

ARTICLE IV. OPERATIONAL TERMS

47. STANDARD PRACTICES

- 47.1 Standard Practices may incorporate by reference various industry, OBF, and other standards referred to throughout this Agreement, which may be implemented to satisfy any CenturyLink obligations under this Agreement.
- 47.2 If CLEC desires notice of changes made to CenturyLink's Standard Practices, CLEC may make such a request during the Agreement implementation process or at any subsequent time during the term of this Agreement.

48. ESCALATION PROCEDURES

- 48.1 The Standard Practices outlines the escalation process which may be invoked at any point in the Service Ordering, Provisioning, and Maintenance processes to facilitate rapid and timely resolution of disputes.

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50. CONTACT WITH END USERS

- 50.1 Each Party at all times shall be the primary contact and account control for all interactions with its End Users, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties. End Users include active subscribers as well as those for whom Service Order installations are pending.
- 50.2 CenturyLink shall have no obligation, to accept a communication from a CLEC End User, including, but not limited to, a CLEC End User request for repair or maintenance of a CenturyLink service provided to CLEC.
- 50.3 Each Party shall update its own contact information and escalation list and shall provide such information to the other Party for purposes of inquiries regarding the implementation of this Agreement. Each Party shall accept all inquiries from the other Party and provide a timely response. CenturyLink will provide and maintain its contact and escalation list on its CenturyLink Website.
- 50.4 The Parties will ensure that all representatives who receive inquiries regarding the other Party's services shall provide appropriate referrals to potential customers who inquire about the other Party's services or products. The Parties shall not in any way disparage or discriminate against the other Party or that other Party's products and services, and shall not solicit each others' customers during such inquiries, provided however, a Party can answer unsolicited customer questions about products and services of that Party.
- 50.5 The Parties will not use a request for End User information, order submission, or any other aspect of its processes or services to aid its retail marketing or sales efforts.
- 50.6 CenturyLink will provide training, on a non-discriminatory basis, for all CenturyLink employees who may communicate, either by telephone or face-to-face, with CLEC End Users. Such training shall include compliance with the branding requirements of this Agreement including without limitation provisions of forms, and unbranded "Not at Home" notices.

- 50.7 CenturyLink will recognize CLEC as the Subscriber of Record for all services ordered by CLEC and will send all notices, invoices, and information which pertain to such ordered services directly to CLEC. CLEC will provide CenturyLink with addresses to which CenturyLink will send all such notices, invoices, and information.

51. CAPACITY PLANNING AND FORECASTS

51.1 Forecast Requirements for Interconnection

51.1.1 Within thirty (30) Days from the Effective Date of this Agreement, or as soon after the Effective Date as practicable, the Parties agree to meet and develop joint planning and forecasting responsibilities which are applicable to Interconnection services. CenturyLink may delay processing CLEC Service Orders should CLEC not perform obligations as specified in this Section.

51.1.2 CLEC shall provide forecasts for traffic utilization over trunk groups. Orders for trunks that exceed forecasted quantities for forecasted locations will be accommodated as facilities and/or equipment are available. CenturyLink shall make all reasonable efforts and cooperate in good faith to develop alternative solutions to accommodate orders when facilities are not available. Company forecast information must be provided by CLEC to CenturyLink twice a year. The initial trunk forecast meeting should take place soon after the first implementation meeting. A forecast should be provided at or prior to the first implementation meeting.

51.1.3 Facilities will be planned for in accordance with the trunk forecasts exchanged between the Parties as described in this Section.

51.2 Format and Content

51.2.1 Unless otherwise specified by CenturyLink, the forecasting forms located on the CenturyLink Wholesale Website will be used by CLEC for the requirements of this Section.

51.2.2 The joint planning process/negotiations should be completed within two (2) months of the initiation of such discussion.

51.2.3 Description of major network projects that affect the other Party will be provided in the semi-annual forecasts. Major network projects include but are not limited to trunking or network rearrangements, shifts in anticipated traffic patterns, or other activities by CLEC that are reflected by a significant increase or decrease in trunking demand for the following forecasting period.

