Loop in accordance with this Section 3.14 upon receipt of BTLLC's valid, accurate and pre-qualified service order for a Digital Designed Loop.
- 3.15 The Parties will make reasonable efforts to coordinate their respective roles in order to minimize provisioning problems. In general, where conditioning or loop extensions are requested by BTLLC, an interval of eighteen (18) Business Days will be required by Verizon to complete the loop analysis and the necessary construction work involved in conditioning and/or extending the loop as follows:
- 3.15.1 Three (3) Business Days will be required following receipt of BTLLC's valid, accurate and pre-qualified service order for a *Digital Designed Loop* to analyze the loop and related plant records and to create an Engineering Work Order.
- 3.15.2 Upon completion of an Engineering Query, Verizon will initiate the construction order to perform the changes/modifications to the Loop requested by BTLLC. Conditioning activities are, in most cases, able to be accomplished within fifteen (15) Business Days. Unforeseen conditions may add to this interval.

After the engineering and conditioning tasks have been completed, the standard Loop provisioning and installation process will be initiated, subject to Verizon's standard provisioning intervals.

- 3.16 If BTLLC requires a change in scheduling, it must contact Verizon to issue a supplement to the original service order. If BTLLC cancels the request for conditioning after a loop analysis has been completed but prior to the commencement of construction work, BTLLC shall compensate Verizon for an Engineering Work Order charge as set forth in the Pricing Attachment. If BTLLC cancels the request for conditioning after the loop analysis has been completed

and after construction work has started or is complete, BTLLC shall compensate Verizon for an Engineering Work Order charge as well as the charges associated with the conditioning tasks performed as set forth in the Pricing Attachment.

3.17 Conversion of Live Telephone Exchange Service to Analog 2W Loops.

3.17.1 The following coordination procedures shall apply to "live" cutovers of Verizon Customers who are converting their Telephone Exchange Services to BTLLC Telephone Exchange Services provisioned over Analog 2W unbundled Local Loops ("Analog 2W Loops") to be provided by Verizon to BTLLC:

3.17.1.1 Coordinated cutover charges shall apply to conversions of live Telephone Exchange Services to Analog 2W Loops. When an outside dispatch is required to perform a conversion, additional charges may apply. If BTLLC does not request a coordinated cutover, Verizon will process BTLLC's order as a new installation subject to applicable standard provisioning intervals.

3.17.1.2 BTLLC shall request Analog 2W Loops for coordinated cutover from Verizon by delivering to Verizon a valid electronic Local Service Request ("LSR"). Verizon agrees to accept from BTLLC the date and time for the conversion designated on the LSR ("Scheduled Conversion Time"), provided that such designation is within the regularly scheduled operating hours of the Verizon Regional CLEC Control Center ("RCCC") and subject to the availability of Verizon's work force. In the event that Verizon's work force is not available, BTLLC and Verizon shall mutually agree on a New Conversion Time, as defined below. BTLLC shall designate the Scheduled Conversion Time subject to Verizon standard provisioning intervals as stated in the Verizon CLEC Handbook, as may be revised from time to time. Within three (3) Business Days of Verizon's receipt of such valid LSR, or as otherwise required by Applicable Law, Verizon shall provide BTLLC the scheduled due date for conversion of the Analog 2W Loops covered by such LSR.

3.17.1.3 BTLLC shall provide dial tone at the BTLLC Collocation site at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Scheduled Conversion Time.

3.17.1.4 Either Party may contact the other Party to negotiate a new Scheduled Conversion Time (the "New Conversion Time"); provided, however, that each Party shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide four (4) business hours' advance notice to the other Party of its request for a New Conversion Time. Any Scheduled Conversion Time or New Conversion Time may not be rescheduled more than one (1) time in a Business Day, and any two New Conversion Times for a particular Analog 2W Loops shall differ by at least eight (8) hours, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

3.17.1.5 *If the New Conversion Time is more than one (1) business hour from the original Scheduled Conversion Time or from*

the previous New Conversion Time, the Party requesting such New Conversion Time shall be subject to the following:

- 3.17.1.5.1 If Verizon requests to reschedule outside of the one (1) hour time frame above, the Analog 2W Loops Service Order Charge for the original Scheduled Conversion Time or the previous New Conversion Time shall be waived upon request from BTLLC; and
 - 3.17.1.5.2 If BTLLC requests to reschedule outside the one (1) hour time frame above, BTLLC shall be charged an additional Analog 2W Loops Service Order Charge for rescheduling the conversion to the New Conversion Time.
 - 3.17.1.6 If BTLLC is not ready to accept service at the Scheduled Conversion Time or at a New Conversion Time, as applicable, an additional Service Order Charge shall apply. If Verizon is not available or ready to perform the conversion within thirty (30) minutes of the Scheduled Conversion Time or New Conversion Time, as applicable, Verizon and BTLLC will reschedule and, upon request from BTLLC, Verizon will waive the Analog 2W Loop Service Order Charge for the original Scheduled Conversion Time.
 - 3.17.1.7 The standard time interval expected from disconnection of a live Telephone Exchange Service to the connection of the Analog 2W Loops to BTLLC is fifteen (15) minutes per Analog 2W Loop for all orders consisting of twenty (20) Analog 2W Loops or less. Orders involving more than twenty (20) Loops will require a negotiated interval.
 - 3.17.1.8 Conversions involving LNP will be completed according to North American Numbering Council ("NANC") standards, via the regional Number Portability Administration Center ("NPAC").
 - 3.17.1.9 If BTLLC requires Analog 2W Loop conversions outside of the regularly scheduled Verizon RCCC operating hours, such conversions shall be separately negotiated. Additional charges (e.g. overtime labor charges) may apply for desired dates and times outside of regularly scheduled RCCC operating hours.
- 3.18 Verizon shall provide BTLLC access to its Loops at each of Verizon's Wire Centers for Loops terminating in that Wire Center. In addition, if BTLLC orders one or more Loops provisioned via Integrated Digital Loop Carrier or Remote Switching technology deployed as a Loop concentrator, Verizon shall, where available, move the requested Loop(s) to a spare physical Loop, if one is existing and available, at no additional charge to BTLLC. If, however, no spare physical Loop is available, Verizon shall within three (3) Business Days of BTLLC's request notify BTLLC of the lack of available facilities. BTLLC may then at its discretion make a Network Element Bona Fide Request pursuant to Section 14.3 to Verizon to provide the unbundled Local Loop through the demultiplexing of the integrated digitized Loop(s). BTLLC may also make a Network Element Bona Fide Request pursuant to Section 14.3 for access to Unbundled Local Loops at

the Loop concentration site point. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, standard provisioning intervals shall not apply to Loops provided under this Section 3.18.

4. Line Sharing

- 4.1 'Line Sharing' is an arrangement by which Verizon facilitates BTLLC's provision of ADSL (in accordance with T1.413), Splitterless ADSL (in accordance with T1.419), RADSL (in accordance with TR # 59), Multiple Virtual Line (MVL (a proprietary technology)), or any other xDSL technology that is presumed to be acceptable for shared line deployment in accordance with FCC rules, to a particular Customer location over an existing copper Loop that is being used *simultaneously by Verizon to provide analog circuit-switched voice grade service to that Customer by making available to BTLLC, solely for BTLLC's own use, the frequency range above the voice band on the same copper Loop required by BTLLC to provide such services.* This Section 4 addresses Line Sharing over loops that are entirely copper loops.
- 4.2 In accordance with, but only to the extent required by Applicable Law, Verizon shall provide Line Sharing to BTLLC for BTLLC's provision of ADSL (in accordance with T1.413), Splitterless ADSL (in accordance with T1.419), RADSL (in accordance with TR # 59), MVL (a proprietary technology), or any other xDSL technology that is presumed to be acceptable for shared line deployment in accordance with FCC rules, on the terms and conditions set forth herein. In order for a Loop to be eligible for Line Sharing, the following conditions must be satisfied for the duration of the Line Sharing arrangement: (i) the Loop must consist of a copper loop compatible with an xDSL service that is presumed to be acceptable for shared-line deployment in accordance with FCC rules; (ii) Verizon must be providing simultaneous circuit-switched analog voice grade service to the Customer served by the Loop in question; (iii) the Verizon Customer's dial tone must originate from a Verizon End Office Switch in the Wire Center where the Line Sharing arrangement is being requested; and (iv) the xDSL technology to be deployed by BTLLC on that Loop must not significantly degrade the *performance of other services provided on that Loop.*
- 4.3 Verizon shall make Line Sharing available to BTLLC at the rates set forth in the Pricing Attachment. In addition to the recurring and nonrecurring charges shown in the Pricing Attachment for Line Sharing itself, the following rates shown in the Pricing Attachment and in Verizon's applicable Tariffs are among those that may apply to a Line Sharing arrangement: (i) prequalification charges to determine whether a Loop is xDSL compatible (i.e., compatible with an xDSL service that is presumed to be acceptable for shared-line deployment in accordance with FCC rules); (ii) engineering query charges, engineering work order charges, or Loop conditioning (Digital Designed Loop) charges; (iii) charges associated with Collocation activities requested by BTLLC; and (iv) misdirected dispatch charges, charges for installation or repair, manual intervention surcharges, trouble isolation charges, and pair swap/line and station transfer charges.
- 4.4 The following ordering procedures shall apply to Line Sharing:
- 4.4.1 To determine whether a Loop qualifies for Line Sharing, the Loop must first be prequalified to determine if it is xDSL compatible. BTLLC must utilize the mechanized or manual Loop qualification processes described in the terms applicable to Digital Designed Loops, as referenced in Section 4.4.5 below to make this determination.

- 4.4.2 BTLLC shall place orders for Line Sharing by delivering to Verizon a valid electronic transmittal service order or other mutually agreed upon type of service order. Such service order shall be provided in accordance with industry format and specifications or such format and specifications as may be agreed to by the Parties.
- 4.4.3 If the Loop is prequalified by BTLLC through the Loop prequalification database, and if a positive response is received and followed by receipt of BTLLC's valid, accurate and pre-qualified service order for Line Sharing, Verizon will return an LSR confirmation within twenty-four (24) hours (weekends and holidays excluded) for LSRs with less than six (6) loops and within 72 hours (weekends and holidays excluded) for LSRs with six (6) or more loops.
- 4.4.4 If the Loop requires qualification manually or through an Engineering Query, three (3) additional Business Days will be generally be required to obtain Loop qualification results before an order confirmation can be returned following receipt of BTLLC's valid, accurate request. Verizon may require additional time to complete the Engineering Query where there are poor record conditions, spikes in demand, or other unforeseen events.
- 4.4.5 If conditioning is required to make a Loop capable of supporting Line Sharing and BTLLC orders such conditioning, then Verizon shall provide such conditioning in accordance with the terms of this Agreement pertaining to Digital Designed Loops; or if this Agreement does not contain provisions pertaining to Digital Designed Loops, then in accordance with Verizon's generally available rates, terms and conditions applicable to Digital Design Loops; provided, however, that Verizon shall not be obligated to provide Loop conditioning if Verizon establishes that such conditioning is likely to degrade significantly the voice-grade service being provided to Verizon 's Customers over such Loops.
- 4.4.6 The standard Loop provisioning and installation process will be initiated for the Line Sharing arrangement only once the requested engineering and conditioning tasks have been completed on the Loop. Scheduling changes and charges associated with order cancellations after conditioning work has been initiated are addressed in the terms pertaining to Digital Designed Loops, as referenced in Section 4.4.5 above. Except as otherwise required by Applicable Law, provisioning intervals for the Line Sharing arrangement initially shall be the standard interval of six (6) Business Days applicable to 2W ADSL Loops. Where Applicable Law has ordered shorter intervals, the shortened intervals will apply in the event that a dispatch is not required, where conditioning work is not necessary and where facility modifications are not required. In no event shall the Line Sharing interval applied to BTLLC be longer than the interval applied to any Affiliate of Verizon. Line Sharing arrangements that require pair swaps or line and station transfers in order to free up facilities will have a provisioning interval of no less than six (6) Business Days.
- 4.4.7 BTLLC must provide all required Collocation, CFA, Special Bill Number ("SBN") and NC/NCI information when a Line Sharing arrangement is ordered. Collocation augments required, either at the Point of Termination (POT) Bay, Collocation node, or for splitter placement, must be ordered using standard collocation applications and

procedures, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties or specified in this Agreement.

- 4.4.8 The Parties recognize that Line Sharing is an offering that requires both Parties to make reasonable efforts to coordinate their respective roles in the roll out of Line Sharing in order to minimize provisioning problems and facility issues. BTLLC will provide reasonable, timely, *and accurate forecasts of its Line Sharing requirements, including splitter placement elections and ordering preferences.* These forecasts are in addition to projections provided for other stand-alone unbundled Loop types.
- 4.5 To the extent required by Applicable Law, BTLLC shall provide Verizon with information regarding the type of xDSL technology that it deploys on each shared Loop. Where any proposed change in technology is planned on a shared Loop, BTLLC must provide this information to Verizon in order for Verizon to update Loop records and anticipate effects that the change may have on the voice grade service and other Loops in the same or adjacent binder groups.
- 4.6 As described more fully in Verizon Technical Reference 72575, the xDSL technology used by BTLLC for Line Share Arrangements shall operate within the Power Spectral Density (PSD) limits set forth in T1.413-1998 (ADSL), T1.419-2000 (Splitterless ADSL), or TR59-1999 (RADSL), and MVL (a proprietary technology) shall operate within the 0 to 4 kHz PSD limits of T1.413-1998 and within the transmit PSD limits of T1.601-1998 for frequencies above 4 kHz, provided that the MVL PSD associated with audible frequencies above 4 kHz shall be sufficiently attenuated to preclude significantly degrading voice services. BTLLC's deployment of additional Advanced Services shall be subject to the applicable FCC Rules.
- 4.7 BTLLC may only access the high frequency portion of a Loop in a Line Sharing arrangement through an established Collocation arrangement at the Verizon Serving Wire Center that contains the End Office Switch through which voice grade service is provided to Verizon 's Customer. BTLLC is responsible for providing a splitter at that Wire Center that complies with ANSI specification T1.413 which employs Direct Current ("DC") blocking capacitors or equivalent technology to assist in isolating high bandwidth trouble resolution and maintenance to the high frequency portion of the frequency spectrum, and is designed so that the analog voice "dial tone" stays active when the splitter card is removed for testing or maintenance through one of the splitter options described below. BTLLC is also responsible for providing its own Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer ("DSLAM") equipment in the Collocation arrangement and any necessary Customer Provided Equipment ("CPE") for the xDSL service it intends to provide (including CPE splitters, filters and/or other equipment necessary for the end user to receive separate voice and data services across the shared Loop). Two splitter configurations are available. In both configurations, the splitter must be provided by BTLLC and must satisfy the same NEBS requirements that Verizon imposes on its own splitter equipment or the *splitter equipment of any Verizon Affiliate.* BTLLC must designate which splitter option it is choosing on the Collocation application or augment. Regardless of the option selected, the splitter arrangements must be installed before BTLLC submits an order for Line Sharing.

Splitter Option 1: Splitter in BTLLC Collocation Area

In this configuration, the BTLLC-provided splitter (ANSI T1.413 or MVL compliant) is provided, installed and maintained by BTLLC in its own Collocation

space within the Customer's serving End Office. The Verizon -provided dial tone is routed through the splitter in the BTLLC Collocation area. Any rearrangements will be the responsibility of BTLLC.

Splitter Option 2: Splitter in Verizon Area

In this configuration, Verizon inventories and maintains a BTLLC-provided splitter (ANSI T1.413 or MVL compliant) in Verizon space within the Customer's serving End Office. The splitters will be installed shelf-at-a-time.

In those serving End Offices where Verizon has employed the use of a POT Bay, the splitter will be installed (mounted) in a relay rack between the POT Bay and the MDF. The demarcation point is at the splitter end of the cable connecting BTLLC Collocation and the splitter. At BTLLC's option, installation of the splitter shelf may be performed by Verizon or by a Verizon -approved vendor designated by BTLLC.

In those serving End Offices where Verizon does not employ the use of a POT Bay, BTLLC provided splitter will be located via a virtual-LIKE collocation arrangement, to which BTLLC does not have access. BTLLC shall receive its DSL traffic via tie cables running from the MDF to the splitter and from the splitter to BTLLC's collocation arrangement. The demarcation point is the connection to the DSLAM from the splitter. The installation of the splitter shelf will be performed by Verizon or by a Verizon -approved vendor.

In either scenario, Verizon will control the splitter and will direct any required activity. Where a POT Bay is employed, Verizon will also perform all POT Bay work required in this configuration. Verizon will provide a splitter inventory to BTLLC upon completion of the required augment.

- 4.7.1 Where a new splitter is to be installed as part of an initial Collocation implementation, the splitter installation may be ordered as part of the initial Collocation application. Associated Collocation charges (application and engineering fees) apply. BTLLC must submit a new Collocation application, with the application fee, to Verizon detailing its request. Standard Collocation intervals will apply (unless Applicable Law requires otherwise).
- 4.7.2 Where a new splitter is to be installed as part of an existing Collocation arrangement, or where the existing Collocation arrangement is to be augmented (e.g., with additional terminations at the POT Bay or CLEC's collocation arrangement to support Line Sharing), the splitter installation or augment may be ordered via an application for Collocation augment. Associated Collocation charges (application and engineering fees) apply. BTLLC must submit the application for Collocation augment, with the application fee, to Verizon. Unless a longer interval is stated in Verizon's applicable Tariff, an interval of seventy-six (76) Business Days shall apply.
- 4.8 BTLLC will have the following options for testing shared Loops:
 - 4.8.1 In serving End Offices where a POT Bay has been employed for use the following options shall be available to BTLLC.
 - 4.8.1.1 Under Splitter Option 1, BTLLC may conduct its own physical tests of the shared Loop from BTLLC's collocation

area. If it chooses to do so, BTLLC may supply a test head to facilitate such physical tests, provided that: (a) the test head satisfies the same NEBS requirements that Verizon imposes on its own test head equipment or the test head equipment of any Verizon Affiliate; and (b) the test head does not interrupt the voice circuit to any greater degree than a conventional Mechanized Loop Test (MLT). Specifically, the BTLLC-provided test equipment may not interrupt an in-progress voice connection and must automatically restore any circuits tested in intervals comparable to MLT. This optional BTLLC-provided test head would be installed between the "line" port of the splitter and the POT Bay in order to conduct remote physical tests of the shared Loop.

- 4.8.1.2 Under Splitter Option 2, either Verizon or a Verizon - approved vendor selected by BTLLC may install a BTLLC-provided test head to enable BTLLC to conduct remote physical tests of the shared Loop. This optional BTLLC-provided test head may be installed at a point between the "line" port of the splitter and the Verizon -provided test head that is used by Verizon to conduct its own Loop testing. The BTLLC-provided test head must satisfy the same NEBS requirements that Verizon imposes on its own test head equipment or the test head equipment of any Verizon Affiliate, and may not interrupt the voice circuit to any greater degree than a conventional MLT test. Specifically, the BTLLC-provided test equipment may not interrupt an in-progress voice connection and must automatically restore any circuits tested in intervals comparable to MLT. Verizon will inventory, control and maintain the BTLLC-provided test head, and will direct all required activity.
- 4.8.1.3 Under either Splitter Option, if Verizon has installed its own test head, Verizon will conduct tests of the shared Loop using a Verizon -provided test head, and, upon request, will provide these test results to BTLLC during normal trouble isolation procedures in accordance with reasonable procedures.
- 4.8.1.4 Under either Splitter Option, Verizon will make MLT access available to BTLLC via RETAS after the service order has been completed. BTLLC will utilize the circuit number to initiate a test. This functionality will be available on October 31, 2000.
- 4.8.2 In those serving End Offices where Verizon has not employed a POT Bay for use, BTLLC will not be permitted to supply its own test head; Verizon will make its testing system available to BTLLC through use of the on-line computer interface test system at www.gte.com/wise. This system is available 24 hours, 7 days a week.
- 4.8.3 The Parties will continue to work cooperatively on testing procedures. To this end, in situations where BTLLC has attempted to use one or more of the foregoing testing options but is still unable to resolve the error or trouble on the shared Loop, Verizon and BTLLC will each dispatch a technician to an agreed-upon point to conduct a joint meet

test to identify and resolve the error or trouble. Verizon may assess a charge for a misdirected dispatch only if the error or trouble is determined to be one that BTLLC should reasonably have been able to isolate and diagnose through one of the testing options available to BTLLC above. The Parties will mutually agree upon the specific procedures for conducting joint meet tests.

- 4.8.4 Verizon and BTLLC each have a joint responsibility to educate its Customer regarding which service provider should be called for problems with their respective voice or Advanced Service offerings. Verizon will retain primary responsibility for voice band trouble tickets, including repairing analog voice grade services and the physical line between the NID at the Customer premise and the point of demarcation in the Central Office. BTLLC will be responsible for repairing advanced data services it offers over the Line Sharing arrangement. Each Party will be responsible for maintaining its own equipment. Before either Party initiates any activity on a new shared Loop that may cause a disruption of the voice or data service of the other Party, that Party shall first make a good faith effort to notify the other Party of the possibility of a service disruption. Verizon and BTLLC will work together to address Customer initiated repair requests and to prevent adverse impacts to the Customer.
- 4.8.5 When Verizon provides Inside Wire maintenance services to the Customer, Verizon will only be responsible for testing and repairing the Inside Wire for voice-grade services. Verizon will not test, dispatch a technician, repair, or upgrade Inside Wire to clear trouble calls associated with BTLLC's Advanced Services. Verizon will not repair any CPE equipment provided by BTLLC. Before a trouble ticket is issued to Verizon, BTLLC shall validate whether the Customer is experiencing a trouble that arises from BTLLC's Advanced Service. If the problem reported is isolated to the analog voice-grade service provided by Verizon, a trouble ticket may be issued to Verizon.
- 4.8.6 In the case of a trouble reported by the Customer on its voice-grade service, if Verizon determines the reported trouble arises from BTLLC's Advanced Services equipment, splitter problems, or BTLLC's activities, Verizon will:
 - 4.8.6.1 Notify BTLLC and request that BTLLC immediately test the trouble on BTLLC's Advanced Service.
 - 4.8.6.2 If the Customer's voice grade service is so degraded that the Customer cannot originate or receive voice grade calls, and BTLLC has not cleared its trouble within a reasonable time frame, Verizon may take unilateral steps to temporarily restore the Customer's voice grade service if Verizon determines in good faith that the cause of the voice interruption is BTLLC's data service.
 - 4.8.6.3 Upon completion of Sections 4.8.6.1 and 4.8.6.2 above, Verizon may temporarily remove the BTLLC-provided splitter from the Customer's Loop and switch port if Verizon determines in good faith that the cause of the voice interruption is BTLLC's data service. Prior to removing the BTLLC-provided splitter from the Customer's Loop and

switch port, Verizon will make commercially reasonable efforts to advise BTLLC that Verizon is taking this action.

- 4.8.6.4 Upon notification from BTLLC that the malfunction in BTLLC's advanced service has been cleared, Verizon will restore BTLLC's advanced service by restoring the splitter on the Customer's Loop.
- 4.8.6.5 Upon completion of the above steps, BTLLC will be charged a Trouble Isolation Charge (TIC) to recover Verizon's costs of isolating and temporarily removing the malfunctioning Advanced Service from the Customer's line if the cause of the voice interruption was BTLLC's data service.
- 4.8.6.6 Verizon shall not be liable for damages of any kind for temporary disruptions to BTLLC's data service that are the result of the above steps taken in good faith to restore the end user's voice-grade POTS service, and BTLLC shall indemnify Verizon from any claims that result from such steps.

5. Line Splitting

CLECs may provide integrated voice and data services over the same Loop by engaging in "line splitting" as set forth in paragraph 18 of the FCC's Line Sharing Reconsideration Order (CC Docket Nos. 98-147, 96-98), released January 19, 2001. Any line splitting between two CLECs shall be accomplished by prior negotiated arrangement between those CLECs. To achieve a line splitting capability, CLECs may utilize existing supporting OSS to order and combine in a line splitting configuration an unbundled xDSL capable Loop terminated to a collocated splitter and DSLAM equipment provided by a participating CLEC, unbundled switching combined with shared transport, collocator-to-collocator connections, and available cross-connects, under the terms and conditions set forth in their Interconnection Agreement(s). The participating CLECs shall provide any splitters used in a line splitting configuration. CLECs seeking to migrate existing UNE platform configurations to a line splitting configuration using the same unbundled elements utilized in the pre-existing platform arrangement may do so consistent with such implementation schedules, terms, conditions and guidelines as are agreed upon for such migrations in the ongoing DSL Collaborative in the State of New York, NY PSC Case 00-C-0127, allowing for local jurisdictional and OSS differences.

6. Sub-Loop

- 6.1 Sub-Loop. Subject to the conditions set forth in Section 1 of this Attachment and upon request, Verizon shall provide BTLLC with access to a Sub-Loop (as such term is hereinafter defined) in accordance with, and subject to, the terms and provisions of this Section 6 and the rates set forth in the Pricing Attachment. A "Sub-Loop" means a two-wire or four-wire metallic distribution facility in Verizon's network between a Verizon feeder distribution interface (an "FDI") and the rate demarcation point for such facility (or network interface device ("NID") if the NID is located at such rate demarcation point). Verizon shall provide BTLLC with access to a Sub-Loop in accordance with, but only to the extent required by, Applicable Law.
- 6.2 BTLLC may request that Verizon reactivate (if available) an unused drop and NID, install a new drop and NID if no drop and NID are available or provide BTLLC with access to a drop and NID that, at the time of BTLLC's request, Verizon is using to provide service to the Customer (as such term is hereinafter

defined). New drops will be installed in accordance with Verizon's standard procedures. In some cases this may result in BTLLC being responsible for the cost of installing the drop.

- 6.3 BTLLC may obtain access to a Sub-Loop only at an FDI and only from a Telecommunications Carrier outside plant cabinet (a "TOPIC") or, if BTLLC is collocated at a remote terminal equipment enclosure and the FDI for such Sub-Loop is located in such enclosure, from the collocation arrangement of BTLLC at such enclosure. To obtain access to a Sub-Loop, BTLLC shall install a TOPIC on an easement or Right of Way obtained by BTLLC within 100 feet of the Verizon FDI to which such Sub-Loop is connected. A TOPIC must comply with applicable industry standards. Subject to the terms of applicable Verizon easements, Verizon shall furnish and place an interconnecting cable between a Verizon FDI and a BTLLC TOPIC and Verizon shall install a termination block within such TOPIC. Verizon shall retain title to and maintain the interconnecting cable. Verizon shall not be responsible for building, maintaining or servicing the TOPIC and shall not provide any power that might be required by the CLEC for any electronics in the TOPIC. BTLLC shall provide any easement, Right of Way or trenching or supporting structure required for any portion of an interconnecting cable that runs beyond a Verizon easement.
- 6.4 BTLLC may request from Verizon by submitting a loop make-up engineering query to Verizon, and Verizon shall provide to BTLLC, the following information regarding a Sub-Loop that serves an identified Customer: the Sub-Loop's length and gauge, whether the Sub-Loop has loading and bridged tap, the amount of bridged tap (if any) on the Sub-Loop and the location of the FDI to which the Sub-Loop is connected.
- 6.5 To order access to a Sub-Loop, BTLLC must first request that Verizon connect the Verizon FDI to which the Sub-Loop is connected to a BTLLC TOPIC. To make such a request, BTLLC must submit to Verizon an application (a "Sub-Loop Interconnection Application") that identifies the FDI at which BTLLC wishes to access the Sub-Loop. A Sub-Loop Interconnection Application shall state the location of the TOPIC, the size of the interconnecting cable and a description of the cable's supporting structure. A Sub-Loop Interconnection Application shall also include a five-year forecast of BTLLC's demand for access to Sub-Loops at the requested FDI. BTLLC must submit the application fee set forth in the Pricing Attachment (a "Sub-Loop Application Fee") with a Sub-Loop Interconnection Application. BTLLC must submit Sub-Loop Interconnection Applications to:

BTLLC's Account Manager

- 6.6 Within sixty (60) days after it receives a complete Sub-Loop Interconnection Application for access to a Sub-Loop and the Sub-Loop Application Fee for such application, Verizon shall provide to BTLLC a work order that describes the work that Verizon must perform to provide such access (a "Sub-Loop Work Order") and a statements of the cost of such work (a "Sub-Loop Interconnection Cost Statement").
- 6.7 BTLLC shall pay to Verizon fifty percent (50%) of the cost set forth in a Sub-Loop Interconnection Cost Statement within sixty (60) days of BTLLC's receipt of such statement and the associated Sub-Loop Work Order, and Verizon shall not be obligated to perform any of the work set forth in such order until Verizon has received such payment. A Sub-Loop Interconnection Application shall be deemed to have been withdrawn if BTLLC breaches its payment obligation under this Section 6.7. Upon Verizon's completion of the work that Verizon must

perform to provide BTLLC with access to a Sub-Loop, Verizon shall bill BTLLC, and BTLLC shall pay to Verizon, the balance of the cost set forth in the Sub-Loop Interconnection Cost Statement for such access.

- 6.8 After Verizon has completed the installation of the interconnecting cable to a BTLLC TOPIC and BTLLC has paid the full cost of such installation, BTLLC can request the cross connection of Verizon Sub-Loops to the BTLLC TOPIC. At the same time, BTLLC shall advise Verizon of the services that BTLLC plans to provide over the Sub-Loop, request any conditioning of the Sub-Loop and assign the pairs in the interconnecting cable. BTLLC shall run any crosswires within the TOPIC.
- 6.9 If BTLLC requests that Verizon reactivate an unused drop and NID, then BTLLC shall provide dial tone (or its DSL equivalent) on the BTLLC side of the applicable Verizon FDI at least twenty-four (24) hours before the due date. On the due date, a Verizon technician will run the appropriate cross connection to connect the Verizon Sub-Loop to the BTLLC dial tone or equivalent from the TOPIC. If BTLLC requests that Verizon install a new drop and NID, then BTLLC shall provide dial tone (or its DSL equivalent) on the BTLLC side of the applicable Verizon FDI at least twenty-four (24) hours before the due date. On the due date, a Verizon technician shall run the appropriate cross connection of the facilities being reused at the Verizon FDI and shall install a new drop and NID. If BTLLC requests that Verizon provide BTLLC with access to a Sub-Loop that, at the time of BTLLC's request, Verizon is using to provide service to a Customer, then, after BTLLC has looped two interconnecting pairs through the TOPIC and at least twenty four (24) hours before the due date, a Verizon technician shall crosswire the dial tone from the Verizon central office through the Verizon side of the TOPIC and back out again to the Verizon FDI and Verizon Sub-Loop using the "loop through" approach. On the due date, BTLLC shall disconnect Verizon's dial tone, crosswire its dial tone to the Sub-Loop and submit BTLLC's long-term number portability request.
- 6.10 Verizon will not provide access to a Sub-Loop if Verizon is using the loop of which the Sub-Loop is a part to provide Line Sharing service to another CLEC or a service that uses derived channel technology to a Customer unless such other CLEC first terminates the Verizon-provided Line Sharing or such Customer first disconnects the service that utilizes derived channel technology.
- 6.11 Verizon shall provide BTLLC with access to a Sub-Loop in accordance with negotiated intervals
- 6.12 Verizon shall repair and maintain a Sub-Loop at the request of BTLLC and subject to the time and material rates set forth in the Pricing Attachment. BTLLC accepts responsibility for initial trouble isolation for Sub-Loops and providing Verizon with appropriate dispatch information based on its test results. If (a) BTLLC reports to Verizon a Customer trouble, (b) BTLLC requests a dispatch, (c) Verizon dispatches a technician, and (d) such trouble was not caused by Verizon Sub-Loop facilities or equipment in whole or in part, then BTLLC shall pay Verizon the charge set forth in the Pricing Attachment for time associated with said dispatch. In addition, this charge also applies when the Customer contact as designated by BTLLC is not available at the appointed time. If as the result of BTLLC instructions, Verizon is erroneously requested to dispatch to a site on Verizon company premises ("dispatch in"), a charge set forth in the Pricing Attachment will be assessed per occurrence to BTLLC by Verizon. If as the result of BTLLC instructions, Verizon is erroneously requested to dispatch to a site outside of Verizon company premises ("dispatch out"), a charge set forth in the Pricing Attachment will be assessed per occurrence to BTLLC by Verizon.

6.13 Collocation in Remote Terminals.

To the extent required by Applicable Law, Verizon shall allow BTLLC to collocate equipment in a Verizon remote terminal equipment enclosure in accordance with, and subject to, the rates, terms and conditions set forth in the Collocation Attachment.

7. **Inside Wire**

7.1 House and Riser.

Subject to the conditions set forth in Section 1 of this Attachment and upon request, Verizon shall provide to BTLLC access to a House and Riser Cable (as such term is hereinafter defined) in accordance with, and subject to, the terms and provisions of this Section 7 and the rates set forth in the Pricing Attachment. A "House and Riser Cable" means a two-wire or four-wire metallic distribution facility in Verizon's network between the minimum point of entry for a building where a premises of a Customer is located (such a point, an "MPOE") and the rate demarcation point for such facility (or network interface device ("NID") if the NID is located at such rate demarcation point). Verizon will provide access to a House and Riser Cable only if Verizon owns, operates, maintains and controls such facility and only where such facility is available. Verizon shall not reserve a House and Riser Cable for BTLLC. BTLLC may access a House and Riser Cable only at the MPOE for such cable. Verizon shall provide BTLLC with access to House and Riser Cables in accordance with, but only to the extent required by, Applicable Law.

BTLLC must satisfy the following conditions before ordering access to a House and Riser Cable from Verizon:

7.1.1 BTLLC shall locate its compatible terminal block within cross connect distance of the MPOE for such cable. A terminal block is within cross connect distance of an MPOE if it is located in the same room (not including a hallway) or within twelve (12) feet of such MPOE.

7.1.2 If suitable space is available, BTLLC shall install its terminal block no closer than within fourteen (14) inches of the MPOE for such cable, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

7.1.3 BTLLC's terminal block or equipment cannot be attached, otherwise affixed or adjacent to Verizon's facilities or equipment, cannot pass through or otherwise penetrate Verizon's facilities or equipment and cannot be installed so that BTLLC's terminal block or equipment is located in a space where Verizon plans to locate its facilities or equipment.

7.1.4 BTLLC shall identify its terminal block and equipment as a BTLLC facility.

7.2 To provide BTLLC with access to a House and Riser Cable, Verizon shall not be obligated to (a) move any Verizon equipment, (b) secure any Right of Way for BTLLC, (c) secure space for BTLLC in any building, (d) secure access to any portion of a building for BTLLC or (e) reserve space in any building for BTLLC.

7.3 BTLLC must ensure that its terminal block has been tested for proper installation, numbering and operation before ordering from Verizon access to a House and Riser Cable. Verizon shall perform cutover of a Customer to BTLLC

service by means of a House and Riser Cable subject to a negotiated interval. Verizon shall install a jumper cable to connect the appropriate Verizon House and Riser Cable pair to BTLLC's termination block, and Verizon shall determine how to perform such installation. BTLLC shall coordinate with Verizon to ensure that House and Riser Cable facilities are converted to BTLLC in accordance with BTLLC's order for such services.

- 7.4 If a BTLLC compatible connecting block or spare termination on BTLLC's connecting block is not available at the time of installation, Verizon shall bill BTLLC, and BTLLC shall pay to Verizon, the Not Ready Charge set forth in the Pricing Attachment and the Parties shall establish a new cutover date. Verizon may install a new House and Riser Cable subject to the time and material charges set forth in the Pricing Attachment.
- 7.5 Verizon shall perform all installation work on Verizon equipment. All BTLLC equipment connected to a House and Riser Cable shall comply with applicable industry standards.
- 7.6 Verizon shall repair and maintain a House and Riser Cable at the request of BTLLC and subject to the time and material rates set forth in the Pricing Attachment. BTLLC shall be solely responsible for investigating and determining the source of all troubles and for providing Verizon with appropriate dispatch information based on its test results. Verizon shall repair a trouble only when the cause of the trouble is a Verizon House and Riser Cable. If (a) BTLLC reports to Verizon a Customer trouble, (b) BTLLC requests a dispatch, (c) Verizon dispatches a technician, and (d) such trouble was not caused by a Verizon House and Riser Cable in whole or in part, then BTLLC shall pay Verizon the charge set forth in the Pricing Attachment for time associated with said dispatch. In addition, this charge also applies when the Customer contact as designated by BTLLC is not available at the appointed time. If as the result of BTLLC instructions, Verizon is erroneously requested to dispatch to a site on Verizon company premises ("dispatch in"), a charge set forth in the Pricing Attachment will be assessed per occurrence to BTLLC by Verizon. If as the result of BTLLC instructions, Verizon is erroneously requested to dispatch to a site outside of Verizon company premises ("dispatch out"), a charge set forth in the Pricing Attachment will be assessed per occurrence to BTLLC by Verizon.

8. Dark Fiber

- 8.1 Access to unbundled Dark Fiber will be provided by Verizon, where existing facilities are available at the requested availability date, in the loop, sub-loop and interoffice facilities (IOF) portions of the Company's network. Access to Dark Fiber will be provided in accordance with, but only to the extent required by, Applicable Law. Except as otherwise required by Applicable Law, the following terms and conditions apply to Verizon's Dark Fiber offering.
- 8.2 A "Dark Fiber Loop" consists of continuous fiber optic strand(s) in a Verizon fiber optic cable between the fiber distribution frame, or its functional equivalent, located within a Verizon Wire Center, and Verizon's main termination point, such as the fiber patch panel located within a Customer premise, and that has not been activated through connection to the electronics that "light" it, and thereby render it capable of carrying Telecommunications Services. In addition to the other terms and conditions of this Agreement, the following terms and conditions also shall apply to Dark Fiber Loops:
 - 8.2.1 Verizon shall be required to provide a Dark Fiber Loop only where (a) one end of the Dark Fiber Loop terminates at BTLLC's collocation

arrangement and (b) the other end terminates at the Customer premise. A CLEC demarcation point shall be established either in the main telco room of a building where a Customer is located or, if the building does not have a main telco room, then at a location to be determined by Verizon. Verizon shall connect a Dark Fiber Loop to the demarcation point by installing a fiber jumper.

- 8.2.2 BTLLC may access a Dark Fiber Loop only at a pre-existing hard termination point of such Dark Fiber Loop, and BTLLC may not access a Dark Fiber Loop at any other point, including, but not limited to, a splice point. Verizon will not introduce additional splice points or open existing splice points to accommodate a CLEC's request. Unused fibers located in a cable vault or a controlled environment vault, manhole or other location outside the Verizon Wire Center, and not terminated to a fiber patch, are not available to BTLLC.
- 8.2.3 A strand shall not be deemed to be continuous if splicing is required to provide fiber continuity between two locations. Dark Fiber will only be offered on a route-direct basis where facilities exist (i.e., no intermediate offices).
- 8.2.4 Verizon shall perform all work necessary to install a cross connection or a fiber jumper, including, but not limited to, the work necessary to connect a dark fiber to a demarcation point, a fiber distribution frame or a POT bay.
- 8.2.5 At the Customer premise, unused fibers are not available to BTLLC pursuant to this Attachment unless such fibers terminate on a fiber patch panel. Unused fibers in a fiber splice point located outside the Customer premise are not available to BTLLC.
- 8.2.6 Dark Fiber will be offered to BTLLC in the condition that it is available in Verizon's network at the time that BTLLC submits its request (i.e., "as is"). In addition, Verizon shall not be required to convert lit fiber to Dark Fiber for BTLLC's use.
- 8.2.7 Spare wavelengths on fiber strands, where Wave Division Multiplexing (WDM) or Dense Wave Division Multiplexing (DWDM) equipment is deployed, are not considered to be spare Dark Fiber Loops and, therefore, will not be offered to BTLLC as Dark Fiber.
- 8.2.8 BTLLC shall be responsible for providing all transmission, terminating and regeneration equipment necessary to light and use Dark Fiber.
- 8.2.9 BTLLC may not resell Dark Fiber purchased pursuant to this Attachment to third parties.
- 8.2.10 In order for Verizon to preserve the efficiency of its network, Verizon will limit BTLLC to leasing a maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the Dark Fiber in any given segment of Verizon's network during any two-year period. In addition, except as otherwise required by Applicable Law, Verizon may take any of the following actions, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement:
 - 8.2.10.1 Revoke Dark Fiber leased to BTLLC upon a showing of need to the Commission and twelve (12) months' advance written notice to BTLLC; and

- 8.2.10.2 Revoke Dark Fiber leased to BTLLC upon a showing to the Commission that BTLLC underutilized fiber (less than OC-12) within any twelve (12) month period.
 - 8.2.10.3 Reserve Dark Fiber for maintenance purposes, or to satisfy Customer orders for fiber related services or for future growth. Verizon reserves and shall not waive, Verizon's right to claim before the Commission that Verizon should not have to fulfill a BTLLC order for Dark Fiber because that request would strand an unreasonable amount of fiber capacity, disrupt or degrade service to Customers or carriers other than BTLLC, or impair a Verizon obligation to serve as a carrier of last resort.
 - 8.2.11 BTLLC may not reserve Dark Fiber.
 - 8.2.12 BTLLC shall be solely responsible for: (a) determining whether or not the transmission characteristics of the Dark Fiber accommodate the requirements of BTLLC; (b) obtaining any Rights of Way, governmental or private property permit, easement or other authorization or approval required for access to the Dark Fiber; (c) installation of fiber optic transmission equipment needed to power the Dark Fiber to transmit Telecommunications Services traffic; (d) installation of a demarcation point in a building where a Customer is located; and (e) augmenting BTLLC's collocation arrangements with any proper optical cross connects or other equipment that BTLLC needs to access Dark Fiber before it submits an order for such access.
- 8.3 Dark Fiber Interoffice Facilities (IOF).
- The Dark Fiber IOF UNE is defined as continuous fiber strand(s) that are located within a fiber optic cable sheath between either (a) two Verizon Central Offices or (b) a Verizon Central Office and a BTLLC central office but, in either case, without attached multiplexing, aggregation or other electronics. *Dark Fiber IOF* is available between the CLEC's collocation arrangements within two Verizon Central Offices, or between the CLEC's collocation arrangement in a Verizon Central Office and a CLEC CO/POP. To the extent applicable, the same terms and conditions regarding Dark Fiber Loop UNEs shall govern the Dark Fiber IOF UNE.
- 8.4 A Dark Fiber Inquiry Form must be submitted prior to submitting an ASR. Upon receipt of the CLEC's completed Inquiry Form, Verizon will initiate a review of its cable records to determine whether *dark fiber may be available between the locations and in the quantities specified*, Verizon will respond within fifteen (15) Business Days from receipt of the CLEC's request, indicating whether Unbundled Dark Fiber may be available based on the records search except that for voluminous requests or large, complex projects, Verizon reserves the right to negotiate a different interval.
 - 8.5 BTLLC shall order Dark Fiber IOF and Dark Fiber Loop UNEs by sending to Verizon a separate ASR for each A to Z route.
 - 8.6 Direct access to dark fiber loops, sub-loops, or IOF that terminates in a Verizon premise, must be accomplished via a collocation arrangement in that premise. In circumstances where collocation cannot be accomplished in the premises, the Parties agree to negotiate for possible alternative arrangements.

9. Network Interface Device

- 9.1 Subject to the conditions set forth in Section 1 and at BTLLC's request, Verizon shall permit BTLLC to connect a BTLLC Loop to the Inside Wiring of a Customer through the use of a Verizon NID in the manner set forth in this Section 9. Verizon shall provide BTLLC with access to NIDs in accordance with, but only to the extent required by, Applicable Law. BTLLC may access a Verizon NID either by means of a Cross Connection (but only if the use of such Cross Connection is technically feasible) from an adjoining BTLLC NID deployed by BTLLC or, if an entrance module is available in the Verizon NID, by connecting a BTLLC Loop to the Verizon NID. In all cases, Verizon shall perform this Cross Connection. When necessary, Verizon will rearrange its facilities to provide access to an existing Customer's Inside Wire. An entrance module is available only if facilities are not connected to it.
- 9.2 In no case shall BTLLC access, remove, disconnect or in any other way rearrange, Verizon's Loop facilities from Verizon's NIDs, enclosures, or protectors.
- 9.3 In no case shall BTLLC access, remove, disconnect or in any other way rearrange, a Customer's Inside Wire from Verizon's NIDs, enclosures, or protectors where such Customer Inside Wire is used in the provision of ongoing Telecommunications Service to that Customer.
- 9.4 In no case shall BTLLC remove or disconnect ground wires from Verizon's NIDs, enclosures, or protectors.
- 9.5 In no case shall BTLLC remove or disconnect NID modules, protectors, or terminals from Verizon's NID enclosures.
- 9.6 Maintenance and control of premises Inside Wiring is the responsibility of the Customer. Any conflicts between service providers for access to the Customer's Inside Wire must be resolved by the person who controls use of the wire (e.g., the Customer).

When BTLLC is connecting a BTLLC-provided Loop to the Inside Wiring of a Customer's premises through the Customer's side of the Verizon NID, BTLLC does not need to submit a request to Verizon and Verizon shall not charge BTLLC for access to the Verizon NID. In such instances, BTLLC shall comply with the provisions of Sections 9.2 through 9.7 of this Agreement and shall access the Customer's Inside Wire in the manner set forth in Section 7 of this Agreement.

- 9.7 Due to the wide variety of NIDs utilized by Verizon (based on Customer size and environmental considerations), BTLLC may access the Customer's Inside Wire, acting as the agent of the Customer by any of the following means:
- 9.7.1 Where an adequate length of Inside Wire is not present or environmental conditions do not permit, BTLLC may enter the Customer side of the Verizon NID enclosure for the purpose of removing the Inside Wire from the terminals of Verizon's NID and connecting a connectorized or spliced jumper wire from a suitable "punch out" hole of such NID enclosure to the Inside Wire within the space of the Customer side of the Verizon NID. Such connection shall be electrically insulated and shall not make any contact with the connection points or terminals within the Customer side of the Verizon NID.

- 9.7.2 BTLLC may request Verizon to make other rearrangements to the Inside Wire terminations or terminal enclosure on a time and materials cost basis to be charged to the requesting party (i.e. BTLLC, its agent, the building owner or the Customer). If BTLLC accesses the Customer's Inside Wire as described in this Section 9.7.2, time and materials charges will be billed to the requesting party (i.e. BTLLC, its agent, the building owner or the Customer).

10. Unbundled Switching Elements

Subject to the conditions set forth in Section 1, Verizon shall make available to BTLLC the Local Switching Element and Tandem Switching Element unbundled from transport, local Loop transmission, or other services, in accordance with this Agreement. Verizon shall provide BTLLC with access to the Local Switching Element and the Tandem Switching Element in accordance with, but only to the extent required by, Applicable Law.

10.1 Local Switching.

- 10.1.1 The unbundled Local Switching Element includes line side and trunk side facilities (e.g. line and trunk side Ports such as analog and ISDN line side Ports and DS1 trunk side Ports), plus the features, functions, and capabilities of the switch. It consists of the line-side Port (including connection between a Loop termination and a switch line card, telephone number assignment, basic intercept, one primary directory listing, presubscription, and access to 911, operator services, and directory assistance), line and line group features (including all vertical features and line blocking options that the switch and its associated deployed switch software is capable of providing and are currently offered to Verizon's local exchange Customers), usage (including the connection of lines to lines, lines to trunks, trunks to lines, and trunks to trunks), and trunk features (including the connection between the trunk termination and a trunk card).
- 10.1.2 Verizon shall offer, as an optional chargeable feature, usage tapes.
- 10.1.3 BTLLC may request activation or deactivation of features on a per-port basis at any time, and shall compensate Verizon for the non-recurring charges associated with processing the order. BTLLC may submit a Bona Fide Request in accordance with Section 14.3 for other switch features and functions that the switch is capable of providing, but which Verizon does not currently provide, or for customized routing of traffic other than operator services and/or directory assistance traffic. Verizon shall develop and provide these requested services where technically feasible with the agreement of BTLLC to pay the recurring and non-recurring costs of developing, installing, updating, providing and maintaining these services.

10.2 Network Design Request (NDR).

Prior to submitting any order for unbundled Local Switching (as an UNE or in combination with other UNEs), BTLLC shall complete the NDR process. As part of the NDR process, BTLLC shall request standardized or customized routing of its Customer traffic in conjunction with the provision of unbundled Local Switching.

If BTLLC selects customized routing, BTLLC shall define the routing plan and Verizon shall implement such plan, subject to technical feasibility constraints.

Time and Material Charges may apply.

10.3 Tandem Switching.

The unbundled Tandem Switching Element includes trunk-connect facilities, the basic switching function of connecting trunks to trunks, and the functions that are centralized in Tandem Switches. Unbundled Tandem switching creates a temporary transmission path between interoffice trunks that are interconnected at a Verizon access Tandem for the purpose of routing a call or calls.

11. Unbundled Interoffice Facilities

Subject to the conditions of Section 1, where facilities are available, at BTLLC's request, Verizon shall provide BTLLC with interoffice transmission facilities ("IOF") unbundled from other Network Elements in accordance with, but only to the extent required by Applicable Law, at the rates set forth in the Pricing Attachment; provided, however, that Verizon shall offer unbundled shared IOF only to the extent that BTLLC also purchases unbundled Local Switching capability from Verizon in accordance with Section 10 of this Attachment.