51.2.4 Parties shall meet to review and reconcile the forecasts if forecasts vary significantly.

51.2.5 CLEC shall provide an updated trunk forecast when ordering or requesting additional trunks from CenturyLink anytime after the initial trunk implementation.

51.3 Responsibility of Parties

51.3.1 The Parties agree to abide by the following if a forecast cannot be agreed to: Local Interconnection Trunk Groups will be provisioned to the higher forecast. A blocking standard of one percent (1%) during the average

busy hour shall be maintained. Should the Parties not agree upon the forecast, and the Parties engineer facilities at the higher forecast, the Parties agree to abide by the following:

- a. In the event that CLEC over-forecasts its trunking requirements by twenty percent (20%) or more, and CenturyLink acts upon this forecast to its detriment, CenturyLink may recoup any actual and reasonable expense it incurs.
- b. The calculation of the twenty percent (20%) over-forecast will be based on the number of DS1 equivalents for the total traffic volume exchanged between the Parties.

51.3.2 In addition to the joint trunk group forecasting established in Section 51.1, discussions to provide relief to existing facilities can be initiated by either Party. Actual system augmentations will be initiated upon mutual agreement.

51.3.3 Both Parties will perform a joint validation to ensure current Interconnection Facilities and associated trunks have not been over-provisioned. If any facilities and/or associated trunks are over-provisioned, they will be turned down where appropriate. Trunk design blocking criteria described in Section 64.3.4 will be used in determining trunk group sizing requirements and forecasts.

51.3.4 If, based on the forecasted equivalent DS-1 growth, the existing facilities are not projected to exhaust within one year, the Parties will suspend further relief planning on this Interconnection until a date one (1) year prior to the projected exhaust date. If growth patterns change during the suspension period, either Party may re-initiate the joint planning process.

51.3.5 Both Parties will negotiate a project service date and corresponding work schedule to construct relief facilities prior to facilities exhaust.

52. BONA FIDE REQUEST (BFR)

52.1 Through the BFR process, CLEC may request: (a) Interconnection CenturyLink is required to provide under Applicable Law, but such Interconnection is new, undefined or otherwise required to be provided but not available under the terms of this Agreement; (b) access to facilities and equipment that are not Currently Available; and (c) certain other services, features, capabilities or functionalities defined and agreed upon by the Parties as services to be ordered via the BFR process.

52.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, CenturyLink shall only be required to provide or continue to provide Interconnection that CenturyLink is otherwise obligated to provide under Applicable Law pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, including the BFR process, if needed. While CenturyLink may permit CLEC to submit BFR requests for Interconnection that CenturyLink is not obligated under Applicable Law to provide, CenturyLink is not required to provide such Interconnection, and CenturyLink may elect or decline to provide same at its sole discretion.