12. Signaling Networks and Call-Related Databases

- 12.1 In accordance with, but only to the extent required by, Applicable Law, Verizon shall provide BTLLC with access to databases and associated signaling necessary for call routing and completion by providing SS7 Common Channel Signaling ("CCS") Interconnection, and Interconnection and access to toll free service access code (e.g., 800/888/877) databases, LIDB, and any other necessary databases.
- 12.2 BTLLC shall provide Verizon with CCS Interconnection required for call routing and completion, and the billing of calls which involve BTLLC's Customers, at non-discriminatory rates, terms and conditions as provided in the Pricing Attachment, provided further that if the BTLLC information Verizon requires to provide such call-related functionality is resident in a database, BTLLC will provide Verizon with the access and authorization to query BTLLC's information in the databases within which it is stored.
- 12.3 Alternatively, either Party ("Purchasing Party") may secure CCS Interconnection from a commercial SS7 hub provider (third party signaling provider) to transport messages to and from the Verizon CCS network, and in that case the other Party will permit the Purchasing Party to access the same databases as would have been accessible if the Purchasing Party had connected directly to the other Party's CCS network. If a third party signaling provider is selected by BTLLC to transport signaling messages, that third party provider must present a letter of agency to Verizon, prior to the testing of the interconnection, authorizing the third party to act on behalf of BTLLC.
- 12.4 Regardless of the manner in which BTLLC obtains CCS Interconnection, BTLLC shall comply with Verizon's SS7 certification process prior to establishing CCS Interconnection with Verizon. If Verizon is already interconnected with a particular BTLLC switch that Verizon has determined to be SS7 compliant, additional SS7 certification testing will not be necessary with respect to that switch.
- 12.5 The Parties will provide CCS Signaling to each other, where and as available, in conjunction with all Reciprocal Compensation Traffic, Toll Traffic, Meet Point Billing Traffic, and Transit Traffic. The Parties will cooperate on the exchange of

TCAP messages to facilitate interoperability of CCS-based features between their respective networks, including all CLASS Features and functions, to the extent each Party offers such features and functions to its Customers. All CCS Signaling parameters will be provided upon request (where available), including called party number, Calling Party Number, originating line information, calling party category, and charge number. All privacy indicators will be honored as required under applicable law.

- 12.6 The Parties will follow all OBF-adopted standards pertaining to CIC/OZZ codes.
- 12.7 Where CCS Signaling is not available, in-band multi-frequency ("MF") wink start signaling will be provided. Any such MF arrangement will require a separate local trunk circuit between the Parties' respective switches in those instances where the Parties have established End Office to End Office high usage trunk groups. In such an arrangement, each Party will out pulse the full ten-digit telephone number of the called Party to the other Party.
- 12.8 The Parties acknowledge that there is a network security risk associated with interconnection with the public Internet Protocol network, including, but not limited to, the risk that interconnection of BTLLC signaling systems to the public Internet Protocol network may expose BTLLC and Verizon signaling systems and information to interference by third parties. BTLLC shall notify Verizon in writing sixty (60) days in advance of installation of any network arrangement that may expose signaling systems or information to access through the public Internet Protocol network. BTLLC shall take commercially reasonable efforts to protect its signaling systems and Verizon's signaling systems from interference by unauthorized persons.
- 12.9 Each Party shall provide trunk groups, where available and upon reasonable request, that are configured utilizing the B8ZS ESF protocol for 64 kbps clear channel transmission to allow for ISDN interoperability between the Parties' respective networks.
- 12.10 The following publications describe the practices, procedures and specifications generally utilized by Verizon for signaling purposes and are listed herein to assist the Parties in meeting their respective Interconnection responsibilities related to Signaling:
 - 12.10.1 Telcordia Generic Requirements, GR-905-CORE, Issue 1, March, 1995, and subsequent issues and amendments; and
 - 12.10.2 Where applicable, Verizon Supplement Common Channel Signaling Network Interface Specification (Verizon-905).
- 12.11 Each Party shall charge the other Party mutual and reciprocal rates for any usage-based charges for CCS Signaling, toll free service access code (e.g., 800/888/877) database access, LIDB access, and access to other necessary databases, as follows: Verizon shall charge BTLLC in accordance with the Pricing Attachment and the terms and conditions in applicable Tariffs. BTLLC shall charge Verizon rates equal to the rates Verizon charges BTLLC, unless BTLLC's Tariffs for CCS signaling provide for lower generally available rates, in which case BTLLC shall charge Verizon such lower rates. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent a Party uses a third party vendor for the provision of CCS Signaling, such charges shall apply only to the third party vendor.

13. Operations Support Systems

Subject to the conditions set forth in the Additional Services Attachment, Verizon shall provide BTLLC with access via electronic interfaces to databases required for pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and repair, and billing. All such transactions shall be submitted by BTLLC through such electronic interfaces.

14. Availability of Other UNEs on an Unbundled Basis

14.1 Any request by BTLLC for access to a Verizon Network Element that is not already available and that Verizon is required by Applicable Law to provide on an unbundled basis shall be treated as a Network Element Bona Fide Request pursuant to Section 14.3, below. BTLLC shall provide Verizon access to its Network Elements as mutually agreed by the Parties or as required by Applicable Law.

14.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 14, a Party shall not be required to provide a proprietary Network Element to the other Party under this Section 14 except as required by Applicable Law.

14.3 Network Element Bona Fide Request (BFR).

14.3.1 Each Party shall promptly consider and analyze access to a new unbundled Network Element in response to the submission of a Network Element Bona Fide Request by the other Party hereunder. The Network Element Bona Fide Request process set forth herein does not apply to those services requested pursuant to Report & Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking 91-141 (rel. Oct. 19, 1992) ¶¶ 259 and n.603 or subsequent orders.

14.3.2 A Network Element Bona Fide Request shall be submitted in writing and shall include a technical description of each requested Network Element.

14.3.3 The requesting Party may cancel a Network Element Bona Fide Request at any time, but shall pay the other Party's reasonable and demonstrable costs of processing and/or implementing the Network Element Bona Fide Request up to the date of cancellation.

14.3.4 Within ten (10) Business Days of its receipt, the receiving Party shall acknowledge receipt of the Network Element Bona Fide Request.

14.3.5 Except under extraordinary circumstances, within thirty (30) days of its receipt of a Network Element Bona Fide Request, the receiving Party shall provide to the requesting Party a preliminary analysis of such Network Element Bona Fide Request. The preliminary analysis shall confirm that the receiving Party will offer access to the Network Element or will provide a detailed explanation that access to the Network Element is not technically feasible and/or that the request does not qualify as a Network Element that is required to be provided by Applicable Law.

14.3.6 If the receiving Party determines that the Network Element Bona Fide Request is technically feasible and access to the Network Element is required to be provided by Applicable Law, it shall promptly proceed with developing the Network Element Bona Fide Request upon receipt of written authorization from the requesting Party. When it receives

such authorization, the receiving Party shall promptly develop the requested services, determine their availability, calculate the applicable prices and establish installation intervals. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, the Network Element requested must be priced in accordance with Section 252(d)(1) of the Act.

- 14.3.7 As soon as feasible, but not more than ninety (90) days after its receipt of authorization to proceed with developing the Network Element Bona Fide Request, the receiving Party shall provide to the requesting Party a Network Element Bona Fide Request quote which will include, at a minimum, a description of each Network Element, the availability, the applicable rates, and the installation intervals.
- 14.3.8 Within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the Network Element Bona Fide Request quote, the requesting Party must either confirm its order for the Network Element Bona Fide Request pursuant to the Network Element Bona Fide Request quote or seek arbitration by the Commission pursuant to Section 252 of the Act.
- 14.3.9 If a Party to a Network Element Bona Fide Request believes that the other Party is not requesting, negotiating or processing the Network Element Bona Fide Request in good faith, or disputes a determination, or price or cost quote, or is failing to act in accordance with Section 251 of the Act, such Party may seek mediation or arbitration by the Commission pursuant to Section 252 of the Act.

15. Maintenance of UNEs

If (a) BTLLC reports to Verizon a Customer trouble, (b) BTLLC requests a dispatch, (c) Verizon dispatches a technician, and (d) such trouble was not caused by Verizon's facilities or equipment in whole or in part, then BTLLC shall pay Verizon a charge set forth in the Pricing Attachment for time associated with said dispatch. In addition, this charge also applies when the Customer contact as designated by BTLLC is not available at the appointed time. BTLLC accepts responsibility for initial trouble isolation and providing Verizon with appropriate dispatch information based on its test results. If, as the result of BTLLC instructions, Verizon is erroneously requested to dispatch to a site on Verizon company premises ("dispatch in"), a charge set forth in the Pricing Attachment will be assessed per occurrence to BTLLC by Verizon. If as the result of BTLLC instructions, Verizon is erroneously requested to dispatch to a site outside of Verizon company premises ("dispatch out"), a charge set forth in the Pricing Attachment will be assessed per occurrence to BTLLC by Verizon. Verizon agrees to respond to BTLLC trouble reports on a non-discriminatory basis consistent with the manner in which it provides service to its own retail Customers or to any other similarly situated Telecommunications Carrier.

16. Rates and Charges

The rates and charges for the foregoing UNEs and other services shall be as set forth in this Attachment and the Pricing Attachment.

17. Combinations

Subject to the conditions set forth in Section 1, Verizon shall be obligated to provide a combination of Network Elements (a "Combination") only to the extent provision of such Combination is required by Applicable Law. To the extent Verizon is required by Applicable Law to provide a Combination to BTLLC, Verizon shall provide such Combination in accordance with, and subject to, requirements established by Verizon

that are consistent with Applicable Law (such requirements, the "Combo Requirements"). Verizon shall make the Combo Requirements publicly available in an electronic form.

COLLOCATION ATTACHMENT

1. Verizon's Provision of Collocation

Verizon shall provide to BTLLC, in accordance with this Agreement (including, but not limited to, Verizon's applicable Tariffs) and the requirements of Applicable Law, Collocation for the purpose of facilitating BTLLC's interconnection with facilities or services of Verizon or access to Unbundled Network Elements of Verizon; provided, that notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Verizon shall be obligated to provide Collocation to BTLLC only to the extent required by Applicable Law and may decline to provide Collocation to BTLLC to the extent that provision of Collocation is not required by Applicable Law. Subject to the foregoing, Verizon shall provide Collocation to BTLLC in accordance with the rates, terms and conditions set forth in Verizon's Collocation tariff, and Verizon shall do so regardless of whether or not such rates, terms and.

1.1 Types of Collocation.

Fiber Optic Patchcord Cross Connect.

The Fiber Optic Patchcord Cross Connect provides the communications path between Verizon's Fiber Distribution Panel (FDP) and BTLLC's collocated transmission equipment and facilities. The connection of the facilities would be made via a Fiber Optic Patchcord. The Fiber Optic Patchcord Cross Connect is limited in use solely in conjunction with access to unbundled Dark Fiber and unbundled optical Interoffice Facilities UNEs.

911 ATTACHMENT

1. 911/E-911 Arrangements

- 1.1 BTLLC may, at its option, interconnect to the Verizon 911/E-911 Selective Router or 911 Tandem Offices, as appropriate, that serve the areas in which BTLLC provides Telephone Exchange Services, for the provision of 911/E-911 services and for access to all subtending Public Safety Answering Points ("PSAP"). In such situations, Verizon will provide BTLLC with the appropriate CLLI codes and specifications of the Tandem Office serving area. In areas where E-911 is not available, BTLLC and Verizon will negotiate arrangements to connect BTLLC to the 911 service in accordance with applicable state law.
- 1.2 Path and route diverse Interconnections for 911/E-911 shall be made at the BTLLC-IP, the Verizon-IP, or other points as necessary and mutually agreed, and as required by law or regulation.
- 1.3 Within thirty (30) days of its receipt of a complete and accurate request from BTLLC, to include all required information and applicable forms, and to the extent authorized by the relevant federal, state, and local authorities, Verizon will provide BTLLC, where Verizon offers 911 service, with the following at a reasonable fee, if applicable:
 - 1.3.1 a file via electronic medium containing the Master Street Address Guide ("MSAG") for each county within the LATA(s) where BTLLC is providing, or represents to Verizon that it intends to provide within sixty (60) days of CLEC(s) request, local exchange service, which MSAG shall be updated as the need arises and a complete copy of which shall be made available on an annual basis.
 - 1.3.2 a list of the address and CLLI code of each 911/E-911 selective router or 911 Tandem office(s) in the area in which BTLLC plans to offer Telephone Exchange Service;
 - 1.3.3 a list of geographical areas, e.g., LATAs, counties or municipalities, with the associated 911 tandems, as applicable.
 - 1.3.4 a list of Verizon personnel who currently have responsibility for 911/E-911 requirements, including a list of escalation contacts should the primary contacts be unavailable.
 - 1.3.5 any special 911 trunking requirements for each 911/E-911 selective router or 911 Tandem Office, where available, and;
 - 1.3.6 prompt return of any BTLLC 911/E-911 data entry files containing errors, so that BTLLC may ensure the accuracy of the Customer records.

2. Electronic Interface

BTLLC shall use, where available, the appropriate Verizon electronic interface, through which BTLLC shall input and provide a daily update of 911/E-911 database information related to appropriate BTLLC Customers. In those areas where an electronic interface is not available, BTLLC shall provide Verizon with all appropriate 911/E-911 information such as name, address, and telephone number via facsimile for Verizon's entry into the 911/E-911 database system. Any 911/E-911-related data exchanged between the Parties prior to the availability of an electronic interface shall conform to Verizon

standards, whereas 911/E-911-related data exchanged electronically shall conform to the National Emergency Number Association standards ("NENA"). BTLLC may also use the electronic interface, where available, to query the 911/E-911 database to verify the accuracy of BTLLC Customer information.

3. 911 Interconnection

Verizon and BTLLC will use commercially reasonable efforts to facilitate the prompt, robust, reliable and efficient interconnection of BTLLC systems to the 911/E-911 platforms and/or systems.

4. 911 Facilities

BTLLC shall be responsible for providing facilities from the BTLLC End Office to the 911 Tandem or selective router. BTLLC shall deploy diverse routing of 911 trunk pairs to the 911 tandem or selective router.

5. Local Number Portability for use with 911

The Parties acknowledge that until Local Number Portability ("LNP") with full 911/E-911 compatibility is utilized for all ported telephone numbers, the use of Interim Number Portability ("INP") creates a special need to have the Automatic Location Identification ("ALI") screen reflect two numbers: the "old" number and the "new" number assigned by BTLLC. Therefore, for those ported telephone numbers using INP, BTLLC will provide the 911/E-911 database with both the forwarded number and the directory number, as well as all other required information including the appropriate address information for the customer for entry into the 911/E-911 database system. Further, BTLLC will outpulse the telephone number to which the call has been forwarded (that is, the Customer's ANI) to the 911 Tandem office or selective router. BTLLC will include their NENA five character Company Identification ("COID") for inclusion in the ALI display.

5.1 BTLLC is required to enter data into the 911/E-911 database under the NENA Standards for LNP. This includes, but is not limited to, using BTLLC's NENA COID to lock and unlock records and the posting of BTLLC's NENA COID to the ALI record where such locking and migrating feature for 911/E-911 records are available or as defined by local standards.

6. PSAP Coordination

Verizon and BTLLC will work cooperatively to arrange meetings with PSAPs to answer any technical questions the PSAPs, or county or municipal coordinators may have regarding the 911/E-911 arrangements.

7. 911 Compensation

BTLLC will compensate Verizon for connections to its 911/E-911 platform and/or system pursuant to the rate schedule included in this attachment.

8. 911 Rules and Regulations

BTLLC and Verizon will comply with all applicable rules and regulations (including 911 taxes and surcharges as defined by local requirements) pertaining to the provision of 911/E-911 services in Kentucky.

PRICING ATTACHMENT

1. General

- 1.1 As used in this Attachment, the term "Charges" means the rates, fees, charges and prices for a Service.
- 1.2 Except as stated in Section 2 or Section 3, below, Charges for Services shall be as stated in this Section 1.
- 1.3 The Charges for a Service shall be the Charges for the Service stated in the Providing Party's applicable Tariff.
- 1.4 In the absence of Charges for a Service established pursuant to Section 1.3, the Charges shall be as stated in Appendix A of this Pricing Attachment.
- 1.5 The Charges stated in Appendix A of this Pricing Attachment shall be automatically superseded by any applicable Tariff Charges. The Charges stated in Appendix A of this Pricing Attachment also shall be automatically superseded by any new Charge(s) when such new Charge(s) are required by any order of the Commission or the FCC, approved by the Commission or the FCC, or otherwise allowed to go into effect by the Commission or the FCC (including, but not limited to, in a Tariff that has been filed with the Commission or the FCC), provided such new Charge(s) are not subject to a stay issued by any court of competent jurisdiction.
- 1.6 In the absence of Charges for a Service established pursuant to Sections 1.3 through 1.5, if Charges for a Service are otherwise expressly provided for in this Agreement, such Charges shall apply.
- 1.7 In the absence of Charges for a Service established pursuant to Sections 1.3 through 1.6, the Charges for the Service shall be the Providing Party's FCC or Commission approved Charges.
- 1.8 In the absence of Charges for a Service established pursuant to Sections 1.3 through 1.7, the Charges for the Service shall be mutually agreed to by the Parties in writing.

2. Verizon Telecommunications Services Provided to BTLIC for Resale Pursuant to the Resale Attachment

- 2.1 Verizon Telecommunications Services for which Verizon is Required to Provide a Wholesale Discount Pursuant to Section 251(c)(4) of the Act.
 - 2.1.1 The Charges for a Verizon Telecommunications Service purchased by BTLIC for resale for which Verizon is required to provide a wholesale discount pursuant to Section 251(c)(4) of the Act shall be the Retail Price for such Service set forth in Verizon's applicable Tariffs (or, if there is no Tariff Retail Price for such Service, Verizon's Retail Price for the Service that is generally offered to Verizon's Customers), less, to the extent required by Applicable Law: (a) the applicable wholesale discount stated in Verizon's Tariffs for Verizon Telecommunications Services purchased for resale pursuant to Section 251(c)(4) of the Act; or, (b) in the absence of an applicable Verizon Tariff wholesale discount for Verizon Telecommunications Services purchased for resale pursuant to Section 251(c)(4) of the Act, the applicable wholesale discount stated in Appendix A for Verizon

Telecommunications Services purchased for resale pursuant to Section 251(c)(4) of the Act.

- 2.1.2 The Charges for a Verizon Telecommunications Service Customer Specific Arrangement (“CSA”) purchased by BTLLC for resale pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Resale Attachment for which Verizon is required to provide a wholesale discount pursuant to Section 251(c)(4) of the Act, shall be the Retail Price for the CSA, less, to the extent required by Applicable Law: (a) the applicable wholesale discount stated in Verizon’s Tariffs for Verizon Telecommunications Services purchased for resale pursuant to Section 251(c)(4) of the Act; or, (b) in the absence of an applicable Verizon Tariff wholesale discount for Verizon Telecommunications Services purchased for resale pursuant to Section 251(c)(4) of the Act, the applicable discount stated in Appendix A for Verizon Telecommunications Services purchased for resale pursuant to Section 251(c)(4) of the Act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in accordance with, and to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, Verizon may establish a wholesale discount for a CSA that differs from the wholesale discount that is generally applicable to Telecommunications Services provided to BTLLC for resale pursuant to Section 251(c)(4) of the Act.
- 2.1.3 Notwithstanding Sections 2.1 and 2.2, in accordance with, and to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, Verizon may at any time establish a wholesale discount for a Telecommunications Service (including, but not limited to, a CSA) that differs from the wholesale discount that is generally applicable to Telecommunications Services provided to BTLLC for resale pursuant to Section 251(c)(4) of the Act.
- 2.1.4 The wholesale discount stated in Appendix A shall be automatically superseded by any new wholesale discount when such new wholesale discount is required by any order of the Commission or the FCC, approved by the Commission or the FCC, or otherwise allowed to go into effect by the Commission or the FCC, provided such new wholesale discount is not subject to a stay issued by any court of competent jurisdiction.
- 2.1.5 The wholesale discount provided for in Sections 2.1.1 through 2.1.3 shall not be applied to:
 - 2.1.5.1 Short term promotions as defined in 47 CFR § 51.613;
 - 2.1.5.2 Except as otherwise provided by Applicable Law, Exchange Access services;
 - 2.1.5.3 Subscriber Line Charges, Federal Line Cost Charges, end user common line Charges, taxes, and government Charges and assessment (including, but not limited to, 9-1-1 Charges and Dual Party Relay Service Charges).
 - 2.1.5.4 Any other service or Charge that the Commission, the FCC, or other governmental entity of appropriate jurisdiction determines is not subject to a wholesale rate discount under Section 251(c)(4) of the Act.

2.2 Verizon Telecommunications Services for which Verizon is Not Required to Provide a Wholesale Discount Pursuant to Section 251(c)(4) of the Act.

2.2.1 The Charges for a Verizon Telecommunications Service for which Verizon is not required to provide a wholesale discount pursuant to Section 251(c)(4) of the Act shall be the Charges stated in Verizon's Tariffs for such Verizon Telecommunications Service (or, if there are no Verizon Tariff Charges for such Service, Verizon's Charges for the Service that are generally offered by Verizon).

2.2.2 The Charges for a Verizon Telecommunications Service customer specific contract service arrangement ("CSA") purchased by BTLLC pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Resale Attachment for which Verizon is not required to provide a wholesale discount pursuant to Section 251(c)(4) of the Act shall be the Charges provided for in the CSA and any other Charges that Verizon could bill the person to whom the CSA was originally provided (including, but not limited to, applicable Verizon Tariff Charges).

2.3 Other Charges.

2.3.1 BTLLC shall pay, or collect and remit to Verizon, without discount, all Subscriber Line Charges, Federal Line Cost Charges, and end user common line Charges, associated with Verizon Telecommunications Services provided by Verizon to BTLLC.

3. BTLLC Prices

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Charges that BTLLC bills Verizon for BTLLC's Services shall not exceed the Charges for Verizon's comparable Services, except to the extent the BTLLC has demonstrated to Verizon, or, at Verizon's request, to the Commission or the FCC, that BTLLC's cost to provide such BTLLC Services to Verizon exceeds the Charges for Verizon's comparable Services.

4. Section 271

If Verizon is a Bell Operating Company (as defined in the Act) and in order to comply with Section 271(c)(2)(B) of the Act provides a Service under this Agreement that Verizon is not required to provide by Section 251 of the Act, Verizon shall have the right to establish Charges for such Service in a manner that differs from the manner in which under Applicable Law (including, but not limited to, Section 252(d) of the Act) Charges must be set for Services provided under Section 251.

5. Regulatory Review of Prices

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, each Party reserves its respective rights to institute an appropriate proceeding with the FCC, the Commission or other governmental body of appropriate jurisdiction: (a) with regard to the Charges for its Services (including, but not limited to, a proceeding to change the Charges for its services, whether provided for in any of its Tariffs, in Appendix A, or otherwise); and (b) with regard to the Charges of the other Party (including, but not limited to, a proceeding to obtain a reduction in such Charges and a refund of any amounts paid in excess of any Charges that are reduced).

6. Any other provision contained herein notwithstanding, the prices as set forth in Appendix A shall remain in effect for the full term of this Agreement and shall not be modified absent mutual agreement by the Parties.

APPENDIX A TO THE PRICING ATTACHMENT

I. Rates and Charges for Transportation and Termination of Traffic

- 5.1 The Reciprocal Compensation Traffic Termination rate element that applies to Reciprocal Compensation Traffic on a minute of use basis for traffic that is delivered to an End Office is **\$0.0036192***.
- 5.2 The Reciprocal Compensation Traffic Termination rate element that applies to Reciprocal Compensation Traffic on a minute of use basis for traffic that is delivered to Tandem Switch is **\$0.0045872***.
- 5.3 The Tandem Transiting Charge is **\$0.0009680***.
- 5.4 Entrance Facility Charge: **See Intrastate Access Tariff**

*Certain of the rates and charges set forth above, as indicated by an "asterisk", are arbitrated rates taken from the previously arbitrated Interconnection, Resale and Unbundling Agreement between Verizon and AT&T Communications, which was approved by the Commission in an Order dated February 14, 1997, in Order No. 96-478. Verizon has agreed to use and to incorporate herein such arbitrated rates subject to the following: The Parties expressly agree (1) that such arbitrated rates shall not be deemed to have been voluntarily negotiated by the Parties and such arbitrated rates are not subject to interstate MFN obligations under Appendix D, Sections 31 and 32, of the Merger Order, as set forth more fully in Section 37.2 of the General Terms and Conditions; and (2) that, for purposes of calculating Reciprocal Compensation, the arbitrated rates shall not apply to Internet Traffic, as set forth more fully in Section 7.3.2 of the Interconnection Attachment. The foregoing shall not, in any way, limit any other term, condition, limitation or

reservation of right in the Agreement that applies to rates, including, but not limited to, Section 37 of the General Terms and Conditions. The Parties further agree that the Commission's Order in Order No. 96-478, to the extent such Order established the arbitrated rates, shall be deemed an "arbitration decision associated with this Agreement" under Section 37.1 of the General Terms and Conditions.

II. Services Available for Resale

The avoided cost discount for all services, excluding OS/DA, is 15.95% ¹.

Non-Recurring Charges (NRCs) for Resale Services

Pre-ordering

CLEC Account Establishment Per CLEC	\$273.09
Customer Record Search Per Account	\$ 11.69

Ordering and Provisioning

Engineered Initial Service Order (ISO) - New Service	\$311.98
Engineered Initial Service Order - As Specified	\$123.84
Engineered Subsequent Service Order	\$ 59.61
Non-Engineered Initial Service Order - New Service	\$ 42.50
Non-Engineered Initial Service Order - Changeover	\$ 21.62
Non-Engineered Initial Service Order - As Specified	\$ 82.13
Non-Engineered Subsequent Service Order	\$ 19.55

Central Office Connect \$ 12.21

Outside Facility Connect \$ 68.30

Manual Ordering Charge \$ 12.17

Product Specific:

NRCs, other than those for Pre-ordering, Ordering and Provisioning, and Custom Handling as listed in this Appendix, will be charged from the appropriate retail tariff. No discount applies to such NRCs.

Custom Handling:

Service Order Expedite:

Engineered	\$ 35.48
Non-Engineered	\$ 12.59

Coordinated Conversions:

ISO	\$ 17.76
Central Office Connection	\$ 10.71
Outside Facility Connection	\$ 9.59

Hot Coordinated Conversion First Hour:

ISO	\$ 30.55
Central Office Connection	\$ 42.83
Outside Facility Connection	\$ 38.34

Hot Coordinated Conversion per Additional Quarter Hour:

ISO	\$ 4.88
Central Office Connection	\$ 9.43
Outside Facility Connection	\$ 8.37

¹ In compliance with the FCC Order approving the Merger of GTE Corporation and Bell Atlantic (CC Docket No. 98-1840), Verizon will offer limited duration promotional discounts on resold residential exchange access lines. The terms and conditions on which these promotional discounts are being made available can be found on Verizon's web site, at <http://www.gte.com/wise> for former GTE service areas and <http://www.bell-atl.com/wholesale/html/resources.htm> for former Bell Atlantic service areas.

Application of NRCs

Pre-ordering:

CLEC Account Establishment is a one-time charge applied the first time that BTLLC orders any service from this Agreement.

Customer Record Search applies when BTLLC requests a summary of the services currently subscribed to by the end-user.

Ordering and Provisioning:

Engineered Initial Service Order - New Service applies per Local Service Request (LSR) when engineering work activity is required to complete the order, e.g. digital loops.

Non-Engineered Initial Service Order - New Service applies per LSR when no engineering work activity is required to complete the order, e.g. analog loops.

Initial Service Order - As Specified (Engineered or Non-Engineered) applies only to Complex Services for services migrating from Verizon to BTLLC. Complex Services are services that require a data gathering form or has special instructions.

Non-Engineered Initial Service Order - Changeover applies only to Basic Services for services migrating from Verizon to BTLLC. End-user service may remain the same or change.

Central Office Connect applies in addition to the ISO when physical installation is required at the central office.

Outside Facility Connect applies in addition to the ISO when incremental field work is required.

Manual Ordering Charge applies to orders that require Verizon to manually enter BTLLC's BTLLC order into Verizon's Secure Integrated Gateway System (SIGS), e.g. faxed orders and orders sent via physical or electronic mail.

Custom Handling (These NRCs are in addition to any Preordering or Ordering and Provisioning NRCs):

Service Order Expedite (Engineered or Non-Engineered) applies if BTLLC requests service prior to the standard due date intervals.

Coordinated Conversion applies if BTLLC requests notification and coordination of service cut over prior to the service becoming effective.

Hot Coordinated Conversion First Hour applies if BTLLC requests real-time coordination of a service cut-over that takes one hour or less.

Hot Coordinated Conversion Per Additional Quarter Hour applies, in addition to the Hot Coordinated Conversion First Hour, for every 15-minute segment of real-time coordination of a service cut-over that takes more than one hour.

III. Prices for Unbundled Network Elements

Monthly Recurring Charges

Local Loop²

2 Wire Analog Loop (inclusive of NID)	
Zone 1	\$ 17.44
Zone 2	\$ 22.23
Zone 3	\$ 25.84
4 Wire Analog Loop (inclusive of NID)	
Zone 1	\$ 34.89
Zone 2	\$ 44.46
Zone 3	\$ 51.68
2 Wire Digital Loop (inclusive of NID)	
Zone 1	\$ 17.44
Zone 2	\$ 22.23
Zone 3	\$ 25.84
4 Wire Digital Loop (inclusive of NID)	
Zone 1	\$ 34.89
Zone 2	\$ 44.46
Zone 3	\$ 51.68
DS-1 Loop	\$ 160.31
DS-3 Loop	\$2,584.44

Supplemental Features:

ISDN-BRI Line Loop Extender	TBD
DS1 Clear Channel Capability	\$23.22

Subloop

2-Wire Feeder	\$ 15.83
2-Wire Distribution	\$ 29.39
4-Wire Feeder	\$ 29.20
4-Wire Distribution	\$ 54.24
2-Wire Drop	\$ 5.88
4-Wire Drop	\$ 10.85
Inside Wire	BFR

Network Interface Device (leased separately)

Basic NID:	\$.79
Complex (12 x) NID	\$ 1.60

Switching

Port	
Basic Analog Line Side Port	\$ 5.49
Coin Line Side Port	\$ 9.91
ISDN BRI Digital Line Side Port	\$ 26.16
DS-1 Digital Trunk Side Port	\$ 196.11
ISDN PRI Digital Trunk Side Port	\$ 378.55

² In compliance with the FCC order approving the merger of GTE Corporation and Bell Atlantic (CC Docket No. 98-1840), Verizon will offer limited duration promotional discounts on residential UNE Loops and UNE Advance Services Loops. The terms and conditions on which these promotional discounts are being made available can be found on <http://www.gte.com/wise> for former GTE service areas and <http://www.bell-atl.com/wholesale/html/resources.htm> for former Bell Atlantic service areas.

Vertical Features See Attached List

Usage Charges (must purchase Port)
Local Central Office Switching
(Overall Average MOU) \$0.0059446
Common Shared Transport
Transport Facility (Average MOU/ALM) \$0.0000325
Transport Termination (Average MOU/Term) \$0.0001733
Tandem Switching (Average MOU) \$0.0035977

Terminating to Originating Ratio 1.00
Assumed Minutes TBD

Operator and Directory Assistance Services (OS/DA)
National DA \$0.5500000
DA \$0.4500000
Mechanized Operator Calling Card \$0.0890000
Live Operator \$0.4490000
Originating Line Number Screening \$0.0180000
Call Detail Record \$0.0200000
Busy Line Verify \$0.9900000
Busy Line Interrupt \$1.0500000

Dedicated Transport Facilities

CLEC Dedicated Transport
CDT 2 Wire \$ 26.81
CDT 4 Wire \$ 42.90
CDT DS1 \$ 330.00
CDT DS3 Optical Interface \$1,125.00
CDT DS3 Electrical Interface \$1,297.18

Interoffice Dedicated Transport
IDT DS0 Transport Facility per ALM \$.27
IDT DS0 Transport Termination \$ 11.59
IDT DS1 Transport Facility per ALM \$ 2.85
IDT DS1 Transport Termination \$ 80.49
IDT DS3 Transport Facility per ALM \$ 3.65
IDT DS3 Transport Termination \$ 118.29

Multiplexing
DS1 to Voice Multiplexing \$ 185.24
DS3 to DS1 Multiplexing \$ 887.13
DS1 Clear Channel Capability \$ 23.22

Unbundled Dark Fiber

Unbundled Dark Fiber Loops/Subloops
Dark Fiber Loop \$ 67.13
Dark Fiber Subloop - Feeder \$ 53.17
Dark Fiber Subloop - Distribution \$ 13.96

Unbundled Dark Fiber Dedicated Transport
Dark Fiber IDT -Facility \$ 24.80
Dark Fiber IDT -Termination \$ 6.34

Packet Switching BFR

Call Related Database	BFR
Service Management System	BFR
OSS	BFR

UNE-P Pricing

MRCs. The MRC for a UNE-P will generally be equal to the sum of the MRCs for the combined UNEs (e.g. the total of the UNE loop charge plus the UNE port charges in the Agreement (see Note A) plus: UNE local switching (per minute originating usage plus T/O factor to determine terminating minutes) based on UNE local switching rates in the Agreement plus UNE shared transport and tandem switching (based on factors for percent interoffice and tandem switch usage, plus assumed transport mileage of 10 miles and 2 terms) based on UNE shared transport rates in the Agreement plus UNE Vertical Services charges (optional per line charges, if allowed by the Agreement).

(Note A): UNE platforms are available in four loop/port configurations as shown below. If the price for any component of these platforms is not set forth herein, Verizon will use the ICB process to determine the appropriate price and TBD pricing shall apply.

UNE Basic Analog Voice Grade Platform consists of the following components:
 UNE 2-wire Analog loop; and
 UNE Basic Analog Line Side port

UNE ISDN BRI Platform consists of the following components:
 UNE 2-wire Digital loop; and
 UNE ISDN BRI Digital Line Side port

UNE ISDN PRI Platform consists of the following components:
 UNE DS1 loop; and
 UNE ISDN PRI Digital Trunk Side port

UNE DS1 Platform consists of the following components:
 UNE DS1 loop; and
 UNE DS1 Digital Trunk Side port

NRCs. On an interim basis, until NRCs specific to UNE-P have been established, the Initial Service Order Charge for ports will be billed for all UNE combination orders. Central Office Line Connection or Outside Facility Fieldwork charges will be applied as incurred on UNE combination orders. Verizon reserves the right to apply new NRCs specific to UNE-P when such NRCs have been developed.

Optional NRCs will apply as ordered by the CLEC including such charges as Expedites, Coordinated Conversions, loop Conditioning, etc.

Operator Services and Directory Assistance Services (OS/DA). If BTLLC does not initially utilize available customized routing services to re-route OS/DA calls to its own or another party's operator services platform, Verizon will bill the CLEC for OS/DA calls at a market-based ICB rate pending BTLLC's BTLLC completion of a separate OS/DA agreement.

KENTUCKY UNBUNDLED VERTICAL FEATURES

VERTICAL FEATURES		(Subject to Availability)
Three Way Calling	\$/Feature/Month	\$1.32
Call Forwarding Variable	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.35
Cust. Changeable Speed Calling 1-Digit	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.21
Cust. Changeable Speed Calling 2-Digit	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.30
Call Waiting	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.12
Cancel Call Waiting	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.05
Automatic Callback	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.21
Automatic Recall	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.12
Calling Number Delivery	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.11
Calling Number Delivery Blocking	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.32
Distinctive Ringing / Call Waiting	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.44
Customer Originated Trace	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.12
Selective Call Rejection	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.56
Selective Call Forwarding	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.65
Selective Call Acceptance	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.78
Call Forwarding Variable CTX	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.31
Call Forwarding Incoming Only	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.29
Call Forwarding Within Group Only	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.16
Call Forwarding Busy Line	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.16
Call Forwarding Don't Answer All Calls	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.19
Remote Call Forward	\$/Feature/Month	\$2.43
Call Waiting Originating	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.08
Call Waiting Terminating	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.12
Cancel Call Waiting CTX	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.02
Three Way Calling CTX	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.53
Call Transfer Individual All Calls	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.20
Add-on Consultation Hold Incoming Only	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.18
Speed Calling Individual 1-Digit	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.08
Speed Calling Individual 2-Digit	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.17
Direct Connect	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.08
Distinctive Alerting / Call Waiting Indicator	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.07
Call Hold	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.26
Semi-Restricted (Orig/Term)	\$/Feature/Month	\$1.52
Fully-Restricted (Orig/Term)	\$/Feature/Month	\$1.51
Toll Restricted Service	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.18
Call Pick-up	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.09
Directed Call Pick-up w/Barge-In	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.08
Directed Call Pick-up w/o Barge-In	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.10
Special Intercept Announcements	\$/Feature/Month	\$12.05
Conference Calling - 6-Way Station Cont.	\$/Feature/Month	\$23.63
Station Message Detail Recording	\$/Feature/Month	\$10.17
Station Message Detail Recording to Premises	\$/Feature/Month	\$30.76
Fixed Night Service - Key	\$/Feature/Month	\$4.00
Attendant Camp-on (Non-DI Console)	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.55
Attendant Busy Line Verification	\$/Feature/Month	\$17.36
Control of Facilities	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.05
Fixed Night Service - Call Forwarding	\$/Feature/Month	\$2.00
Attendant Conference	\$/Feature/Month	\$62.35
Circular Hunting	\$/Feature/Month	\$1.72
Preferential Multiline Hunting	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.05
Uniform Call Distribution	\$/Feature/Month	\$5.65

VERTICAL FEATURES		(Subject to Availability)
Stop Hunt Key	\$/Feature/Month	\$5.74
Make Busy Key	\$/Feature/Month	\$5.75
Queuing	\$/Feature/Month	\$10.62
Automatic Route Selection	\$/Feature/Month	\$3.07
Facility Restriction Level	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.23
Expansive Route Warning Tone	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.04
Time-of-Day Routing Control	\$/Feature/Month	\$8.63
Foreign Exchange Facilities	\$/Feature/Month	\$8.99
Anonymous Call Rejection	\$/Feature/Month	\$4.72
Basic Business Group Sta-Sta ICM	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.52
Basic Business Group CTX	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.10
Basic Business Group DOD	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.05
Basic Business Auto ID Outward Dialing	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.00
Basic Business Group DID	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.00
Business Set Group Intercom All Calls	\$/Feature/Month	\$5.13
Dial Call Waiting	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.15
Loudspeaker Paging	\$/Feature/Month	\$8.76
Recorded Telephone Dictation	\$/Feature/Month	\$10.54
On-Hook Queuing for Outgoing Trunks	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.42
Off-Hook Queuing for Outgoing Trunks	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.03
Teen Service	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.06
Bg - Automatic Call Back	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.12
Voice/Data Protection	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.01
Authorization Codes for Afr	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.10
Account Codes for Afr	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.27
Code Restriction Diversion	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.26
Code Calling	\$/Feature/Month	\$11.12
Meet-Me Conference	\$/Feature/Month	\$9.38
Call Park	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.12
Executive Busy Override	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.08
Last Number Redial	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.09
Direct Inward System Access	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.13
Authorization Code Immediate Dialing	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.00
Bg - Speed Calling Shared	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.01
Attendant Recall from Satellite	\$/Feature/Month	\$3.47
Bg - Speed Calling 2-Shared	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.01
Business Set - Call Pick-up	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.07
Authorization Code for Mdr	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.00
Locked Loop Operation	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.00
Attendant Position Busy	\$/Feature/Month	\$2.60
Two-Way Splitting	\$/Feature/Month	\$5.04
Call Forwarding - All (Fixed)	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.41
Business Group Call Waiting	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.00
Music on Hold	\$/Feature/Month	\$1.42
Automatic Alternate Routing	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.35
DTMF Dialing	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.06
BG DTMF Dialing	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.05
Business Set Access to Paging	\$/Feature/Month	\$2.54
Call Flip-Flop (Ctx-A)	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.44
Selective Calling Waiting (Class)	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.32
Direct Inward Dialing	\$/Feature/Month	\$7.97
Customer Dialed Account Recording	\$/Feature/Month	\$1.24

VERTICAL FEATURES		(Subject to Availability)
Deluxe Automatic Route Selection	\$/Feature/Month	\$23.44
MDC Attendant Console	\$/Feature/Month	\$34.04
Warm Line	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.01
Calling Name Delivery	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.30
Call Forwarding Enhancements	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.00
Caller ID Name and Number	\$/Feature/Month	\$1.03
InContact	\$/Feature/Month	\$1.68
Call Waiting ID	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.08
Att'd ID on Incoming Calls	\$/Feature/Month	\$4.02
Privacy Release	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.40
Display Calling Number	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.20
Six-Port Conference	\$/Feature/Month	\$41.54
Business Set Call Back Queuing	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.01
ISDN Code Calling - Answer	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.23
Att'd Call Park	\$/Feature/Month	\$2.09
Att'd Autodial	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.99
Att'd Speed Calling	\$/Feature/Month	\$1.69
Att'd Console Test	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.11
Att'd Delayed Operation	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.00
Att'd Lockout	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.00
Att'd Multiple Listed Directory Numbers	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.00
Att'd Secrecy	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.82
Att'd Wildcard Key	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.34
Att'd Flexible Console Alerting	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.00
Att'd VFG Trunk Group Busy on Att'd Console	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.17
Att'd Console Act/Deact of CFU/CFT	\$/Feature/Month	\$1.55
Att'd Display of Queued Calls	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.03
Att'd Interposition Transfer	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.22
Att'd Automatic Recall	\$/Feature/Month	\$0.70

NON-RECURRING CHARGES

LOCAL WHOLESALE SERVICES	Ordering 100% Manual	Ordering Semi- Mech.	Provisioning	
			Initial Unit	Add'l Unit
UNBUNDLED LOOP				
Exchange - Basic - Initial	\$ 38.75	\$ 27.60	\$ 42.17	\$ 38.81
Exchange - Basic - Subsequent	\$ 17.44	\$ 12.55	\$ 14.49	\$ 13.53
Exchange - Complex Nondigital - Initial	\$ 40.56	\$ 25.03	\$107.58	\$ 26.61
Exchange - Complex Nondigital - Subsequent	\$ 18.87	\$ 13.98	\$ 14.49	\$ 13.53
Exchange - Complex Digital - Initial	\$ 40.56	\$ 25.03	\$ 96.76	\$ 26.53
Exchange - Complex Digital - Subsequent	\$ 18.87	\$ 13.98	\$ 14.49	\$ 13.53
Advanced - Basic - Initial	\$ 36.18	\$ 25.03	\$573.73	\$202.79
Advanced - Complex - Initial	\$ 40.56	\$ 25.03	\$569.13	\$303.39
UNBUNDLED PORT				
Exchange - Basic - Initial	\$ 33.04	\$ 21.89	\$ 31.29	\$ 29.38
Exchange - Basic - Subsequent (Port Feature)	\$ 19.78	\$ 14.89	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.14
Exchange - Basic - Subsequent (CO Interconnection)	\$ 19.78	\$ 14.89	\$ 14.49	\$ 13.53
Exchange - Complex Nondigital - Initial	\$ 43.54	\$ 28.01	\$ 75.32	\$ 38.01
Exchange - Complex Nondigital - Subsequent (Port Feature)	\$ 25.90	\$ 21.01	\$ 6.23	\$ 6.23
Exchange - Complex Nondigital - Subsequent (Switch Feature Group)	\$ 30.28	\$ 21.01	\$ 23.06	\$ --
Exchange - Complex Nondigital - Subsequent (CO Interconnection)	\$ 25.90	\$ 21.01	\$ 14.49	\$ 13.53
Exchange - Complex Digital - Initial	\$ 43.54	\$ 28.01	\$129.72	\$ 32.97
Exchange - Complex Digital - Subsequent (Port Feature)	\$ 25.90	\$ 21.01	\$ 5.45	\$ 5.45
Exchange - Complex Digital - Subsequent (Switch Feature Group)	\$ 30.28	\$ 21.01	\$ 23.06	\$ --
Exchange - Complex Digital - Subsequent (CO Interconnection)	\$ 25.90	\$ 21.01	\$ 14.49	\$ 13.53
Advanced - Complex - Initial	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Advanced - Complex - Subsequent	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
UNBUNDLED NID				
Exchange - Basic	\$ 27.06	\$ 18.83	\$ 33.99	N/A
UNBUNDLED SUBLOOP				
Exchange - MDF Interconnection - Initial	\$ 36.32	\$ 26.88	\$ 48.65	\$ 34.50
Exchange - MDF Interconnection - Subsequent	\$ 15.01	\$ 11.83	\$ 14.18	\$ 13.22
Exchange - FDI Feeder Interconnection - Initial	\$ 36.32	\$ 26.88	\$ 46.20	\$ 24.97
Exchange - FDI Feeder Interconnection - Subsequent	\$ 15.01	\$ 11.83	\$ 16.99	\$ 7.22
Exchange - FDI Distribution Interconnection - Initial	\$ 36.32	\$ 26.88	\$ 61.90	\$ 30.36
Exchange - FDI Distribution Interconnection - Subsequent	\$ 15.01	\$ 11.83	\$ 16.99	\$ 7.22
Exchange - Serving Terminal Interconnection - Initial	\$ 36.32	\$ 26.88	\$ 28.99	\$ 15.51

Exchange - Serving Terminal Interconnection - Subsequent	\$ 15.01	\$ 11.83	\$ 13.23	\$ 6.41
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UNBUNDLED DARK FIBER

Advanced - Service Inquiry Charge	\$405.87	\$405.65	N/A	N/A
Advanced - Interoffice Dedicated Transport - Initial	\$ 64.80	\$ 64.57	\$267.28	\$224.68
Advanced - Unbundled Loop - Initial	\$ 64.80	\$ 64.57	\$261.86	\$220.43
Advanced - Subloop Feeder - Initial	\$ 64.80	\$ 64.57	\$261.86	\$220.43
Advanced - Subloop Distribution - Initial	\$ 64.80	\$ 64.57	\$264.84	\$216.19

ENHANCED EXTENDED LINK (WITH MANUAL AND SEMI-MECHANIZED OPTIONS)

Advanced - Basic - Initial	\$ 88.39	\$ 56.13	\$397.31	N/A
Advanced - Basic - Subsequent	\$ 38.02	\$ 21.89	\$ 49.53	N/A
DS0 - Initial	\$ 88.39	\$ 56.13	\$482.99	N/A
DS0 - Subsequent	\$ 38.02	\$ 21.89	\$ --	N/A
DS1/DS3 - Initial	\$ 97.94	\$ 65.68	\$384.08	N/A
DS1/DS3 - Subsequent	\$ 38.02	\$ 21.89	\$ 9.90	N/A

LOOP CONDITIONING³
(No charge for loops 12,000 feet or less)

Loop Conditioning - Bridged Tap	N/A	N/A	\$318.71	\$ 34.88
Loop Conditioning - Load Coils	N/A	N/A	\$249.91	\$ --
Loop Conditioning - Load Coils / Bridged Tap	N/A	N/A	\$568.62	\$ 34.88

UNE PLATFORM

Exchange - Basic - Initial	\$ 31.57	\$ 22.13	\$ 28.23	\$ 26.58
Exchange - Basic - Subsequent	\$ 16.44	\$ 13.26	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.08
Exchange - Basic - Changeover	\$ 19.93	\$ 15.54	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.90
Exchange - Complex Nondigital - Initial	\$ 41.35	\$ 27.53	\$162.41	\$ 31.70
Exchange - Complex Nondigital - Subsequent (Port Feature)	\$ 16.44	\$ 13.26	\$ 5.89	\$ 5.89
Exchange - Complex Nondigital - Subsequent (Switch Feature Group)	\$ 20.82	\$ 13.26	\$ 22.73	\$ 22.73
Exchange - Complex Nondigital - Changeover (As Is)	\$ 22.35	\$ 17.96	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.61
Exchange - Complex Nondigital - Changeover (As Specified)	\$ 30.08	\$ 21.31	\$ 20.97	\$ 3.61
Exchange - Complex Digital - Initial	\$ 41.35	\$ 27.53	\$205.75	\$ 28.18
Exchange - Complex Digital - Subsequent (Port Feature)	\$ 16.44	\$ 13.26	\$ 5.15	\$ 5.15
Exchange - Complex Digital - Subsequent (Switch Feature Group)	\$ 20.82	\$ 13.26	\$ 22.73	\$ 22.73
Exchange - Complex Digital - Changeover (As Is)	\$ 22.35	\$ 17.96	\$ 4.18	\$ 4.18
Exchange - Complex Digital - Changeover (As Specified)	\$ 30.08	\$ 21.31	\$ 80.98	\$ 4.18
Advanced - Complex - Initial	\$ 48.35	\$ 34.53	\$681.24	\$303.66
Advanced - Complex - Subsequent	\$ 20.82	\$ 13.26	\$ 65.81	\$ 48.47
Advanced - Complex - Changeover (As Is)	\$ 24.06	\$ 19.67	\$ 51.51	\$ 34.17
Advanced - Complex - Changeover (As Specified)	\$ 37.08	\$ 28.31	\$ 82.31	\$ 64.97

DEDICATED TRANSPORT

Advanced - Basic - Initial	\$ 95.49	\$ 63.01	\$428.58	N/A
Advanced - Basic - Subsequent	\$ 45.12	\$ 28.77	\$ 58.20	N/A

³ These charges are interim and subject to retroactive true-up back to the Effective Date of this Agreement.