52.3 Process

- 52.3.1 CLEC shall submit to CenturyLink a written BFR application (Request), in a form to be provided by CenturyLink and as published on CenturyLink's Website. The Request shall specifically identify relevant technical requirements and descriptions, drawings, locations and/or any other such specifications that are reasonably necessary to clearly define the Request such that CenturyLink has sufficient information to analyze and prepare a response.
- 52.3.2 If fulfilling the request involves construction or engineering analysis, CenturyLink will notify CLEC of such and CLEC will make the non-refundable NRC payment set forth in Table 1 to compensate CenturyLink for its costs to perform the analysis. CenturyLink shall have no obligation to further evaluate the request, conduct any analysis or prepare a price quote for the requested service until the non-refundable NRC payment has been received.
- 52.3.3 CLEC may cancel a Request in writing at any time prior to agreeing on price and availability in the final quote. CenturyLink will then cease analysis and/or development of the Request. However, CLEC will pay CenturyLink its reasonable and demonstrable costs of processing and/or implementing the BFR up to and including the date on which CenturyLink receives CLEC's notice of cancellation if such costs are not already covered in full by a previously submitted non-refundable NRC payment.
- 52.3.4 CenturyLink shall acknowledge in writing the receipt of a Request and shall identify a single point of contact to process the Request within ten (10) Business Days of CenturyLink's receipt of a Request. CenturyLink will advise CLEC of any additional information needed for a complete and accurate Request.
- 52.3.5 Except under extraordinary circumstances, within thirty (30) Days of its receipt of a complete and accurate Request, CenturyLink will approve or deny the Request (Preliminary Analysis). If CenturyLink denies CLEC's Request, the Preliminary Analysis will provide the reason(s) for such denial.
- 52.3.6 CLEC may accept or reject CenturyLink's Preliminary Analysis, at its discretion. CLEC will provide written acceptance of the Preliminary Analysis to CenturyLink within thirty (30) Days of its receipt of the Preliminary Analysis or CLEC's Request will be deemed to be cancelled.
- 52.3.7 Upon receiving CLEC's written acceptance and authorization of the Preliminary Analysis, CenturyLink will proceed to develop a Final Quote. The Final Quote shall contain a description of each access arrangement or service to be provided, a tentative availability date, the applicable rates, the installation intervals, BFR development and processing costs and the terms and conditions under which access will be offered. CenturyLink shall provide the Final Quote within ninety (90) Days of receiving CLEC's written acceptance and authorization to the Preliminary Analysis.
- 52.3.8 The tentative availability date is dependent on when CLEC accepts the Final Quote. CenturyLink shall make reasonable efforts to provide an availability date that is within ninety (90) Days from the date it receives

CLEC's written Final Acceptance as described below in Section 52.3.9. If CenturyLink cannot complete the BFR within ninety (90) Days of receiving CLEC's Final Acceptance, CenturyLink and CLEC will then determine a mutually agreeable availability date.

- 52.3.9 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the final quote, CLEC must either (a) confirm or cancel its request in writing (final acceptance), or (b) submit any disputed issues with the final quote for dispute resolution pursuant to section 16. CLEC's written acceptance must include payment of one hundred percent (100%) of the quoted costs.

53. ORDERING AND PROVISIONING

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53.2 National Access Service Center (NASC)

- 53.2.1 CenturyLink shall provide a NASC or equivalent which shall serve as CLEC's point of contact for all activities involved in the ordering and provisioning of CenturyLink's Interconnection services.

53.3 Ordering and Provisioning

- 53.3.1 CenturyLink will provide necessary ordering and provisioning business process support as well as those technical and systems interfaces as may be required to enable CLEC to exchange traffic. If CenturyLink deploys any enhanced electronic capability CenturyLink will notify CLEC of availability and CLEC shall use the processes for performing transaction(s) to the extent practicable and the use of any other interface or process will be discontinued.

- 53.3.2 The Parties agree that orders for services under this Agreement will not be submitted or accepted until thirty (30) Days after the completion of all account establishment activities, including but not limited to, the documents and information subscribed in Section 45.1, unless the Parties mutually agree upon a different date based on the specific circumstances of the Parties' relationship.

- 53.3.3 The standard Service Order charges as listed in the Table 1 of this Agreement shall apply to all orders.

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53.5 Service Order Process Requirements

- 53.5.1 Subject only to any system limitation noted in CenturyLink's Standard Practices, Multiple Working Telephone Numbers (WTN) may be included in one order provided the numbers are for the same customer at a specific location.

- 53.5.2 CenturyLink will follow methods prescribed by the FCC and any applicable State regulation for carrier change verification.

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53.7 Due Date

53.7.1 CenturyLink shall supply CLEC with due date intervals to be used by CLEC personnel to determine service installation dates.

53.7.2 CenturyLink shall use reasonable efforts to complete orders by CLEC requested due date within agreed upon intervals.

53.8 Coordination Requests

53.8.1 CenturyLink will provide ordering and provisioning coordination services during the business hours specified on its Website, through the NEAC, at the charges specified in Table1.

53.8.2 For subscriber conversions requiring coordinated cut-over activities, on a per order basis, CenturyLink and CLEC will agree on a scheduled conversion time, which will be a designated time period within a designated date, and will be dependent upon the availability of CenturyLink resources.