Advanced - Complex - Initial	\$105.04	\$ 72.56	\$584.49	N/A
Advanced - Complex - Subsequent	\$ 45.12	\$ 28.77	\$ 86.80	N/A
SIGNALING SYSTEM 7 (SS7)				
Facilities and Trunks - Initial	\$237.67	\$205.19	\$568.54	N/A
Facilities and Trunks - Subsequent (with Engineering Review)	\$ 71.58	\$ 55.23	\$213.12	N/A
Facilities and Trunks - Subsequent (w/o Engineering Review)	\$ 71.58	\$ 55.23	\$ 67.28	N/A
Trunks Only - Initial	\$126.13	\$ 93.65	\$505.41	N/A
Trunks Only - Subsequent (with Engineering Review)	\$ 49.46	\$ 33.11	\$202.03	N/A
Trunks Only - Subsequent (w/o Engineering Review)	\$ 49.46	\$ 33.11	\$ 67.28	N/A
STP Ports (SS7 Links)	\$237.67	\$205.19	\$438.81	N/A
Entrance Facility/Dedicated Transport DS0 - Initial	\$ 95.49	\$ 63.01	\$390.08	N/A
Entrance Facility/Dedicated Transport DS0 - Subsequent	\$ 45.12	\$ 28.77	\$ 58.20	N/A
Entrance Facility/Dedicated Transport DS1/DS3 - Initial	\$105.04	\$ 72.56	\$515.03	N/A
Entrance Facility/Dedicated Transport DS1/DS3 - Subsequent	\$ 45.12	\$ 28.77	\$ 86.80	N/A
COORDINATED CONVERSIONS				
Exchange - Standard Interval - Per Qtr. Hour	\$ 30.72	\$ 30.50	N/A	N/A
Exchange - Additional Interval - Per Qtr. Hour	\$ 26.97	\$ 26.75	N/A	N/A
Advanced - Standard Interval - Per Qtr. Hour	\$ 22.92	\$ 22.69	N/A	N/A
Advanced - Additional Interval - Per Qtr. Hour	\$ 21.12	\$ 20.89	N/A	N/A
HOT-CUT COORDINATED CONVERSIONS (Only available for 2-wire analog loops)				
Exchange - Standard Interval - Per Hour	\$108.80	\$108.57	N/A	N/A
Exchange - Additional Interval - Per Qtr. Hour	\$ 26.97	\$ 26.75	N/A	N/A
Advanced - Standard Interval - Per Hour	\$ 83.43	\$ 83.20	N/A	N/A
Advanced - Additional Interval - Per Qtr. Hour	\$ 21.12	\$ 20.89	N/A	N/A
CUSTOMIZED ROUTING	BFR	BFR	BFR	BFR
EXPEDITES				
Exchange Products	\$ 3.36	\$ 3.36	N/A	N/A
Advanced Products	\$ 25.80	\$ 25.80	N/A	N/A
OTHER				
Customer Record Search (per account)	\$ 4.21	\$ -	N/A	N/A
CLEC Account Establishment (per CLEC)	\$166.32	\$166.32	N/A	N/A
LINE SHARING - CLEC OWNED SPLITTER				
CLEC Splitter Connection - Initial	\$ 32.19	\$ 22.52	\$ 53.04	\$ 47.29
CLEC Splitter Connection - Subsequent	\$ 13.24	\$ 9.83	\$ 14.49	\$ 13.53
PACKET SWITCHING	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
CALL RELATED DATABASE	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
SERVICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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Application of NRCs

Preordering:

CLEC Account Establishment is a one-time charge applied the first time that BTLLC orders any service from this Agreement.

Customer Record Search applies when BTLLC requests a summary of the services currently subscribed to by the end-user.

Ordering and Provisioning:

Initial Service Order (ISO) applies to each Local Service Request (LSR) and Access Service Request (ASR) for new service. Charge is Manual (e.g. for a faxed order) or Semi-Mechanized (e.g. for an electronically transmitted order) based upon the method of submission used by the CLEC.

Subsequent Service Order applies to each LSR/ASR for modifications to an existing service. Charge is Manual or Semi-Mechanized based upon the method of submission used by the CLEC.

Advanced ISO applies per LSR/ASR when engineering work activity is required to complete the order.

Exchange ISO applies per LSR/ASR when no engineering work activity is required to complete the order.

Provisioning – Initial Unit applies per ISO for the first unit installed. The Additional Unit applies for each additional unit installed on the same ISO.

Basic Provisioning applies to services that can be provisioned using standard network components maintained in inventory without specialized instructions for switch translations, routing, and service arrangements.

Complex Provisioning applies to services that require special instruction for the provisioning of the service to meet the customer's needs.

Examples of services and their Ordering/Provisioning category that applies:

Exchange-Basic: 2-Wire Analog, 4-Wire Analog, Standard Subloop Distribution, Standard Subloop Feeder, Drop and NID.

Exchange-Complex: Non-loaded Subloop Distribution, Non-load Subloop Feeder, Loop Conditioning, Customized Routing, ISDN BRI Digital Line Side Port and Line Sharing.

Advanced-Basic: 2-Wire Digital Loop, 4-Wire Digital Loop

Advanced-Complex: DS1 Loop, DS3 Loop, Dark Fiber, EELs, and ISDN PRI Digital Trunk Side Port

Conditioning applies in addition to the ISO, for each Loop or Subloop UNE for the installation and grooming of Conditioning requests.

DS1 Clear Channel Capability applies in addition to the ISO, per DS1 for the installation and grooming of DS1 Clear Channel Capability requests.

Changeover Charge applies to UNE-P and EEL orders when an existing retail, resale, or special access service is already in place.

Service Inquiry – Dark Fiber applies per service inquiry when a CLEC requests Verizon to determine the availability of dark fiber on a specific route.

Custom Handling (These NRCs are in addition to any Preordering or Ordering and Provisioning NRCs):

Service Order Expedite applies if BTLLC requests service prior to the standard due date intervals and the expedite request can be met by Verizon.

Coordinated Conversion applies if BTLLC requests notification and coordination of service cut-over prior to the service becoming effective.

Hot Coordinated Conversion First Hour applies if BTLLC requests real-time coordination of a service cut-over that takes one hour or less.

Hot Coordinated Conversion Per Additional Quarter Hour applies, in addition to the Hot Coordinated Conversion First Hour, for every 15-minute segment of real-time coordination of a service cut-over that takes more than one hour.

IV. Rates and Charges for 911

See State 911 Tariff.

V. Fiber Optic Patchcord Cross Connect

Fiber Optic Cross Connect Rate Elements				
	Elements	Increment	NRC/MRC	Rate
Non-Recurring Prices				
1	Fiber Optic Patch Cord Pull/Term. - Engineering	per project	NRC	\$78.09
2	Fiber Optic Patch Cord Material Charge	per cable run	NRC	\$39.98
3	Fiber Optic Patch Cord Pull	per cable run	NRC	\$172.05
4	Fiber Optical Patch Cord Termination	per termination	NRC	\$1.11
Monthly Recurring Prices				
5	Facility Termination - Fiber Optic Patch Cord	per connector	MRC	\$0.88
6	Fiber Optic Patch Cord Duct Space	per cable	MRC	\$0.43

Non-Recurring Charges

Non-recurring charges are one-time charges that apply for specific work activity. Non-recurring charges for the Fiber Optic Patchcord Cross Connect are due and payable upon delivery to the CLEC.

Fiber Optic Patchcord Pull/Termination – Engineering. The Fiber Optic Patchcord Pull/Termination – Engineering Charge is to recover the engineering costs incurred per project for the pull and termination of a fiber optic patchcord from the CLECs collocation arrangement to Verizon's Fiber Distribution Panel (FDP).

Fiber Optic Patchcord Pull. The Fiber Optic Patchcord Pull Charge is applied per fiber run and recovers the labor cost of placing the fiber from the collocation arrangement to Verizon's FDP.

Fiber Optic Patchcord Termination. The Fiber Optic Patchcord Termination Charge is applied per fiber connector termination and recovers the labor cost to terminate the fiber connection.

Fiber Optic Patchcord Material Charge. The CLEC has the option of providing its own fiber optic patchcord or Verizon may, at the request of the CLEC, provide the necessary fiber optic patchcord cables in exchange for the Fiber Optic Patchcord Material Charge. The Fiber Optic Patchcord Material Charge is applied on a per fiber cable basis to recover the material cost of a 24 fiber pair cable.

Monthly Recurring Charges

The following are monthly charges that apply each month or fraction thereof that the Fiber Optic Patchcord Cross Connect arrangement is provided.

Facility Termination – Fiber Optic Patchcord. The Facility Termination – Fiber Optic Patchcord Charge is applied per FDP port into which the fiber cable is connected. This charge recovers the labor and material cost of the FDP per port.

Fiber Optic Patchcord Duct Space. The Fiber Optic Patchcord Duct Space rate element is applied per fiber cable and recovers the cost for the central office fiber duct space occupied by the fiber optic patchcord.

POLE ATTACHMENT AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY LICENSING AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

AND

BRANDENBURG TELECOM, LLC

POLE ATTACHMENT AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY LICENSING AGREEMENT

1. Parties.

THIS POLE ATTACHMENT AND CONDUIT OCCUPANCY LICENSING AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between Brandenburg Telecom, LLC a corporation of the State of Kentucky, having its principal office at Brandenburg, KY (herein after referred to as "Licensee") and Verizon South Inc., a corporation of the State of Virginia, having its principal office at Durham, NC (hereinafter referred to as "Verizon"). Brandenburg Telecom and Verizon are sometimes referred to collectively as the "Parties" or individually as "Party".

2. Definitions.

- 2.1 **Affiliate** – an entity is an affiliate of another corporation if they share, directly or indirectly, common corporate parent, or are otherwise under common ownership.
- 2.2 **Applicable Law** - all laws, statutes, common law, regulations, ordinances, codes, orders, permits, and approvals of a government authority which apply or relate to subject matter of this Agreement.
- 2.3 **Attachments** - any placement of Licensee's Facilities in or on Verizon's poles, ducts, inner ducts, conduits, or right of ways that are reasonably required by Licensee to provide its Cable Television and/or Telecommunications Services.
- 2.4 **Business Day** - Monday through Friday, except for holidays on which the U. S. Mail is not delivered.
- 2.5 **Cable Television Services** - the one-way transmission to subscribers of video programming, or other programming services; and, subscriber interaction, if any, which is required for the selection or use of such video programming or other programming service.
- 2.6 **Conduit Occupancy Fee** – the fee paid by Licensee to Verizon per linear foot of cable installed in each Innerduct occupied by Licensee's Facilities in Verizon's Conduit(s). Conduit Occupancy Fees are specified in Section 12.
- 2.7 **Conduit Occupancy Request (COR)** – a written request from Licensee to occupy Verizon's Conduit with its Facilities, submitted in accordance with Section 6 and EXHIBIT 1 of this Agreement. For Agreements in effect prior to the date this Agreement is executed by the Parties, the term COR shall be deemed to include Conduit Occupancy Requests made by letter or similar document.
- 2.8 **Duct** – a single enclosed path used to house Innerduct or to directly house Facilities.
- 2.9 **Facilities** – all facilities, including but not limited to, cables, equipment and associated hardware, owned and utilized by the Licensee which occupy an Innerduct or Duct.
- 2.10 **Hazardous Materials** - (i) any substance, material or waste now or hereafter defined or characterized as hazardous, extremely hazardous, toxic or dangerous within the meaning of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, or any similar law, ordinance, statute, rule or regulation of any governmental body or authority; (ii) any substance, material or waste now or hereafter classified as a contaminant or pollutant under any law, ordinance, statute, rule or regulation of any governmental body or authority; or (iii) any other substance, material or waste, the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, placement, disposal,

removal or transportation of which is now or hereafter subject to regulation under any law, ordinance, statute, rule or regulation of any governmental body or authority.

- 2.11 **Innerduct** – unless otherwise specified or approved by Verizon, a single enclosed raceway 1" or 1-1/4" in diameter, placed within Duct and used for housing facilities.
- 2.12 **Licensee's Facilities or Licensee's Attachments** - All facilities, including but not limited to cables, equipment and associated hardware, owned and utilized by Licensee, which are attached to a Verizon Pole or occupy a Verizon Conduit or Right of Way.
- 2.13 **Make-Ready (Rearrangements) Work** - all work, including, but not limited to, rearrangement, removal, or transfer of existing Attachments and/or Facilities, to include placement, repair, or replacement of Verizon Poles or Verizon Conduits, or any other changes required to accommodate the Licensee's Attachments on a Verizon Pole or in a Verizon Conduit. It includes (i) preparatory work that must be performed on Verizon's Poles and/or Verizon's Conduits and related facilities in order to accommodate the Attachment of Licensee's Facilities; (ii) "make-ready engineering", which consists of reviewing the current conditions of Verizon's Facilities to which Licensee desires to attach and ascertaining what work needs to be done in order to properly accommodate Licensee's Facilities; (iii) "make-ready construction", which is the actual rearrangement work performed in accordance with the determinations made in the make-ready engineering process; and (iv) any cost associated with final inspection of facilities before, during, and after Licensee has completed construction to ensure compliance with safety and industry standards. It may include, among other things, moving Verizon's Facilities and the placing of new anchors, guys, and/or conduit.
- 2.14 **Manholes and Handholes** – subsurface enclosures which personnel may enter and use for the purpose of installing, operating and maintaining facilities.
- 2.15 **Pole Attachment Fee** - the fee assessed per pole and paid by Licensee to place Attachments on Verizon's Poles. Pole Attachment Fees are specified in Section 12 of this Agreement.
- 2.16 **Pole Attachment Request (PAR)** - a written request from Licensee to place its Attachments on Verizon's Poles, submitted in accordance with Section 6 and EXHIBIT 1 of this Agreement. For any agreements in effect prior to the date this Agreement is executed by the Parties, the term PAR shall be deemed to include Pole Attachment Requests made by letter or similar document.
- 2.17 **Right of Way (ROW)** - a right possessed by Verizon to use or pass over, on or under the land of another person, with respect to which Verizon has the right to authorize the usage or passage of Licensee's Facilities over, on or under such land. A Right of Way may run under, on or over public or private property (including the air space above such property).
- 2.18 **Telecommunications Services** - as defined by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the offering of telecommunications for a fee directly to the public, or to such classes of users as to be effectively available directly to the public, regardless of the facilities used.
- 2.19 **Verizon's Conduit(s) or Verizon Conduit(s)** – any reinforced passage or opening (or space therein) in, on, under, over or through the ground capable of containing facilities; that is owned or leased by Verizon solely or jointly with another entity or entities; and with respect to which Verizon has the right to authorize the occupancy of Licensee's Facilities. Conduit does not include a controlled environment vault.

2.20 **Verizon's Pole(s) or Verizon Pole(s)** - any pole or poles solely owned by Verizon, jointly owned by Verizon and another entity or entities, and space on poles obtained by Verizon through arrangements with the owner(s) thereof.

3. Purpose .

3.1 Licensee represents to Verizon that Licensee has a need to occupy, place and maintain Attachments on Verizon's Poles or in Verizon's Conduit for the purpose of providing Cable Television and/or Telecommunications Services.

3.2 Verizon agrees to permit Licensee to occupy, place and maintain its Attachments on Verizon Poles and/or in Verizon Conduit as Verizon may allow pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and subject to Applicable Law.

4. Grant of License.

Verizon grants to Licensee and Licensee accepts from Verizon a non-exclusive revocable license to occupy, place and maintain in a designated space on specified Verizon Poles and/or in specified Verizon Conduit Licensee's Facilities on the terms and conditions set forth herein. Licensee shall have no further right, title, or other interest in connection with Verizon's Poles and/or Verizon's Conduit. Verizon shall have the right to grant, renew or extend privileges to others not Parties to this Agreement to occupy, place or maintain Attachments on or otherwise use any or all Verizon Poles and/or Verizon Conduit. Nothing herein is intended to, nor should it be construed to require Verizon to construct or modify any facilities not needed for its own service requirements except to the extent required by Applicable Law. Verizon grants this license in the state of **Kentucky** in reliance on the representation of Licensee that Licensee intends to provide Cable Television and/or Telecommunications Services with the Attachments covered by this Agreement. To the extent required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 or state law, both Parties will reciprocally make available access to each other's poles, ducts, conduit and rights-of-ways on the same terms, conditions and pricing set forth herein or pursuant to each Party's respective tariff where such tariff exists.

5. Term.

Subject to the termination provisions contained in this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall be two (2) years effective from the execution of the Agreement by both Parties and shall continue in effect for consecutive one (1) year terms until either Party gives the other Party at least one hundred eighty (180) calendar days written notice of termination, which termination shall be effective at the end of the then-current term. In the event notice is given less than one hundred eighty (180) calendar days prior to the end of the current term, this Agreement shall remain in effect for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after such notice is received, provided that in no case shall the term be extended beyond one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after the end of the current term at which time all Licensee Attachments must be removed.

6. Pole Attachment Requests/Conduit Occupancy Requests (PAR/COR).

6.1 Licensee shall submit a Pole Attachment Request/Conduit Occupancy Request, EXHIBIT 1 (PAR/COR), as specified on Verizon's website (URL <http://128.11.40.241/master.htm>), identifying the Verizon Poles and/or Verizon Conduit upon which Licensee desires to place Facilities or overlash existing Attachments. Licensee may request to attach to two hundred (200) poles and occupy fifty (50) manholes/handholes on a single PAR/COR. Verizon may limit the total number of PAR/CORs from Licensee to no more than two

thousand (2,000) poles or fifty (50) manholes/handholes for all requests pending approval at any one time. Licensee shall submit a Notice of Removal Form, as specified on Verizon's website (URL <http://128.11.40.241/master.htm>), identifying the Verizon Poles and/or Verizon Conduit upon which Licensee desires to remove Facilities. This includes those Facilities that may be overlashed to the Licensee's own existing Attachments or to another licensee's approved Attachments. Each PAR/COR or Notice of Removal Form shall be in a form specified by Verizon and may be revised from time to time by Verizon. All PAR/CORs submitted to Verizon shall be processed on a first come, first served basis. Verizon, in its sole judgment, will determine the availability of space on the Verizon Poles or in Verizon Conduit specified in the PAR/COR and will provide its response to the PAR/COR within forty-five (45) calendar days of its submission in all states except California, where Verizon's response shall be within sixty (60) calendar days of its submission. Upon approval of the PAR/COR, Verizon shall return one copy thereof to Licensee bearing an endorsement acknowledging Verizon's authorization. All Attachments placed on Verizon's Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduit pursuant to an approved PAR/COR shall become subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Licensee may submit subsequent PAR/CORs for approval by Verizon as needed. Verizon shall make a good faith effort to accommodate Licensee's PAR/CORs to include pole change outs, reasonable facilities rearrangements, and alternative route proposals before a PAR/COR is denied. If Verizon denies a Licensee's PAR/COR, an explanation shall be provided, including a description of the alternatives explored. Verizon is under no obligation to provide general information respecting the location and availability of Verizon Poles and/or Verizon Conduits, except as may be necessary to process a PAR/COR. Except as authorized in Subsection 6.6, no Facility shall be placed or overlashed on any Verizon Pole identified in a PAR/COR until that PAR/COR has been approved by Verizon.

- 6.2 Licensee shall pay Verizon a fee, as identified in Exhibit A which is incorporated here by reference as if fully set forth, at the time of submitting a request for processing a PAR/COR to compensate Verizon for the general administrative costs as well as the actual engineering costs reasonably incurred provided, however, no such fee shall be required if Verizon's CATV Pole Attachment and Cable Duct Arrangement tariff on file with the Commission does not provide for such a fee. If applicable, the fee for engineering costs shall be computed by multiplying the fully loaded hourly rate for an engineer times the number of hours reasonably required by each engineer to inspect the Verizon Poles and/or Verizon Conduit included in the PAR/COR. Verizon will true-up the charge based upon its then current rates for administrative and engineering costs, as may be changed from time to time by Verizon to remain consistent with prevailing cost.
- 6.3 Upon receiving an approved PAR/COR, Licensee shall have the right, subject to the terms of this License, to place and maintain the Attachments described in the PAR/COR in the space designated on the Verizon Poles and/or in the Verizon Conduits identified therein.
- 6.4 Make-Ready (Rearrangement) Work
 - 6.4.1 In the event Make-Ready (Rearrangement) Work is necessary to accommodate Licensee's Attachments, Verizon shall notify Licensee of such fact and provide Licensee with a good faith estimate of the total cost of such Make-Ready (Rearrangement) Work needed to accommodate Licensee's Attachments. Within twenty (20) calendar days after receiving such notice from Verizon, Licensee shall notify Verizon either (i) that Licensee shall pay all of the costs actually incurred to perform the Make-Ready Work and shall pay the total estimated amount to Verizon at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date the Make-Ready (Rearrangement) Work is to begin or (ii) that it desires to cancel its PAR/COR. Verizon is not obligated to initiate Make-Ready Work earlier than sixty (60) days

after notice to existing, affected attachers but will complete such Make-Ready Work in a generally acceptable time thereafter. If Verizon receives no response from Licensee within twenty (20) calendar days of Verizon's notice, it will be construed as the Licensee's desire to cancel its PAR/COR, any cost incurred to date for processing the Licensee's PAR/COR will be billed to the Licensee and the Attachments requested will be released for use by other requesting licensees on a first come, first serve basis.

6.5 Verizon shall not be responsible to Licensee for any loss sustained by Licensee by reason of the refusal or failure of any other party with Attachments on Verizon's Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduit to rearrange or modify its Attachments as may be required to accommodate Licensee's Facilities.

6.6 Unauthorized Attachments. Licensee is not authorized and shall have no right to place Facilities on any Verizon Pole and/or in any Verizon Conduit unless that Verizon Pole or Verizon Conduit is identified in an approved PAR/COR. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Subsection, service drop Attachments may be made prior to obtaining an approved PAR/COR for such from Verizon, however, Licensee shall submit a PAR/COR to Verizon for such service drop Attachments within two (2) Business Days immediately following the Attachment, except in Oregon where regulations allow such drop Attachments to be submitted within ten (10) calendar days following the drop Attachment.

7. Availability of Verizon Pole and Verizon Conduit Maps.

Existing Verizon Pole and Verizon Conduit maps will be made available for viewing by Licensee for the purpose of pre-order planning at the Verizon area engineering offices during normal business hours, subject to reasonable advance notification. While formal written requests will not be required in connection with the first request by Licensee to view Verizon Pole and Verizon Conduit maps, Verizon reserves the right to refuse any subsequent viewing request or require written justification for the request if Licensee has demonstrated that it does not have a good faith intention to submit a PAR/COR. If the availability of specific point-to-point conduits can be determined at the time of viewing Verizon Pole and Verizon Conduit maps, maps reflecting such point-to-point information may be made available for copying provided that such map does not contain information that is deemed proprietary to Verizon. In such case, Licensee will be provided with a sketch of the required point-to-point information without the proprietary information. Licensee shall pay to Verizon a fee sufficient to cover the general administrative costs incurred for making such copies available. IN MAKING VERIZON MAPS AVAILABLE, VERIZON WILL BE MAKING NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR ACCURACY, OTHER THAN THAT THEY ARE THE SAME CONDUIT MAPS USED BY VERIZON IN ITS DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS.

8. Requests for General Information Regarding Space on Verizon Poles and in Verizon Conduits.

Verizon will provide information regarding the availability of Verizon Pole or Verizon Conduit space within sixty (60) calendar days of a written request by Licensee. Because Verizon will endeavor to determine available space as quickly as possible, a shorter interval may be experienced for requests of a limited scope where physical field verification is not necessary. In the event the sixty (60) calendar day time frame cannot be met, Verizon shall so advise Licensee and shall seek a mutually satisfactory alternative response date. No representation regarding the availability of space shall be made in the absence of a physical field verification.

9. Authority to Place Attachments.

- 9.1 Before Licensee places any Facility, whether Attachments or overlash on Verizon's Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduit pursuant to an approved PAR/COR, Licensee shall submit evidence satisfactory to Verizon including but not limited to an affidavit of its authority to erect and maintain the Facilities to be placed on Verizon's Poles and in Verizon's Conduit within the public streets, highways and other thoroughfares or on private property. Licensee shall be solely responsible for obtaining all ROWs, easements, licenses, authorizations, permits and consents from federal, state and municipal authorities or private property owners that may be required to place Attachments on Verizon's Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduit. In the event Licensee must obtain any additional easements, permits, approvals, licenses and/or authorizations from any governmental authority or private individual or entity in order to utilize Verizon's Poles or Verizon's Conduits under an approved PAR/COR, Verizon shall, upon Licensee's request, provide written confirmation of its consent to Licensee's utilization of Verizon's Poles and/or Verizon's Conduit in a particular location in accordance with this Agreement, if needed by Licensee to obtain such additional approvals or authorizations. Verizon shall also provide maps or drawings of its facilities locations to the extent reasonably required by such governmental authority or private individual or entity for purposes of considering or granting Licensee's request to it for authority or approval.
- 9.2 Verizon shall not unreasonably intervene in or attempt to delay the granting of any ROWs, easements, licenses, authorizations, permits and consents from federal, state or municipal authorities or private property owners that may be required for Licensee to place its Attachments on Verizon's Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduits.
- 9.3 If any ROW, easement, license, authorization, permit or consent obtained by Licensee is subsequently revoked or denied for any reason, Licensee shall retain all rights to pursue all appeals before Verizon revokes permission to attach to its poles or in its conduit. Revocations of permission to attach to Verizon's Poles or Verizon's Conduit will be allowed only after Licensee has exhausted all legal, administrative, and equitable remedies in all state and federal forums. If Licensee does not prevail in its appeals, permission to attach to Verizon's Poles or Verizon's Conduit shall terminate immediately and Licensee shall promptly remove its Attachments. Should Licensee fail to remove its Attachments within sixty (60) calendar days of receiving notice to do so from Verizon, Verizon shall have the option to remove all such Attachments and store them in a public warehouse or elsewhere at the expense of and for the account of Licensee without Verizon being deemed guilty of trespass or conversion, and without Verizon becoming liable for any loss or damages to Licensee occasioned thereby. All costs incurred by Verizon to remove Licensee's Attachments shall be reimbursed to Verizon by Licensee upon demand.
- 9.4 Upon notice from Verizon to Licensee that the cessation of the use of any one or more of Verizon's Poles or Verizon's Conduits is necessary for reasons of safety or has been directed by any federal, state or municipal authority, or private property owner, permission to attach to such pole(s) or conduit(s) shall terminate immediately and Licensee promptly shall remove its Attachments. For safety violations, Licensee shall correct all non-standard conditions within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of written notice from Verizon. Should Licensee fail to correct safety violations or remove its Attachments within the time frame provided by the requesting or directing Party or sixty (60) calendar days of receiving notice to do so from Verizon, whichever is less, Verizon shall have the option to correct such safety violations or remove all such Attachments and store them in a public warehouse or elsewhere at the expense of and for the account of Licensee without Verizon being deemed guilty of trespass or conversion, and without Verizon becoming liable for any loss or damages to Licensee occasioned thereby. All costs incurred by Verizon to remove Licensee's Attachments shall be reimbursed to Verizon by Licensee upon demand by Verizon.

10. Placement of Attachments.

- 10.1 Licensee shall, at its own expense, place and maintain its Facilities, whether Attachments or overlash, on Verizon's Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduit in accordance with (i) such requirements and specifications, as published and amended from time to time by the industry, the Manual of Construction Procedures (Blue Book), (ii) all rules or orders now in effect or that hereafter may be issued by any regulatory agency or other authority having jurisdiction, and (iii) all currently applicable requirements and specifications of the National Electrical Safety Code, and the applicable rules and regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.
- 10.2 Licensee's Facilities on Verizon's Poles shall be tagged at maximum intervals of every three hundred (300) feet and Licensee's Facilities in Verizon's Conduits shall be tagged at each Manhole so as to identify Licensee as the owner of the Attachments. The tags shall be of sufficient size and lettering so as to be easily read from ground level. Tagging shall be performed on a going forward basis and where prior approved Attachments exist, such tagging must be performed at any time the Licensee is performing any service work on existing unmarked Facilities.
- 10.3 Nothing herein shall be construed as granting Licensee any ownership interest in support structures, whether or not constructed and/or paid for by Licensee under the Make Ready (Rearrangement) provisions in Subsection 6.4 of this Agreement.

11. Failure of Licensee to Place Attachments.

Once Licensee has obtained an approved PAR/COR, Licensee shall have sixty (60) calendar days from the date the PAR/COR is approved to begin the placement of its Attachments on the Verizon Poles and/or in the Verizon Conduit covered by the PAR/COR. If Licensee has not begun placing its Attachments within that sixty (60) calendar day period, Licensee shall so advise Verizon with a written explanation for the delay. If Licensee fails to advise Verizon of its delay with a written explanation there of or if Licensee fails to act in good faith by not making a bona fide effort to begin placing its Attachments within the sixty (60) calendar days prescribed by this Section, the previously approved PAR/COR shall be deemed rescinded by Verizon and Licensee shall have no further right to place Attachments pursuant to that PAR/COR.

12. Pole Attachment Fees and Conduit Occupancy Fees.

- 12.1 Licensee shall pay to Verizon an annual Pole Attachment Fee and/or Conduit Occupancy Fee, as specified on Exhibit A - Attachment Fees, which is incorporated here by reference as if fully set forth, upon which Licensee has made an Attachment. Pole Attachment Fees shall apply for each Verizon Pole upon which Licensee obtains authorization to place an Attachment. Conduit Occupancy Fees shall apply for each linear foot of Facilities placed in Innerduct and Manholes occupied by Licensee's Facilities in Verizon's Conduit. Linear feet occupied will begin at the center of the Manhole/Handhole and will include any excess cable stored within a Manhole/Handhole. If Licensee's Facilities occupy more than one Innerduct, a separate Conduit Occupancy Fee shall be paid by Licensee for each Innerduct occupied. The Conduit Occupancy Fee is the fee applicable to 1" or 1-1/4" diameter Innerduct. Verizon reserves the right to charge a higher fee for Innerduct of greater diameter. The Pole Attachment Fee or Conduit Occupancy Fee may be changed by Verizon from time to time as permitted by law upon sixty (60) calendar days, or the appropriate number of days as prescribed by federal, state or local government authority, written notice to Licensee.
- 12.2 Pole Attachment Fees and/or Conduit Occupancy Fees shall be billed in advance and

become due and payable on the date a PAR/COR is approved by Verizon for all Verizon Poles and/or Verizon Conduit identified in that PAR/COR. Fees shall be prorated to the end of the calendar year and will be billed on an annual calendar year basis. There shall be no prorating of Pole Attachment Fees and/or Conduit Occupancy Fees for Attachments removed during the calendar year. A calendar year means January 1 to the succeeding December 31. If any undisputed amount due on the billing statement is not received by Verizon on the payment due date, Verizon may charge, at its sole discretion, and Licensee agrees to pay, interest on the past due balance at a rate equal to the lesser of the interest rates set forth in the applicable Verizon (GTE/Contel) state access tariffs or the GTOC/GSTC FCC No. 1 tariff, of one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) per month or the maximum nonusurious rate of interest under applicable law. Late payment charges shall be included on the next statement.

- 12.3 All pole and conduit related Facilities placed by the Licensee on Verizon's Poles or in Verizon's Conduit will be billed at the fees shown in Exhibit A - Attachment Fees attached hereto, which is incorporated here by reference as if fully set forth.
- 12.4 Verizon shall maintain an inventory of the total number of Verizon Poles occupied by Licensee based upon the cumulative number of poles specified in all PAR/CORs approved by Verizon. Verizon shall maintain an inventory of the total linear footage of Facilities in Innerduct and Manholes occupied by Licensee based upon the cumulative linear footage per Innerduct and/or Duct from all PAR/CORs approved by Verizon. Verizon may, at its option, conduct a physical inventory of Licensee's Attachments under this Section. At Verizon's election, such physical inventories shall be conducted by Verizon upon renegotiation of this Agreement or any subpart or appendix thereof, and a maximum of one time per calendar year thereafter. The costs incurred by Verizon to conduct the physical inventory shall be reimbursed to Verizon by the Licensee upon demand by Verizon. It shall be Licensee's sole responsibility to notify Verizon of any and all removals of Attachments from Verizon's Poles and/or Verizon's Conduits, as specified on Verizon's website (URL <http://128.11.40.241/master.htm>). Except as provided in Section 19 of this Agreement in connection with the termination of this Agreement, such notice shall be provided to Verizon at least thirty (30) days prior to the removal of the Attachments. Each Notice of Removal shall be in a form specified by Verizon and may be revised from time to time at Verizon's sole discretion. Licensee shall remain liable for Pole Attachment Fees and/or Conduit Occupancy Fees until Licensee's Attachments have been physically removed from Verizon's Poles and/or Verizon's Conduits.
- 12.5 In addition to the Conduit Occupancy Fees above, if at any time the Licensee is allowed by Verizon to enter a Manhole through means other than Verizon's existing Conduit or Ducts, an annual charge per foot of Facilities placed within the Manhole system will apply as well as any previously identified Make-Ready (Rearrangement) charges.

13. Modifications, Additions or Replacements to Existing Attachments.

- 13.1 Licensee shall not modify, add to, overlash, or replace Facilities on any pre-existing Attachment or in any Verizon Conduit without first notifying Verizon in writing of the intended modifications or replacement at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date the activity is scheduled to begin. The required notification shall include: (i) the date the activity is scheduled to begin, (ii) a description of the planned modification or replacement, (iii) a representation that the modification or replacement will not require any space other than the space previously designated for Licensee's Attachments, (iv) a representation that the modification or replacement will not impair the structural integrity of the poles and conduit involved, and (v) a representation that the modification or replacement will not impact other Licensee's Attachments. Licensee shall be solely responsible for obtaining all ROWs,

easements, licenses, authorizations, permits and consents from federal, state and municipal authorities or private property owners that may be required to modify or add Attachments on Verizon's Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduit. In the event Licensee must obtain any additional easements, permits, approvals, licenses and/or authorizations from any governmental authority or private individual or entity in order to utilize Verizon's Poles or Verizon's Conduits under an approved PAR/COR, Verizon shall, upon Licensee's request, provide written confirmation of its consent to Licensee's utilization of Verizon's Poles and/or Verizon's Conduit in a particular location in accordance with this Agreement, if needed by Licensee to obtain such additional approvals or authorizations. Overlapping Licensee's Facilities, whether it is the Licensee's own facilities or that of a third party, shall require prior approval of a PAR/COR per Section 6 of this Agreement.

- 13.2 Should Verizon determine that the modification or replacement specified by Licensee in its notice will require more space than that allocated to Licensee or will require the reinforcement of, replacement of or an addition of support equipment to the facilities involved in order to accommodate Licensee's modification or replacement, Verizon will so notify Licensee, whereupon Licensee will be required to submit a PAR/COR in compliance with this Agreement in order to obtain authorization for the modification, addition or replacement of its Facilities.
- 13.3 Access to Verizon's Poles or Verizon's Conduits for repairs, modifications or replacements required in emergency situations shall be governed by Section 23 of this Agreement.
- 13.4 Should Licensee request Verizon to expand capacity or purchase additional plant, Licensee agrees to pay all costs.

14. Rearrangements to Accommodate Other Licensees.

Licensee acknowledges that at some point in the future it may become necessary to rearrange Licensee's Facilities in order to create space to accommodate the facilities of another licensee. Licensee agrees that in such event Licensee will cooperate in good faith with such other licensee to come to a mutually agreeable understanding regarding the manner in which the rearrangement of Licensee's Facilities will be achieved.

15. Unauthorized Attachments to Verizon's Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduits.

- 15.1 Unauthorized Attachments on Verizon Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduits are a breach of this Agreement. Unless, upon request, Licensee provides written proof of authorization from Verizon, an Attachment to Verizon's Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduits shall be considered unauthorized. Such breach of Agreement must be remedied as set forth below otherwise Licensee is subject to all legal remedies afforded Verizon under Applicable Law.
- 15.2 The Parties agree that because it would be impracticable and extremely difficult to determine the actual amount of damages resulting from Licensee's unauthorized Attachment, the charge outlined below shall be paid by Licensee to Verizon for each unauthorized Attachment to a Verizon Pole and/or in a Verizon Conduit. Such payment shall be deemed liquidated damages and not a penalty. Licensee also shall pay Verizon a Pole Attachment Fee and/or Conduit Occupancy Fee for each unauthorized Attachment and/or Manhole/Handhole occupied accruing from the date the unauthorized Attachment was first placed on the Verizon Pole and/or in the Verizon Conduit. In the event that the date the unauthorized Attachment was first placed on a Verizon Pole and/or in a Verizon Conduit cannot be determined, such date shall be deemed the date of the last physical inventory made in accordance with this Agreement or, if no physical inventory has been conducted, the date the first PAR/COR from Licensee was approved in accordance with

this Agreement. Licensee also shall pay to Verizon all costs incurred by Verizon to rearrange any unauthorized Attachments of Licensee if such rearrangement is required to safeguard Verizon's Pole Attachments and/or Verizon's Conduit or to accommodate the Attachments of another party whose Attachments would not have required a rearrangement but for the presence of Licensee's unauthorized Attachments. Licensee shall also pay to Verizon all costs incurred by Verizon to reinforce, replace or modify any Verizon Pole and/or Verizon Conduit, which reinforcement, replacement or modification was required as a result of the unauthorized Attachment of Licensee. The Pole Attachment Fee and/or Conduit Occupancy Fee referenced in this Subsection 15.2 shall be determined in the same manner as such a fee would have been determined if the Attachment had been authorized by Verizon.

15.2.1 The unauthorized Attachment charge shall be equal to five (5) times the amount of the then current Pole Attachment Fee per each unauthorized Attachment and/or Conduit Occupancy Fee per linear foot of unauthorized occupancy of Verizon Conduit.

15.3 Once Verizon has notified Licensee of an unauthorized Attachment, the Licensee must submit a PAR/COR to request an authorized Attachment. A PAR/COR submitted per this provision will be treated like any other PAR/COR subject to this Agreement on a going-forward basis. Licensee will be responsible for all fees associated with a PAR/COR (as identified in this Agreement). If a PAR/COR is not received by Verizon within fifteen (15) calendar days of Licensee's receipt of an unauthorized Attachment notification, then Licensee has sixty (60) calendar days from the date of its receipt of the initial unauthorized Attachment notification to vacate the unauthorized Attachment. Removal of the Licensee's unauthorized Attachment does not relieve Licensee of any and all charges applicable to the unauthorized Attachments made to Verizon's Facilities.

15.4 For purposes of this Section, an unauthorized Attachment shall include, but not be limited to:

15.4.1 An Attachment to a Verizon Pole and/or in a Verizon Conduit for which a Verizon Pole or Verizon Conduit is not identified in any PAR/COR approved in accordance with this Agreement.

15.4.2 An Attachment that occupies more space than that allocated to Licensee by Verizon.

15.4.3 An Attachment that is not placed in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or the appropriate PAR/COR issued pursuant to this Agreement.

15.4.4 An addition or modification by Licensee to its pre-existing Attachments that impairs the structural integrity of the involved Verizon Pole and/or Verizon Conduit or other Verizon facilities or those of other licensees.

15.4.5 An Attachment that consists of facilities owned or controlled by and for the use of a party other than Licensee.

15.4.6 An Attachment that is overlashing Licensee's existing Attachment that is not identified in any PAR/COR approved in accordance with this Agreement.

16. Surveys and Inspections of Attachments.

16.1 Upon written notice to Licensee, the total number and exact location of Licensee's Attachments on Verizon's Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduit may be determined, at Verizon's discretion, through a survey to be made not more than once per calendar year by Verizon. If so requested, Licensee and/or any other entity owning or jointly owning the poles and conduit with Verizon may participate in the survey. The costs incurred by Verizon to conduct the survey shall be reimbursed to Verizon by Licensee upon demand by

Verizon. If the Attachments of more than one Licensee are surveyed, each such Licensee shall contribute a proportionate share of the costs reimbursed to Verizon.

- 16.2 Apart from surveys conducted in accordance with this Section, Verizon shall have the right to inspect any Attachment by Licensee on Verizon's Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduit as conditions may warrant upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to Licensee. Licensee shall, upon demand by Verizon, reimburse Verizon all costs incurred to conduct its inspection. No joint survey or inspection, or lack thereof, by Verizon shall operate to relieve Licensee of any responsibility, obligation or liability assumed under this Agreement.

17. Notice of Modification or Alteration of Verizon Poles or Verizon Conduit by Verizon.

- 17.1 In the event Verizon plans to modify or alter any Verizon Poles upon which Licensee has Attachments and/or Verizon Conduit in which Licensee has Facilities, Verizon shall provide Licensee notice of the proposed modification or alteration at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the time the proposed modification or alteration is scheduled to take place. Should Licensee decide to simultaneously modify or alter its Attachments on the Verizon Poles and/or in the Verizon Conduit to be modified or altered by Verizon, Licensee shall so notify Verizon in writing at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to when work is to begin. In such event, Licensee shall bear a proportionate share of the total costs incurred by Verizon to make such poles and conduit accessible to Licensee. Licensee's proportionate share of the total cost shall be based on the ratio of the amount of new space occupied by Licensee to the total amount of new space occupied by all of the parties joining in the modification.

- 17.2 In the event Verizon is required by a federal, state, or local authority or for any other reason beyond Verizon's control (e.g., normal deterioration) to move, replace or change the location of Verizon's Poles and/or location, alignment, or grade of Verizon's Conduit, Licensee shall concurrently relocate Licensee's Attachments. Verizon and each Licensee required to relocate its Attachments shall bear its own costs for such relocation.

18. Disclaimer of Warranties.

EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT, Verizon MAKES NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

19. Default and Remedies.

- 19.1 The occurrence of any one of the following shall be deemed a "Material Default" by Licensee under this Agreement:

- 19.1.1 Failure by Licensee to pay any fee or other sum required to be paid under the terms of this Agreement and such default continues for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after written notice thereof to Licensee;
- 19.1.2 Failure by Licensee to perform or observe any other term, condition, covenant, obligation or provision of this Agreement and such default continues for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after written notice thereof from Verizon (provided that if such default is not curable within such thirty (30) calendar day period, the period will be extended if Licensee commences to cure such default within such thirty (30) day period and proceeds diligently thereafter to effect such cure);
- 19.1.3 The filing (related to Licensee's Attachments or acts or omissions of Licensee) of any tax or mechanic's lien against Verizon's Poles and/or Verizon's Conduits

which is not bonded or discharged within thirty (30) days of the date Licensee receives notice that such lien has been filed;

- 19.1.4 Licensee's voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy;
 - 19.1.5 Licensee's knowing use or maintenance of its Attachments in violation of any law or regulation, or in aid of any unlawful act or undertaking;
 - 19.1.6 The denial or revocation of any authorization which may be required of the Licensee by any governmental or private authority for the placement, operation or maintenance of Licensee's Attachments.
- 19.2 In the event of a Material Default, Verizon, without any further notice to the Licensee (except where expressly provided for below or required by applicable law) may do any one or more of the following:
- 19.2.1 Perform, on behalf and at the expense of Licensee, any obligation of Licensee under this Agreement which Licensee has failed to perform and of which Verizon shall have given Licensee notice, the cost of which performance shall be paid by Licensee to Verizon upon demand;
 - 19.2.2 Terminate this Agreement by giving notice of such termination to Licensee and upon sixty (60) calendar days written notice, remove Licensee's Attachments and store them in a public warehouse or elsewhere at the expense of and for the account of Licensee without Verizon being deemed guilty of trespass or conversion, and without Verizon becoming liable for any loss or damages to Licensee occasioned thereby; or
 - 19.2.3 Exercise any other legal or equitable right or remedy which Verizon may have.
- 19.3 Any costs and expenses incurred by Verizon (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) in enforcing this Agreement shall be repaid to Verizon by Licensee upon demand.
- 19.4 Upon termination of this Agreement by Verizon because of a Material Default by Licensee, Licensee shall remain liable to Verizon for any and all fees, other payments and damages which may be due or sustained prior to such termination, all reasonable costs, fees and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by Verizon in pursuit of its remedies hereunder. In addition to and notwithstanding Section 15, the Parties agree that because it would be impracticable and extremely difficult to determine the actual amount of damages, additional liquidated damages for termination because of Material Default shall be an amount equal to one full year of Pole Attachment Fees and/or Conduit Occupancy Fees.
- 19.5 All rights and remedies of each Party set forth in this Agreement shall be cumulative and none shall exclude any other right or remedy, now or hereafter allowed by or available under any statute, ordinance, rule of court, or the common law, either at law or in equity, or both.

20. Indemnification.

- 20.1 Licensee shall compensate Verizon for the full actual loss, damage or destruction of Verizon's property that in any way arises from or is related to this Agreement or activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement (including, without limitation, the installation, construction, operation or maintenance of Licensee's Attachments).

- 20.2 Licensee will further indemnify, defend and hold harmless Verizon and Verizon's agents, officers, employees and assigns, from any and all losses, damages, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees), statutory fines or penalties, actions or claims for personal injury (including death), damage to property, or other damage or financial loss of whatever nature in any way arising out of or connected with this Agreement or activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement (including, without limitation, the installation, construction, operation or maintenance of Licensee's Attachments). Licensee will further indemnify Verizon from subsequent taxes and fees that may be levied by municipalities or other governmental entities and related to or arising from the presence of Licensee's Attachments on Verizon's Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduits, including but not limited to taxes or fees related to use of public rights-of-way, in association with this Agreement. Such fees that are levied would be in addition to the Pole Attachment Fees and/or Conduit Occupancy Fees reflected in this Agreement. Licensee expressly assumes all liability for actions brought against Verizon and Verizon's agents, officers, employees and assigns, by Licensee's agents, officers or employees and Licensee expressly waives any immunity from the enforcement of this indemnification provision that might otherwise be provided by workers' compensation law or by other state or federal laws.
- 20.3 Without limiting any of the foregoing, Licensee assumes all risk of, and agrees to relieve Verizon of any and all liability for, loss or damage (and the consequences of loss or damage) to any Attachments placed on Verizon's Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduits and any other financial loss sustained by Licensee, whether caused by fire, extended coverage perils, or other casualty.
- 20.4 Without limiting the foregoing, Licensee expressly agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Verizon and Verizon's agents, officers, employees and assigns from any and all claims asserted by customers of Licensee in any way arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or Licensee's Attachments.
- 20.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Licensee further shall indemnify and hold harmless Verizon, its agents, officers, employees and assigns from and against any claims, liabilities, losses, damages, fines, penalties and costs (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) whether foreseen or unforeseen, which the indemnified Parties suffer or incur because of: (i) any discharge of Hazardous Materials resulting from acts or omissions of Licensee or the Licensee's predecessor in interest; (ii) acts or omissions of the Licensee, its agents, employees, contractors, representatives or predecessor in interest in connection with any cleanup required by law, or (iii) failure of Licensee or the Licensee's predecessor in interest to comply with environmental, safety and health laws.
- 20.6 In no event shall either Party be liable to the other Party for any special, consequential or indirect damages (including, without limitation, lost revenues and lost profits) arising out this Agreement or any obligation arising hereunder, whether in an action for or arising out of breach of contract, tort or otherwise.
- 20.7 Licensee shall indemnify, protect and hold harmless Verizon from and against any and all claims for libel and slander, copyright, patent, and/or other intellectual property rights infringement arising directly or indirectly by reason of Attachment of Licensee's equipment on Verizon's Poles and/or in Verizon's Conduit pursuant to this Agreement.

21. Insurance.

- 21.1 Licensee shall carry insurance, at its sole cost and expense, sufficient to cover its indemnification obligations as set forth in Section 20 of this Agreement. Such insurance shall include, but not be limited to, coverage against liability due to personal injury or death of persons in the amount of \$1,000,000 as to any one person and \$2,000,000 as to any one accident; coverage against liability due to property damage in the amount of \$1,000,000 as to each accident and \$2,000,000 aggregate; and coverage necessary to fully comply with any worker's compensation laws that may be applicable.
- 21.2 All insurance required of Licensee under this Agreement shall remain in force for the entire life of this Agreement. The company or companies issuing such insurance shall be approved by Verizon and Verizon Communications Inc. and with the exception of workers' compensation its affiliates and subsidiaries shall be named as an additional insured in each such policy. All insurance required of Licensee under this Agreement shall be considered primary. Licensee shall submit to Verizon certificates by each insurer to the effect that the insurer has insured Licensee for all potential liabilities of Licensee under this Agreement, and that it will not cancel or change any policy of insurance issued to Licensee except upon thirty (30) calendar days notice to Verizon. In the event Licensee's insurance coverage is to be canceled by reason of non-payment of premiums due, Verizon shall have the option of paying any amount due and Licensee shall forthwith reimburse Verizon the full amount paid by Verizon.
- 21.3 Licensee shall promptly advise Verizon in writing of any and all claims for damages, including, but not limited to, damage to property or injury to or death of persons, allegedly arising out of or in any manner related, directly or indirectly, to the presence or use of Licensee's Attachments.
- 21.4 Unless provided by Verizon in writing to the contrary, Licensee shall furnish bond or satisfactory evidence of continuous contractual insurance coverage, the terms of which shall be subject to Verizon's approval, in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to guarantee the payment of any sums which may become due to Verizon for rentals, inspections or for work performed by Verizon for the benefit of Licensee under this Agreement, including the removal of Licensee's equipment pursuant to any of the provisions hereof. All bonds must specify that Verizon be notified thirty (30) calendar days prior to the expiration or cancellation of the policy.