53.8.3 Any request made by CLEC to coordinate conversions after normal working hours, or on Saturdays or Sundays or CenturyLink holidays shall be performed at CLEC's request and expense. Coordination requests outside of normal business hours/weekends will incur additional charges.

53.8.4 CenturyLink will perform all of its standard pre-service testing prior to the completion of the Service Order.

53.8.5 Upon completion of the requests submitted by CLEC, CenturyLink shall provide to CLEC a completion notification.

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53.10 Firm Order Confirmation (FOC)

53.10.1 CenturyLink shall provide to CLEC, a Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) for each CLEC order. The FOC shall contain the appropriate data elements as defined by the OBF standards.

53.10.2 For a revised FOC, CenturyLink shall provide standard detail as defined by the OBF standards.

53.10.3 CenturyLink shall provide to CLEC the date that service is scheduled to be installed.

53.11 Order Rejections

53.11.1 CenturyLink shall reject and return to CLEC any order that CenturyLink cannot provision, due to technical reasons, missing information, or jeopardy conditions resulting from CLEC ordering service at less than the standard order interval.

53.11.2 When an order is rejected, CenturyLink will, in its reject notification, describe the existing reasons for which the order was rejected.

53.12 Service Order Charges

53.12.1 If a CLEC ordered work requires a change from the original CLEC Service Order in any manner, CLEC shall initiate a revised Service Order. If requested by CLEC, CenturyLink will provide CLEC an estimate of additional labor hours and/or materials.

- 53.12.2 If a CLEC End User requests a change, CenturyLink, will, at that time, direct the CLEC subscriber to contact CLEC, and CLEC should initiate a new Service Order to have additional work performed.
- 53.12.3 When an End User changes or withdraws authorization, each Party shall release customer-specific facilities and/or cancel orders in progress in accordance with the End User's direction or the direction of the End User's authorized agent.
- 53.13 Expedites
 - 53.13.1 If expedited service is requested, CLEC will populate the "Expedite" and "Expedite Reason" field. CenturyLink reserves the right to refuse an expedite request if resources are not available. If an expedite request is granted, applicable expedite Service Order charges, as set forth on Table 1, will apply.
 - 53.13.2 CenturyLink will not accept expedite requests for LNP orders.
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- 53.15 Cancellations
 - 53.15.1 CenturyLink may cancel orders for service that have had no activity within thirty-one (31) consecutive Days after the original service request date.
- 53.16 Discontinuance of Service (Snap-back Provision)
 - 53.16.1 If CLEC 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, CLEC shall send written notice of such discontinuation to CenturyLink, the Commission, and each of CLEC's End Users. CLEC shall provide notice in advance of discontinuation of its service as required by Applicable Law. Unless the period for advanced notice of discontinuation of service required by Applicable Law is more than thirty (30) calendar days, to the extent commercially feasible, CLEC shall send such notice at least thirty (30) Days prior to its discontinuation of service.
 - 53.16.2 Such notice must advise each CLEC End User that, unless action is taken by the End User to switch to a different carrier prior to CLEC's proposed discontinuation of service, the End User will be without the service.
 - 53.16.3 Should a CLEC End User subsequently become a CenturyLink customer, CLEC shall provide CenturyLink with all information necessary for CenturyLink to establish service for the CLEC End User, including, but not limited to, CLEC End User's billed name, listed name, service address, and billing address, and the services being provided to CLEC End Users.
- 53.17 Nothing in this Section shall limit CenturyLink's right to cancel or terminate this Agreement under Section 7 and Section 53.15 or to suspend provision of services under Section 9 of this Agreement.

54. UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

- 54.1 In order to collect the costs of CenturyLink's contribution to the Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) in an equitable manner, CenturyLink's End Users are charged a Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC). The only customers who are exempt from paying the FUSC to CenturyLink are those CLECs who themselves contribute to the FUSF, or who otherwise qualify for an exemption under the FCC's universal service rules. In order to obtain an exemption from paying the FUSC to CenturyLink, CLEC must provide CenturyLink a signed statement certifying that it is reselling the services provided by CenturyLink in the form of telecommunications, and will, in fact, contribute directly to the FUSF. If CLEC does not provide this statement, or otherwise certify that it is exempt from remitting the FUSC, CenturyLink must report the revenues obtained from the provision of service to CLEC as End User revenues for purposes of calculating and reporting FUSC contributions, and CenturyLink shall be entitled to recover from CLEC the resulting FUSF contributions attributable to such revenues, in accordance with Applicable Law.
- 54.2 To comply with FCC rules regarding the funding of Universal Service, CLEC is required to complete the form entitled "CERTIFICATION OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND CONTRIBUTION STATUS" provided by CenturyLink in order to obtain an exemption from paying the FUSC to CenturyLink. In addition, CLEC agrees to provide CenturyLink with an updated annual certification, no later than February 1 of each calendar year, so that CenturyLink may ensure that it continues to accurately report its revenues for FUSF contribution purposes.
- 54.2.1 It is expressly understood and agreed by the Parties that CLEC's provision to CenturyLink of evidence concerning its making adequate payments into the FUSF, and CLEC's representations to CenturyLink in connection therewith, are subject to the indemnification provisions of Section 25, which, for purposes of this Section, serve to indemnify CenturyLink.

55. BILLING AND PAYMENTS/DISPUTED AMOUNTS

- 55.1 In consideration of the services provided by CenturyLink under this Agreement, CLEC shall pay the charges set forth in this Agreement, subject to change in law and to the dispute provisions provided herein. CenturyLink may limit or modify the form(s) of payment that will be accepted from time to time. CenturyLink will not accept card payments (e.g., credit/debit/ATM cards) or any form of payment that reduces the net amount received by CenturyLink.
- 55.2 CLEC must choose a primary media option for invoices. If no bill media option is selected, the primary will default to paper. The primary media option is provided at no charge. If a second media option is chosen, then an applicable charge will be assessed at the rate reflected in CenturyLink's appropriate FCC Tariff. If CLEC requests additional copies of the monthly invoice, CenturyLink may also bill CLEC for the additional copies. The procedures and limitations governing bill media, including the availability of secondary media and Bill Media Request Forms, are set forth in CenturyLink's Bill Media Guide.
- 55.3 Recurring Charges, other than Usage Charges, for Telecommunications Services provided hereunder are applied on a monthly basis. For billing and crediting

purposes, a month is presumed to have thirty (30) Days, regardless of the actual Days in a given month.

55.4 Charges for physical facilities and other non-usage sensitive charges shall be billed in advance, except for charges and credits associated with the initial or final bills. Usage sensitive charges, such as charges for termination of Local Traffic, shall be billed in arrears.

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55.6 Billing Specifications

55.6.1 The Parties agree that billing requirements and outputs will be consistent with the Ordering & Billing Form (OBF) and also with Telcordia Technologies Billing Output Specifications (BOS).

55.6.2 Usage Measurement: Usage measurement for calls shall begin when answer supervision or equivalent SS7 message is received from the terminating office and shall end at the time of call disconnect by the calling or called subscriber, whichever occurs first.

55.6.3 At the end of the billing period, any remaining fraction shall be rounded up to the nearest whole minute to arrive at total billable minutes. MOU shall be collected and measured in minutes, seconds, and tenths of seconds.

55.6.4 Each Party shall calculate terminating Interconnection MOUs based on standard AMA recordings made within each Party's network, these recordings being necessary for each Party to generate bills to the other Party. In the event either Party cannot measure minutes terminating on its network where Technically Feasible, the other Party shall provide the measuring mechanism or the Parties shall otherwise agree on an alternate arrangement.