22. Taxes.

Any state or local excise, sales, or use taxes or other surcharges or fees (excluding any taxes levied on income) resulting from the performance of this Agreement shall be borne by the Party upon which the obligation for payment is imposed under applicable law, even if the obligation to collect and remit such taxes, surcharges or fees is placed upon the other Party. The collecting Party shall charge and collect from the obligated Party, and the obligated Party agrees to pay to the collecting Party, all applicable taxes, surcharges or fees, except to the extent that the obligated Party notifies the collecting Party and provides to the collecting Party appropriate documentation as Verizon requires that qualifies the obligated Party for a full or partial exemption. Any such taxes, surcharges or fees shall be shown as separate items on applicable billing documents between the Parties. The obligated Party may contest the same in good faith, at its own expense, and shall be entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery, provided that such Party shall not permit any lien to exist on any asset of the other Party by reason of the contest. The collecting Party shall cooperate in any such contest by the other Party. The other Party will indemnify the collecting Party from any such taxes, surcharges or fees that may be subsequently levied on payments by the other Party by the collecting Party.

23. Emergency Restoration Procedures.

In the event of an emergency, restoration procedures may be affected by the presence of Licensee's Attachments. While Verizon shall not be responsible for the repair of Licensee's Attachments that are damaged (except by mutual written agreement), Verizon shall nonetheless control access to Verizon Poles and Verizon Conduit if the restoration is to be achieved in an orderly fashion. Licensee agrees to reimburse Verizon for the cost of all labor, equipment, and/or materials furnished by Verizon in support of any restoral operations from which Licensee is a beneficiary.

23.1 Where multiple parties are involved in emergency restorations, access to Verizon's Poles and/or Verizon's Conduits will be controlled by Verizon's Maintenance District Manager or a related on-site representative according to the following guidelines:

23.1.1 Service Disruptions/Outages

- a. In the event of service disruptions and/or outages, Verizon shall make all reasonable efforts to grant access to as many other entities with Attachments as is reasonably safe.
- b. Where simultaneous access is not possible, access will be granted by Verizon on a first come, first served basis.

23.1.2 Service Affecting Emergencies

- a. In the event of service affecting emergencies not resulting in service disruptions or outages, Verizon shall make all reasonable efforts to grant access to as many other entities with Attachments as is reasonably safe.
- b. Where Verizon is unable to grant simultaneous access to all other entities with Attachments, access will be granted according to the level of damage to the Attachments of each entity and the likelihood that a given level of damage will result in service disruption. Where the likelihood that a service disruption will result is not clearly discernible, access will be on a first come, first served basis.
- c. Verizon will not undertake the partial transfer of the Licensee's Attachment on a Verizon Pole and/or in a Verizon Conduit, except in the event of emergency repair situations where Licensee cables or drops are broken. In such cases, Verizon will reserve the right to transfer Licensee's Attachments that are still attached to Verizon's Pole and/or in Verizon's Conduit, remove the damaged pole and/or conduit, leave the repair/replacement cable work for Licensee, and bill the Licensee the actual costs incurred to perform the Attachment and/or Facility transfer.

23.2 Without limiting any other indemnification or hold harmless provisions of this Agreement, Licensee agrees that any decision by Verizon regarding access to Licensee's Attachments, or any action or failure to act by Verizon, under this Section 23 shall not constitute a basis for any claim by Licensee against Verizon for any damage to Licensee's Attachments or disruption of Licensee's services, or any other direct or indirect damages of any kind whatsoever incurred by Licensee.

24. Damage Suspected to Licensee's Attachments Only.

- 24.1 In the event Licensee receives information that Licensee's Attachments are damaged, Licensee shall notify Verizon of said damage at the telephone number specified on Verizon's website (URL <http://128.11.40.241/master.htm>). This is a 24-hour, 7 days per week notification number. Licensee shall provide Verizon all information known to it regarding the damage to Licensee's Attachments.
- 24.2 In the event Verizon receives notice that Licensee's Attachments are damaged, Verizon will notify Licensee of said damage by telephone at the Licensee's emergency telephone number specified on Verizon's website (URL <http://128.11.40.241/master.htm>). Verizon shall provide Licensee all information known to it regarding the damage to Licensee's Attachments.
- 24.3 After the giving of such notice by either Licensee or Verizon, Licensee shall be authorized to perform emergency restoration maintenance activities in connection with Licensee's Attachments, subject to the provisions of this Agreement.
- 24.4 Without limiting any other indemnification or hold harmless provisions of this Agreement, Licensee agrees that any decision by Verizon regarding access to Licensee's Attachments, or any action or failure to act by Verizon, appropriately or inappropriately, under this Section shall not be the basis for any claim by Licensee against Verizon for any damage to Licensee's Attachments or disruption of Licensee's services, or any other direct or indirect damages of any kind whatsoever incurred by Licensee and Licensee shall indemnify and hold Verizon harmless from any such claim.

25. Access to Verizon's Manholes / Handholes.

- 25.1 Verizon will allow Licensee to audit Manholes / Handholes that are included in any PAR/COR submitted to Verizon to confirm usability. Licensee shall give Verizon at least thirty (30) calendar days' advance written notice of its desire to audit and shall obtain all authorizations from appropriate authorities required to open the Manholes / Handholes. Verizon shall have the right to have a Verizon employee or agent present when its Manholes / Handholes are being opened. Such Verizon employee or agent shall have the authority to suspend Licensee's activities in and around Verizon's Manholes / Handholes if, in the sole discretion of said employee or agent, any hazardous conditions arise or any unsafe practices are being followed by Licensee's employees, agents, or contractors. Licensee agrees to reimburse Verizon the cost of having Verizon's employee or agent present. Such charge shall be Verizon's fully loaded labor rates then in effect.
- 25.2 For purposes other than to audit usability, Verizon's Manholes / Handholes shall be opened only as permitted by Verizon and only after Licensee has obtained all necessary authorizations from appropriate authorities to open Manholes / Handholes and conduct work operations therein. Verizon shall have the right to have a Verizon employee or agent present at any site at which its Manholes / Handholes are being opened. Such Verizon employee or agent shall have the authority to suspend Licensee's work operations in and around Verizon's Manholes / Handholes if, in the sole discretion of said employee or agent, any hazardous conditions arise or any unsafe practices are being followed by Licensee's employees, agents, or contractors. Licensee agrees to reimburse Verizon the cost of having Verizon's employee or agent present. Such charge shall be Verizon's fully loaded labor rates then in effect. The presence of Verizon's authorized employee or agent shall not relieve Licensee of its responsibility to conduct all of its work operations in and around Verizon's Conduit in a safe and workmanlike manner, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement nor result in any assumption of risk or waiver or remedies by Verizon.

26. Safety and Environmental Matters.

- 26.1 Licensee shall be solely responsible for assuring the safety of its employees (as well as the public and Licensor's employees). Licensee shall be responsible for its compliance with all requirements of laws relating to the safety of its employees including, but not limited to, all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. In particular, but not by way of limitation, Licensee is responsible as follows:
- 26.1.1 Most utility poles are treated with one or more wood preservatives. In addition, there are a number of potential hazards associated with working on or around utility poles including, but not limited to, potential exposure to lead-containing products, exposure to electric lines and falling from high places. Licensee is responsible for surveying all poles to determine the appropriate safety practices for its employees. Licensee is responsible for assuring that its employees receive any and all protective equipment and clothing and that employees receive all appropriate training. If Licensee has any questions about the conditions at a particular pole it must contact Licensor.
- 26.1.2 There are many potential safety concerns associated with manhole entry. These include, but are not limited to, concerns related to working in confined spaces, air quality, exposure to lead cable and other lead-containing products and safe-workplace set-up practices. Licensee is responsible for surveying all manholes to determine the appropriate safety practices for its employees. Licensee is responsible for assuring that its employees receive any and all protective equipment and clothing and that employees receive all appropriate training. If Licensee has any questions about the conditions at a particular manhole it must contact Licensor.
- 26.2 Licensee is responsible for complying with all laws designed to protect the environment including, but not limited to, laws relating to any type of discharge to the environment as well as laws relating to Hazardous Materials.
- 26.2.1 The water and/or sediment contained in manholes may contain a number of Hazardous Materials and/or other regulated substances including but not limited to lead, sewage and petroleum products. If Licensee discovers any water or sediment in manholes that prevent it from safely working in the manhole, it shall contact Licensor and request that Licensor, at Licensee's expense, remove (or have removed by a third party) the water and/or sediment from the manhole.
- 26.2.2 Licensee shall not bring any Hazardous Materials onto any pole, into any manhole or onto any other piece of Licensor's equipment or property without the prior written consent of Licensor. Licensor may refuse to grant such consent in its sole discretion. Licensee shall assure that Licensor is provided with a copy of a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each such Hazardous Material. Licensee shall ensure that all Hazardous Materials contain appropriate labels and warnings.
- 26.2.3 All materials, including Hazardous Materials, brought or used on the Equipment must be owned by Licensee. Licensee is responsible for storing, using and removing all materials from such premises in accordance with all applicable laws. Licensee is also responsible for the proper management of all wastes that it generates while at the premises. In the event of a spill or breakage of Hazardous Materials, Licensee is responsible for managing all applicable emergency response efforts required by law or regulation. In addition to notifying the applicable governmental agencies, Licensee shall also immediately call the Licensor's Safety, Health and Environment Hotline at 1-800-386-9639 or such other number as may

otherwise be updated and indicated on Verizon's website at URL <http://128.11.40.241/master.htm>.

26.2.4 Licensee shall not, without express written permission of Licensor, perform any operation or use any machinery that requires an environmental permit. Licensor may refuse to consent to such operation or machinery if the permit is not required for Licensor's operations at the premises. Licensee is responsible for preparing its own emergency response plans and performing community reporting as may be required under federal, state or local laws or regulations.

26.3 Licensee shall report to Licensor any condition that could have an adverse environmental impact or that poses a potential safety hazard to any party even if Licensee did not cause such condition.

27. Abandonment.

Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent or be construed to prevent Verizon from abandoning, selling, assigning or otherwise disposing of any poles and/or conduits or other Verizon property used for Licensee's Attachments; provided, however, that Verizon shall condition any such sale, assignment or other disposition subject to the rights granted to Licensee pursuant to this Agreement. Verizon shall promptly notify Licensee of any proposed sale, assignment or other disposition of any poles and/or conduit or other Verizon property used for Licensee's Attachments.

28. Notices.

Any written notice to be given to a Party to this Agreement shall be in writing and given or made by means of telegram, facsimile transmission, certified or registered mail, express mail or other overnight delivery service, or hand delivery, proper postage or other charges prepaid, and addressed or directed to the respective Parties as follows:

To Licensee: Dray Willoughby
Brandenburg Telecom, LLC
200 Telco Drive
Brandenburg, KY 40108

To Verizon: Verizon South Inc.
4100 Roxboro Road
Durham, NC 27704
Attn: Lee Berkley

Any notice given by personal delivery shall be deemed to have been given on the day of actual delivery and, if given by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, on the date of receipt thereof and, if given by facsimile transmission, on the day of transmittal thereof if given during the normal business hours of the recipient and on the next Business Day if not given during normal business hours.

29. Non-Waiver of Terms and Conditions.

No course of dealing, course of performance or failure to enforce any of term, right, condition or other provision of this Agreement shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of any term, right or condition or other provision of this Agreement.

30. Confidential Information.

- 30.1 **Identification.** Either Party may disclose to the other proprietary or confidential customer, technical, or business information in written, graphic, oral or other tangible or intangible forms ("Confidential Information"). In order for information to be considered Confidential Information under this Agreement, it must be marked "Confidential" or "Proprietary," or bear a marking of similar import. Orally or visually disclosed information shall be deemed Confidential Information only if contemporaneously identified as such and reduced to writing and delivered to the other Party with a statement or marking of confidentiality within thirty (30) calendar days after oral or visual disclosure.
- 30.2 **Handling.** In order to protect such Confidential Information from improper disclosure, each Party agrees:
- 30.2.1 That all Confidential Information shall be and shall remain the exclusive property of the source;
 - 30.2.2 To limit access to such Confidential Information to authorized employees and contractors who have a need to know the Confidential Information for performance of this Agreement;
 - 30.2.3 To keep such Confidential Information confidential and to use the same level of care, but in no event less than a reasonable degree of care, to prevent disclosure or unauthorized use of the received Confidential Information as it exercises in protecting its own Confidential Information of a similar nature;
 - 30.2.4 Not to copy, publish, or disclose such Confidential Information to others or authorize anyone else to copy, publish, or disclose such Confidential Information to others without the prior written approval of the source;
 - 30.2.5 To return promptly any copies of such Confidential Information to the source at its request; and
 - 30.2.6 To use such Confidential Information only for purposes of fulfilling work or services performed hereunder and for other purposes only upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the Parties in writing.
- 30.3 **Exceptions.** These obligations shall not apply to any Confidential Information that was legally in the recipient's possession prior to receipt from the source, was received in good faith from a third party not subject to a confidentiality obligation to the source, now is or later becomes publicly known through no breach of confidential obligation by the recipient, was developed by the recipient without the developing persons having access to any of the Confidential Information received in confidence from the source, or that is required to be disclosed pursuant to subpoena or other process issued by a court or administrative agency having appropriate jurisdiction, provided, however, that the recipient shall give prior notice to the source and shall reasonably cooperate if the source deems it necessary to seek protective arrangements.
- 30.4 **Survival.** The obligation of confidentiality and use with respect to Confidential Information disclosed by one Party to the other shall survive any termination of this Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the date of the initial disclosure of the Confidential Information.

31. Dispute Resolution.

- 31.1 **Alternative to Litigation.** Except as provided under Section 252 (Procedures for Negotiation, Arbitration, and Approval of Agreements) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with respect to the approval of this Agreement by the Commission, the Parties desire to resolve disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement without litigation. Accordingly, except for action seeking a temporary restraining order or an injunction related to the purposes of this Agreement, or suit to compel compliance with this dispute resolution process, the Parties agree to use the following alternative dispute resolution procedures as the sole remedy with respect to any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach. The foregoing dispute resolution procedures shall not operate in any manner to preclude either party pursuing relief before any regulatory agency regarding any dispute or controversy within the exclusive jurisdiction of such agency; in the event of such a dispute or controversy, if not resolved through negotiation, either party may pursue relief before such agency as otherwise permitted by law.
- 31.2 **Negotiations.** At the written request of a Party, each Party will appoint a knowledgeable, responsible representative to meet and negotiate in good faith to resolve any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The Parties intend that these negotiations be conducted by non-lawyer, business representatives. The location, format, frequency, duration, and conclusion of these discussions shall be left to the discretion of the representatives. Upon agreement, the representatives may utilize other alternative dispute resolution procedures such as mediation to assist in the negotiations. Discussions and correspondence among the representatives for purposes of these negotiations shall be treated as confidential information developed for purposes of settlement, exempt from discovery, and shall not be admissible in the arbitration described below or in any lawsuit without the concurrence of all Parties. Documents identified in or provided with such communications, which are not prepared for purposes of the negotiations, are not so exempted and may, if otherwise discoverable, be discovered or otherwise admissible, be admitted in evidence, in the arbitration or lawsuit.
- 31.3 **Arbitration.** If the negotiations do not resolve the dispute within ninety (90) calendar days of the initial written request, the dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration by a single arbitrator pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association except that the Parties may select an arbitrator outside American Arbitration Association rules upon mutual agreement. A Party may demand such arbitration in accordance with the procedures set out in those rules. Discovery shall be controlled by the arbitrator and shall be permitted to the extent set out in this Section. Each Party may submit in writing to a Party, and that Party shall so respond to, a maximum of any combination of thirty-five (35) (none of which may have subparts) of the following: interrogatories, demands to produce documents, or requests for admission. Each Party is also entitled to take the oral deposition of one individual of another Party. Additional discovery may be permitted upon mutual agreement of the Parties. The arbitration hearing shall be commenced within ninety (90) calendar days of the demand for arbitration. The arbitration shall be held in a mutually agreeable city. The arbitrator shall control the scheduling so as to process the matter expeditiously. The Parties may submit written briefs. The arbitrator shall rule on the dispute by issuing a written opinion within forty-five (45) calendar days after the close of hearings. The times specified in this Section may be extended upon mutual agreement of the Parties or by the arbitrator upon a showing of good cause. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.
- 31.4 **Expedited Arbitration Procedures.** If the issue to be resolved through the negotiations referenced in Section 31.2 directly and materially affects service to either Party's end-user customers, then the period of resolution of the dispute through negotiations before the dispute is to be submitted to binding arbitration shall be seven (7) calendar days. Once

such a service-affecting dispute is submitted to arbitration, the arbitration shall be conducted pursuant to the expedited procedures rules of the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association (i.e., rules 53 through 57).

- 31.5 **Costs.** Each Party shall bear its own costs of these procedures. A Party seeking discovery shall reimburse the responding Party the costs of production of documents (including search time and reproduction costs). The Parties shall equally split the fees of the arbitration and the arbitrator.
- 31.6 **Continuous Service.** The Parties shall continue providing services to each other during the pendency of any dispute resolution procedure and the Parties shall continue to perform their obligations in accordance with this Agreement.

32. Compliance With Laws and Regulations.

Each Party shall comply with all federal, state, and local statutes, regulations, rules, ordinances, judicial decisions, and administrative rulings applicable to its performance under this Agreement.

33. Force Majeure.

In the event performance of this Agreement, or any obligation hereunder, is either directly or indirectly prevented, restricted, or interfered with by reason of fire, flood, earthquake or like acts of God, wars, revolution, civil commotion, explosion, acts of public enemy, embargo, acts of the government in its sovereign capacity, unavailability of equipment from vendor, changes requested by Customer, or any other circumstances beyond the reasonable control and without the fault or negligence of the Party affected, the Party affected, upon giving prompt notice to the other Party, shall be excused from such performance on a day-to-day basis to the extent of such prevention, restriction, or interference (and the other Party shall likewise be excused from performance of its obligations on a day-to-day basis until the delay, restriction or interference has ceased); *provided however*, that the Party so affected shall use diligent efforts to avoid or remove such causes of nonperformance and both Parties shall proceed whenever such causes are removed or cease.

34. Assignment and Legal Name Changes.

- 34.1 Any assignment by either Party of any right, obligation, or duty, in whole or in part, or of any interest, without the written consent of the other Party shall be void, except that either Party may assign all of its rights, and delegate its obligations, liabilities and duties under this Agreement, either in whole or in part, to any entity that is, or that was immediately preceding such assignment, an Affiliate of that Party without consent, but with written notification. The effectiveness of an assignment shall be conditioned upon the assignee's written assumption of the rights, obligations, and duties of the assigning Party.
- 34.2 Notification of any Licensee legal name changes or the notification to Verizon of a new Affiliate of the Licensee shall be made in accordance with Section 28.

35. Applicable Law.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the domestic laws of the state where the Attachments reside and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts therein.

36. Subsequent Law.

The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be subject to any and all applicable laws, rules, or

regulations that subsequently may be prescribed by any federal, state or local governmental authority. To the extent required by any such subsequently prescribed law, rule, or regulation, the Parties agree to modify, in writing, the affected term(s) and condition(s) of this Agreement to bring them into compliance with such law, rule, or regulation.

37. Headings.

The headings in this Agreement are inserted for convenience and identification only and shall not be considered in the interpretation of this Agreement.

38. Entire Agreement.

This Agreement shall at all times be subject to such changes or modifications as may be required or authorized by any regulatory commission or other governmental entity, including, but not limited to state and federal commissions, in the exercise of its lawful jurisdiction. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties pertaining to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations, proposals, and representations, whether written or oral, and all contemporaneous oral agreements, negotiations, proposals, and representations concerning such subject matter. No representations, understandings, agreements, or warranties, expressed or implied, have been made or relied upon in the making of this Agreement other than those specifically set forth herein.

39. No Offer.

Submission of this Agreement for examination or signature does not constitute an offer by Verizon for the provision of services described herein. The Agreement shall be effective only upon execution by both Parties as provided in Section 5.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Parties has caused this Agreement to be duly executed effective as of the day and year last written below.

Witness

By:

Verizon South Inc.:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Witness

By:

Brandenburg Telecom, LLC:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT FEES
POLE ATTACHMENT & CONDUIT OCCUPANCY**

STATE KENTUCKY

	Telecom Providers	Solely CATV Providers	
1. Annual Pole Attachment (two-user) Fee Per Section 12	\$12.12	\$12.12	Per Pole
2. Annual Pole Attachment (three-user) Fee Per Section 12	\$5.64	\$5.64	Per Pole
3. Annual Conduit Occupancy Fee Per Section 12	\$0.84	\$0.84	Per Linear Foot of Innerduct
	Both Telecom Providers & Solely CATV Providers		
4. PAR/COR Application FEE as authorized by section 6.2 hereof	\$0.00		

** Any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, including, but not limited to, sections 6.2 and 12.1 hereof, the fees identified above, including any fees identified above as \$0.00, shall remain in full force and effect throughout the full term of this Agreement.

EXHIBIT 1

**REQUEST/PERMIT/AUTHORIZATION TO ATTACH TO VERIZON POLES
OR OCCUPY VERIZON CONDUIT
(PAR / COR)**

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

(REQUEST #)

OCCUPYING CONDUIT _____
FOOTAGE OF OCCUPIED CONDUIT _____
CENTRAL OFFICE _____
VERIZON RECORD PAGES(S) _____

ATTACHING TO VERIZON POLES _____
NUMBER OF VERIZON POLES _____
CENTRAL OFFICE _____
VERIZON RECORD PAGE(S) _____

REQUEST

In accordance with the terms of the _____ ("Agreement[s]")
between Verizon _____ ("Licensor")
and _____ ("Licensee"),
dated _____, 200_____, governing the terms and conditions of use of Licensor's _____
(conduit and/or poles), Licensee hereby requests permission to place and maintain certain equipment upon certain power
poles, telephone poles or within Verizon's conduit, in and near to _____

_____ (general location),
more specifically described and delineated on the sketch and diagram attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Sketch
and Diagram"). Sketch and Diagram to include data as to pole location, numbers, ground clearance, power clearance,
location of existing facilities, separation of existing facilities, street names, kind of equipment, wind loading information,
type and class of poles, and other information to sufficiently describe existing and proposed equipment location on each
pole. Sketch and diagram to include specific information regarding conduit occupancy, including number of existing
conduit, conduit to be occupied, depth of conduit, Approved Governmental Right-of-Way Use Permit, distances from
the center of the roadway to each end of the conduit, distances from the nearest cross street to the center of the conduit,
and/or other information required by Verizon's Engineering Department.

Dated: _____, 200_____
_____ (Licensee)

By: _____
(Authorized Signature on behalf of Licensee)

(Typed or Printed)

PERMIT

Licensor hereby permits Licensee to place the described equipment on the identified poles, and/or within identified
conduit all as set forth in the Sketch and Diagram, subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and subject to

receipt of Licensee's authorization to make, at Licensee's sole risk and expense, the changes and rearrangements detailed on the Sketch and Diagram, estimated to cost \$_____. This permit is fully subject to all terms and conditions of the Agreement(s), including the provisions requiring Licensee to vacate, remove, transfer or replace any facilities at Licensee's sole risk and expense the described attachments or occupancy from Licensor's space on all poles or within Licensor's conduit within _____ days following written notice from Licensor. Installation of said equipment on said pole(s) or within said conduit(s) shall begin within _____ days and be completed within _____ days from the date hereof, failing to begin and complete as prescribed shall automatically revoke permission to place or attach facilities.

Licensee agrees to place markers upon its facilities in a manner that will clearly identify and delineate its facilities from all other facilities:

	_____	_____
	(accepted)	(rejected)
(Third Party Contractor) (Design Engineer) (Typed or Printed)	Verizon: _____ By: _____ <div style="text-align: center;">(Signature)</div> _____ <div style="text-align: center;">(Typed or Printed)</div>	Dated _____, 200_____ Dated _____, 200_____

WORK ORDER _____

AUTHORIZATION

License agrees to the above terms and Licensee authorizes Licensor to make the above mentioned charges and rearrangements at Licensee's sole risk and expense.

Dated _____, 200_____	_____ <div style="text-align: center;">(Licensee)</div> By: _____ <div style="text-align: center;">(Authorized Signature)</div> _____ <div style="text-align: center;">(Typed or Printed)</div>
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EXHIBIT 1

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OR OCCUPY VERIZON CONDUIT
(PAR / COR)**

VERIZON _____ (A)

_____ (F)
(REQUEST #)

OCCUPYING CONDUIT _____ (B)

ATTACHING TO VERIZON POLES _____ (G)

FOOTAGE OF OCCUPIED CONDUIT _____ (C)

NUMBER OF VERIZON POLES _____ (H)

CENTRAL OFFICE _____ (D)

CENTRAL OFFICE _____ (I)

VERIZON RECORD PAGES(S) _____ (E)

VERIZON RECORD PAGE(S) _____ (J)

REQUEST

In accordance with the terms of the _____ (K) ("Agreement[s]")
between Verizon _____ (L) ("Licensor")
and _____ (M) ("Licensee"),
dated _____ (N), 200 _____ (O), governing the terms and conditions of use of Licensor's _____ (P)
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poles, telephone poles or within Verizon's conduit, in and near to _____ (O)

_____ (general location),
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the center of the roadway to each end of the conduit, distances from the nearest cross street to the center of the conduit,
and/or other information required by Verizon's Engineering Department.

Dated: _____ (R), 200 _____ (S)

_____ (T)
(Licensee)

By: _____ (U)
(Authorized Signature on behalf of Licensee)

_____ (V)
(Typed or Printed)

PERMIT

Licensor hereby permits Licensee to place the described equipment on the identified poles, and/or within identified
conduit all as set forth in the Sketch and Diagram, subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and subject to
receipt of Licensee's authorization to make, at Licensee's sole risk and expense, the changes and rearrangements detailed
on the Sketch and Diagram, estimated to cost \$ _____ (BA). This permit is fully subject to all terms
and conditions of the Agreement(s), including the provisions requiring Licensee to vacate, remove, transfer or replace

any facilities at Licensee's sole risk and expense the described attachments or occupancy from Licensor's space on all poles or within Licensor's conduit within (BB) days following written notice from Licensor. Installation of said equipment on said pole(s) or within said conduit(s) shall begin within (BC) days and be completed within (BD) days from the date hereof, failing to begin and complete as prescribed shall automatically revoke permission to place or attach facilities.

Licensee agrees to place markers upon its facilities in a manner that will clearly identify and delineate its facilities from all other facilities:

	<u> (BE) </u> (accepted)	<u> (BF) </u> (rejected)
<u> (BG) </u> (Third Party Contractor)	Verizon: <u> (BM) </u>	
<u> (BH) </u> (Design Engineer)	By: <u> (BN) </u> (Signature)	
<u> (BI) </u> (Typed or Printed)	<u> (BO) </u> (Typed or Printed)	
Dated <u> (BJ) </u> , 200 <u> (BK) </u>	Dated <u> (BP) </u> , 200 <u> (BQ) </u>	
WORK ORDER <u> (BL) </u>		

AUTHORIZATION

License agrees to the above terms and Licensee authorizes Licensor to make the above mentioned charges and rearrangements at Licensee's sole risk and expense.

Dated <u> (CA) </u> , 200 <u> (CB) </u>	<u> (CC) </u> (Licensee)
	By: <u> (CD) </u> (Authorized Signature)
	<u> (CE) </u> (Typed or Printed)

LEGEND

REQUEST

- A. VERIZON COMPANY NAME WITH ADDRESS
- B. REQUESTING TO OCCUPY CONDUIT YES/NO
- C. FOOTAGE OF CONDUIT THAT WILL BE OCCUPIED
- D. CENTRAL OFFICE
- E. PAGE(S) OF VERIZON RECORDS THAT OCCUPANCY WILL OCCUR
- F. REQUEST NUMBER, ALLOWING FOR IDENTIFICATION
- G. ATTACHING TO POLES YES/NO
- H. NUMBER OF POLES REQUESTING TO ATTACH
- I. CENTRAL OFFICE
- J. PAGE(S) OF VERIZON RECORDS THAT ATTACHMENTS WILL OCCUR
- K. THE NAME OF THE AGREEMENT(S) INVOLVED
- L. VERIZON'S COMPANY NAME
- M. ALEC'S NAME
- N. MONTH AND DAY OF THE AGREEMENT
- O. YEAR OF THE AGREEMENT
- P. TYPE OF AGREEMENT (TO OCCUPY CONDUIT OR TO ATTACH TO POLES)
- Q. GENERAL LOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY OR THE ATTACHMENTS
- R. MONTH AND DAY OF THE REQUEST
- S. YEAR OF THE REQUEST
- T. ALEC'S LEGAL NAME
- U. AN INDIVIDUAL'S SIGNATURE THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ON BEHALF
- V. NAME TYPE OR PRINTED

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- BA. COST IF A W.O. IS INVOLVED
- BB. NUMBER OF DAYS THE LICENSEE HAS TO REMOVE ITS FACILITIES
- BC. NUMBER OF DAYS THE LICENSEE HAS TO BEGIN THE WORK
- BD. NUMBER OF DAYS THE LICENSEE HAS TO COMPLETE ITS WORK
- BE. NOTATION IF THE REQUEST IS ACCEPTED
- BF. NOTATION IF THE REQUEST IS REJECTED
- BG. NAME OF THE AUTHORIZED THIRD PARTY CONTRACT FIRM
- BH. THE NAME OF THE DESIGN ENGINEER WORKING ON BEHALF OF 3RD PARTY
- BI. PRINTED OR TYPED NAME OF BH
- BJ. MONTH AND DAY
- BK. YEAR
- BL. WORK ORDER, IF INVOLVED
- BM. VERIZON COMPANY NAME
- BN. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE ON BEHALF OF Verizon
- BO. PRINTED NAME OF BN.
- BP. MONTH AND DAY
- BQ. YEAR

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- CA. MONTH AND DAY
- CB. YEAR
- CC. NAME OF THE ALEC
- CD. SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT CHARGES ON BEHALF OF ALEC.
- CE. NAME TYPED OR PRINTED OF CD.

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February 14, 2002

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PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

Mr. Thomas M. Dorman
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

RE: Adoption Letter Between Verizon South Inc. and
South Central Telecom, LLC

0184-AI 01

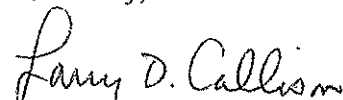
Dear Mr. Dorman:

Enclosed for joint filing by the parties with the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission) are two copies of an Adoption Letter recently executed between Verizon South Inc. (Verizon) and, South Central Telecom, LLC, (South Central). The Letter, acknowledges South Central's adoption of the arbitrated Interconnection Agreement between Brandenburg Telecom LLC and Verizon approved by the Commission in Case No. 2001-224.

Also enclosed is an electronic copy of the Adoption Letter in Microsoft Word 97 format on a 3.5 floppy diskette.

Please bring this filing to the attention of the Commission, and if there are any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Yours truly,


Larry D. Callison

Enclosures

c: Mr. Bobby Richardson - South Central Telecom, LLC
Mr. John E. Selent - Dinsmore & Shoel LLP

Steven J. Pitterle
Director - Negotiations
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January 18, 2002

Mr. Daryl Wyatt
General Manager
South Central Telcom, LLC
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Glasgow, KY 42142-0159

Re: Requested Adoption Under Section 252(i) of the TA96

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

Verizon South Inc., f/k/a GTE South Incorporated ("Verizon"), has received your letter stating that, under Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), South Central Telcom, LLC ("South Central") wishes to adopt the terms of the arbitrated Interconnection Agreement between Brandenburg Telecom LLC ("Brandenburg") and Verizon that was approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the "Commission") as an effective agreement in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in Case No. 2001-224, as such agreement exists on the date hereof after giving effect to operation of law (the "Terms"). I understand South Central has a copy of the Terms. Please note the following with respect to South Central's adoption of the Terms.

1. By South Central's countersignature on this letter, South Central hereby represents and agrees to the following three points:
 - (A) South Central adopts (and agrees to be bound by) the Terms of the Brandenburg/Verizon arbitrated agreement for interconnection as it is in effect on the date hereof after giving effect to operation of law, and in applying the Terms, agrees that South Central shall be substituted in place of Brandenburg Telecom LLC and Brandenburg in the Terms wherever appropriate.

- (B) Notice to South Central and Verizon as may be required under the Terms shall be provided as follows:

To: South Central Telcom, LLC
Attention: Mr. Bobby Richardson, Registered Agent
1399 Happy Valley Road
Glasgow, KY 42142-0159
Telephone number: 270-678-2111
FAX number: 270-678-3030

To Verizon:

Director-Contract Performance & Administration
Verizon Wholesale Markets
600 Hidden Ridge
HQEWMNOTICES
Irving, TX 75038
Telephone Number: 972-718-5988
Facsimile Number: 972-719-1519
Internet Address: wmnotices@verizon.com

with a copy to:

Vice President and Associate General Counsel
Verizon Wholesale Markets
1515 N. Court House Road
Suite 500
Arlington, VA 22201
Facsimile: 703-351-3664

- (C) South Central represents and warrants that it is a certified provider of local telecommunications service in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and that its adoption of the Terms will cover services in the Commonwealth of Kentucky only.
2. South Central's adoption of the Brandenburg arbitrated Terms shall become effective as of February 1, 2002. The Parties understand and agree that Verizon will file this adoption letter with the Commission promptly upon my receipt of a copy of this letter, countersigned by South Central as to points (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph 1 above. The term and termination provisions of the Brandenburg/Verizon agreement shall govern South Central's adoption of the Terms. The South Central/Verizon arbitrated agreement is currently scheduled to terminate on January 15, 2004.
 3. As the Terms are being adopted by you pursuant to your statutory rights under section 252(i), Verizon does not provide the Terms to you as either a voluntary or

negotiated agreement. The filing and performance by Verizon of the Terms does not in any way constitute a waiver by Verizon of any position as to the Terms or a portion thereof, nor does it constitute a waiver by Verizon of all rights and remedies it may have to seek review of the Terms, or to petition the Commission, other administrative body, or court for reconsideration or reversal of any determination made by the Commission pursuant to arbitration in Case No. 2001-224, or to seek review in any way of any provisions included in these Terms as a result of South Central's 252(i) election.

4. On January 25, 1999, the Supreme Court of the United States ("Court") issued its decision on the appeals of the Eighth Circuit's decision in *Iowa Utilities Board*. Specifically, the Supreme Court modified several of the FCC's and the Eighth Circuit's rulings regarding unbundled network elements and pricing requirements under the Act. *AT&T Corp. v. Iowa Utilities Board*, 119 S. Ct. 721 (1999). Certain provisions of the Terms may be void or unenforceable as a result of the Court's decision of January 25, 1999, the United States Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals' decision in Docket No. 96-3321 regarding the FCC's pricing rules, and the current appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the FCC's new UNE rules. Moreover, nothing herein shall be construed as or is intended to be a concession or admission by Verizon that any contractual provision required by the Commission in Case No. 2001-224 (the Brandenburg arbitration) or any provision in the Terms complies with the rights and duties imposed by the Act, the decisions of the FCC and the Commissions, the decisions of the courts, or other law, and Verizon expressly reserves its full right to assert and pursue claims arising from or related to the Terms.
5. Verizon reserves the right to deny South Central's adoption and/or application of the Terms, in whole or in part, at any time:
 - (a) when the costs of providing the Terms to South Central are greater than the costs of providing them to Brandenburg;
 - (b) if the provision of the Terms to South Central is not technically feasible; and/or
 - (c) to the extent that Verizon otherwise is not required to make the Terms available to South Central under applicable law.
6. For avoidance of doubt, please note that adoption of the Terms will not result in reciprocal compensation payments for Internet traffic. Verizon has always taken the position that reciprocal compensation was not due to be paid for Internet traffic under section 251(b)(5) of the Act. Verizon's position that reciprocal compensation is not to be paid for Internet traffic was confirmed by the FCC in the Order on Remand and Report and Order adopted on April 18, 2001 ("*FCC Internet Order*"), which held that Internet traffic constitutes "information access" outside the scope of the reciprocal compensation obligations set forth in section

251(b)(5) of the Act.¹ Accordingly, any compensation to be paid for Internet traffic will be handled pursuant to the terms of the *FCC Internet Order*, not pursuant to adoption of the Terms.² Moreover, in light of the *FCC Internet Order*, even if the Terms include provisions invoking an intercarrier compensation mechanism for Internet traffic, any reasonable amount of time permitted for adopting such provisions has expired under the FCC's rules implementing section 252(i) of the Act.³ In fact, the *FCC Internet Order* made clear that carriers may not adopt provisions of an existing interconnection agreement to the extent that such provisions provide compensation for Internet traffic.⁴

7. Should South Central attempt to apply the Terms in a manner that conflicts with paragraphs 3-6 above, Verizon reserves its rights to seek appropriate legal and/or equitable relief.
8. In the event that a voluntary or involuntary petition has been or is in the future filed against South Central under bankruptcy or insolvency laws, or any law relating to the relief of debtors, readjustment of indebtedness, debtor reorganization or composition or extension of debt (any such proceeding, an "Insolvency Proceeding"), then: (i) all rights of Verizon under such laws, including, without limitation, all rights of Verizon under 11 U.S.C. § 366, shall be preserved, and South Central's adoption of the Verizon Terms shall in no way impair such rights of Verizon; and (ii) all rights of South Central resulting from South Central's adoption of the Verizon terms shall be subject to and modified by any Stipulations and Orders entered in the Insolvency Proceeding, including, without limitation, any Stipulation or Order providing adequate assurance of payment to Verizon pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 366.

¹ Order on Remand and Report and Order, In the Matters of: Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, CC Docket No. 99-68 (rel. April 27, 2001) ¶44.

² For your convenience, an industry letter distributed by Verizon explaining its plans to implement the *FCC Internet Order* can be viewed at Verizon's Customer Support Website at URL www.verizon.com/wise (select Verizon East Customer Support, Resources, Industry Letters, CLEC).

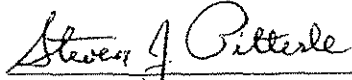
³ See, e.g., 47 C.F.R. Section 51.809(c).

⁴ *FCC Internet Order* ¶ 82.

Please arrange for a duly authorized representative of South Central to sign this letter in the space provided below and return it to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

VERIZON SOUTH INC.



Steven J. Pitterle
Director – Negotiations
Network Services

Reviewed and countersigned as to points A, B, and C of paragraph 1:

SOUTH CENTRAL TELCOM, LLC


(SIGNATURE)

DARYL WYATT
(PRINT NAME)

c: R. Ragsdale – Verizon



REDACTED

PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:001 §7, KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1),
AND SOUTH CENTRAL'S PETITION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT,
FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH THIS AMENDED FORMAL COMPLAINT.

REDACTED

PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:001 §7, KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1),
AND SOUTH CENTRAL'S PETITION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT,
FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH THIS AMENDED FORMAL COMPLAINT.

WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS
 Wholesale Billing (1170 B3F03-36B)
 4001 North Rodney Parham Rd.
 Little Rock AR 72212-2442

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL



December 05, 2007

SOUTH CENTRAL TELCOM LLC
 PO BOX 159
 ATTN: CHRIS LAWRENCE
 GLASGOW, KY 421420159
 Account Number: 2019

SEND TO / BILL TO ADDRESS
Send Check to: Windstream Communications
 c/o Bank of America, N.A.
 P. O. Box 60549
 St. Louis, MO 63160-0549
ACH Payments:
 RTN #:
 Acct #:
email payment detail to:
 WCI.CABS@windstream.com
 SUBJ: Remit Detail

FINAL NOTICE OF SERVICE
EMBARGO / PIC BLOCK / DISCONNECTION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE TARIFF OR CONTRACT, WINDSTREAM IS HEREBY PROVIDING YOU 30-DAY NOTIFICATION THAT SERVICE EMBARGO (including PIC block) AND/OR DISCONNECTION PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN INITIATED ON YOUR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS. IN THE EVENT THAT PIC BLOCK OR DISCONNECT OCCURS, IT MAY TAKE UP TO ONE WEEK TO REMOVE SAID BLOCK OR RESTORE SERVICE.

In accordance with the applicable tariff or contract, you must immediately pay the total amount due listed below to avoid embargo, PIC block and/or disconnection. An additional fee or deposit will be required to continue or reinstate service.

We do not want to lose your business, therefore please contact Jana Lee immediately at 1-501-748-6750 to make appropriate arrangements to avoid embargo, PIC block and/or disconnection.

<u>BELLING ACCOUNT NUMBER (BAN):</u>	<u>INVOICE NUMBER</u>	<u>INVOICE DATE</u>	<u>INVOICE DUE DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT DUE*</u>
219DM05026	0712572624	5/5/2007	6/4/2007	
	0712572624	6/5/2007	7/4/2007	
	0718676154	7/5/2007	8/4/2007	
	0724879749	9/5/2007	10/5/2007	
	0727881567	10/5/2007	11/4/2007	
	<u>Total Due for this BAN:</u>			
219DMI0418	0724879804	9/5/2007	10/5/2007	
	0727881622	10/5/2007	11/4/2007	
	<u>Total Due for this BAN:</u>			
219SP05026	0706469163	3/5/2007	4/4/2007	
	0709570884	4/5/2007	5/5/2007	
	0712572626	5/5/2007	6/4/2007	
	0715674388	6/5/2007	7/5/2007	
	0718676156	7/5/2007	8/4/2007	
	0721777943	8/5/2007	9/4/2007	
	0724879751	9/5/2007	10/5/2007	
	0727881567	10/5/2007	11/4/2007	
	<u>Total Due for this BAN:</u>			
219SP0UESP	0715674389	6/5/2007	7/5/2007	

* Late payment charges will be applied per invoice not paid in full by the next cycle due date.

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WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS

Wholesale Billing (1170 B3F03-368)
4001 North Rodney Parham Rd.
Little Rock AR 72212-2442

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL



December 05, 2007

0718676157	7/5/2007	8/4/2007
0721777944	8/5/2007	9/4/2007
0724879752	9/5/2007	10/5/2007
0727881570	10/5/2007	11/4/2007

Total Due for this BAN:

220DM05026

0709571565	4/5/2007	5/5/2007
0712575322	5/5/2007	6/4/2007
0715675085	6/5/2007	7/5/2007
0716676850	7/5/2007	8/4/2007
0724880465	9/5/2007	10/5/2007
0727882289	10/5/2007	11/4/2007

Total Due for this BAN:

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:

* Late payment charges will be applied per invoice not paid in full by the next cycle due date.

From: Overstreet, Mark R. [mailto:MOVERSTREET@stites.com]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2007 7:53 AM
To: WALLACE, HOLLY
Subject: South Central

Holly:

Kimberly Bennett reports that for both companies it appears some transit charges (and two for South Central) were inadvertently included in the disconnect notice. For this we apologize. Nevertheless, our research also reveals both companies owe Windstream other undisputed and unpaid amounts that are unrelated to the transit case for items such as special access and usage.

Windstream's records show that South Central has an outstanding balance of for switched access and for usage. These amounts are unrelated to transit and have not been disputed. Similarly, Windstream's records indicate has an outstanding balance of that is unrelated to transit and is not disputed.

Given the amounts involved, it would seem appropriate for the appropriate business contacts at the two companies to call either Tony Fuller (501/748-5101) or Janann Holmes (501/748-5317) to discuss these issues and make arrangements. This seems like one that the business owners should be able to resolve.

Thanks,

Mark R. Overstreet
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WALLACE, HOLLY

From: Overstreet, Mark R. [MOVERSTREET@stites.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2008 4:41 PM
To: WALLACE, HOLLY; SELENT, JOHN; Depp,Tip
Subject: FW: Outstanding Balances for and South Central

I think this answers your question. See the last paragraph:

I just confirmed the status on these accounts with our Windstream billing folks, and unfortunately we are not showing resolution. In the

In the case of South Central, there doesn't seem to have been any progress, and the outstanding balance is still approximately (includes charges 30 days or older and excludes current charges and transit/disputed charges). We did just receive a dispute letter in the amount of about from Eilleen Bodamer / Johnny McClanahan that is unrelated to this outstanding balance and is related to other services. Any assistance Holly can offer in getting South Central to contact Windstream to make arrangements on that balance would be helpful.

The appropriate business contacts for and SC can contact Jana directly at the number above. I have requested that disconnect notices not be sent for one more billing period in an effort to allow the business owners to resolve this. However, especially in the case of South Central, if that balance continues and arrangements are not made, I don't know that that Windstream can continue delaying disconnect notice for undisputed/unpaid charges.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Kimberly K [mailto:Kimberly.K.Bennett@windstream.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2008 3:45 PM
To: Overstreet, Mark R.

subject: Outstanding Balances for [redacted] and South Central

Mark,

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Thanks,

Kimberly

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Holly C. Wallace
(502) 540-2309 (Direct Dial)
holly.wallace@dinslaw.com

January 15, 2008

Mark R. Overstreet, Esq.
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RE: Billing Dispute Between South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and Windstream Communications

Dear Mark:

We are legal counsel to South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("South Central"). In that capacity, we have been requested to advise you that South Central disputes, in its entirety, its outstanding balance with Windstream Communications ("Windstream") as calculated by Windstream. As of your e-mail of January 3, 2008, Windstream purported that South Central had an outstanding balance of approximately This full amount is in dispute.

The genesis of this dispute is Windstream's inaccurate bills. Windstream's bills contain charges that South Central has already paid, as well as charges to other legal entities such as South Central Telcom. South Central has worked diligently to aid Windstream in correcting its bills. Nonetheless, to date, Windstream continues to send inaccurate bills to South Central that, among other things, commingle charges to the ILEC and CLEC. Accordingly, South Central disputes the entirety of its outstanding balance with Windstream.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 11, "customer accounts shall be considered to be current while the dispute is pending as long as the customer continues to make undisputed payments and stays current on subsequent bills." Therefore, in accordance with the regulations of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (the "Commission"), Windstream is prohibited from terminating service to South Central during the pendency of this billing dispute. Please confirm that Windstream will abide by the Commission's regulations and not terminate service to South Central.

In an effort to resolve the present billing dispute and prevent such a dispute from arising in the future, South Central suggests that representatives of South Central and Windstream meet,

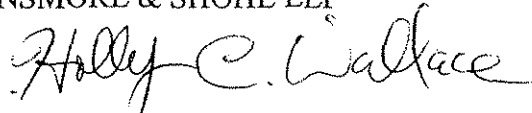
Mark R. Overstreet, Esq.
January 15, 2008
Page 2

either via telephone or in person, to review Windstream's bills to clarify charges and rectify errors. Please advise us as to whether Windstream is willing to meet with South Central to resolve this matter on a going-forward basis.

Thank you, and if you have any questions with regard to this matter, please call us.

Very truly yours,

DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Holly C. Wallace". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Holly C. Wallace

HCW/rk

cc: John E. Selent, Esq.

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January 16, 2008

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RE: Billing Dispute Between South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and Windstream Communications

Dear Holly:

This acknowledges my receipt of your letter dated January 15, 2008 informing my client Windstream Kentucky East that South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. disputes the entirety of the approximately \$ balance I identified in my January 3, 2008 e-mail message to you. Windstream further acknowledges its obligations under 807 KAR 5:006, Section 11 not to terminate service to South Central with respect this disputed amount, as well as any other amount disputed by South Central, "as long as ... [South Central] continues to make undisputed payments and stays current on subsequent bills."

As it has throughout this matter, Windstream looks forward to working with South Central to resolve this matter. Windstream also agrees that this matter is best handled by direct communication between the appropriate billing personnel at the respective companies.

To ensure that such communications take place, please provide me at your earliest convenience with the name and contact information for the appropriate South Central contact. As indicated in my earlier communication, the Windstream Kentucky East contact is Jana Lee. She may be reached at 501-748-6750.

Very truly yours,


Mark R. Overstreet

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February 5, 2008

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RE: Billing Dispute Between South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and Windstream Communications

Dear Mark:

The purpose of this letter is to follow up with my letter to you of January 15, 2008 in which I conveyed the suggestion of South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("South Central") to have representatives of South Central and Windstream Communications ("Windstream") meet in an effort to resolve the parties' billing dispute. In response, by way of a letter dated January 16, 2008, you suggested that South Central contact Jana Lee of Windstream Kentucky East. South Central has already had numerous conversations with Ms. Lee regarding this dispute; therefore, it is unlikely that further discussions with Ms. Lee will resolve this matter.

In a final effort to resolve this dispute without the assistance of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (the "Commission"), South Central suggests that upper-level employees of South Central and Windstream, along with their respective counsel, meet to resolve the billing dispute. South Central intends to make its Regulatory and Customer Service Manager, Mr. Donnie Bennett, and its General Manager, Mr. Max Phipps, available to participate in the meeting along with their counsel. We request that you identify individuals at Windstream of a comparable management level to Messrs. Bennett and Phipps who will participate in the meeting, with counsel, in a final attempt to resolve the matter. We would also ask that you propose two or more alternative dates and times within the next two weeks when Windstream is prepared to meet with South Central.

Mark R. Overstreet, Esq.
February 5, 2008
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Thank you, and if you have any questions with regard to this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly C. Wallace". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and "W".

Holly C. Wallace

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cc: John E. Selent, Esq.