55.7 Billing for Access Services will be in conformance with Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) guidelines and Multiple Exchange Carriers Ordering and Design Guidelines for Access Services-Industry Support Interface (MECOD). The Parties will exchange Billing Account Reference and Bill Account Cross Reference information and will coordinate initial and subsequent billing cycles. CenturyLink will provide CLEC the appropriate records to bill Exchange Access charges to the IXC. CenturyLink will capture records for inward terminating calls and send them to CLEC, as appropriate, via CenturyLink's standard processes. Upon CenturyLink's request, CLEC will provide CenturyLink the appropriate records to bill Switched Access Service charges to IXCs. CLEC will capture records for inward terminating calls and send them to CenturyLink, as appropriate, in an agreed upon process.

55.8 Upon request by CLEC and to the extent CenturyLink is providing call records for Transit Traffic to other terminating providers served by the same Tandem, CenturyLink will also provide such records to CLEC.

55.9 CenturyLink will bill CLEC for message provisioning and, if applicable, data tape charges related to Exchange Access traffic and Transit Traffic records. CenturyLink will bill CLEC for the records at the rates on Table 1. If CLEC requests additional copies of the monthly invoice, CenturyLink may also bill CLEC for the additional copies.

- 55.10 The Parties will bill each other in a timely manner. If CLEC requests additional copies of the monthly invoice, CenturyLink may also bill CLEC for the additional copies.
- 55.11 Except for billing pursuant to a Section 16 Dispute Resolution process determination, neither Party will initiate credit claims or bill the other Party for previously unbilled, under-billed or over-billed charges for services under this Agreement that were provided more than twenty-four (24) months prior to the applicable most recent Bill Date, unless a longer period is warranted as a result of fraud, concealment or other similar circumstances.
- 55.12 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, payment of amounts billed for services provided under this Agreement shall be in immediately available U.S. funds, and shall be due by the Bill Due Date.
- 55.13 If the Bill Due Date is a Saturday, Sunday, or has been designated a Federal or bank holiday, payment is due by the next Business Day.
- 55.14 Any undisputed amount not received by the billing Party by the Bill Due Date shall be assessed a late payment charge on the past due balance. The billed Party agrees to pay a late payment charge of 1.5%, compounded monthly, provided however, that the billing Party shall not charge a late fee which exceeds the maximum amount permitted under any Applicable Laws. Such late payment charges shall be included on the next billing invoice.
- 55.15 If any portion of an amount billed under this Agreement is subject to a good faith dispute between the Parties, the billed Party shall give written notice to the billing Party of the amounts it disputes (Disputed Amounts) and shall include in such notice specific details and reasons for disputing each item. Such written notice shall be submitted in accordance with the process for submitting billing dispute claims set forth on the CenturyLink website. Disputed billing claims shall be submitted no later than the Bill Due Date.
 - 55.15.1 If the billed Party disputes charges after the Bill Due Date and has not paid such charges, such charges shall be subject to late payment charges.
 - 55.15.2 Payment of billed amounts that are subsequently disputed after the Bill Due Date, or which become the subject of a request for adjustment, shall not constitute or be deemed to represent a waiver of such Party's right to submit a dispute or seek an adjustment of such Party's account with respect to such paid amounts, and the paying Party shall not be required to designate any such payment as "conditional" or "under protest" in order to submit a dispute or seek a subsequent adjustment with respect to amounts which have previously been paid.
- 55.16 If a dispute is resolved in favor of the Billing Party, the billed Party shall pay the disputed charges and any applicable late payment charges in full no later than the next Bill Due Date following resolution of the dispute.
- 55.17 If the dispute is resolved in favor of the billed Party, the Billing Party will adjust the Billing after the resolution of the dispute and will credit the Billed Party for the granted disputed charges and any associated billed late payment charges.

- 55.18 If the Parties cannot resolve the dispute within ninety (90) Days of the written notice of dispute, either Party may give written notice to the other Party exercising the right to escalate the dispute pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Section of this Agreement. For purposes of this Section, non-resolution occurs when neither Party agrees whether the billing is incorrect or correct; i.e., when the billing Party has issued neither a correction nor a denial.
- 55.18.1 If the Parties cannot resolve the dispute within ninety (90) Days of the written notice of dispute, and the Billed Party does not provide written notice of escalation of the dispute within such timeframe, the billed Party waives its alleged entitlement to and/or right to withhold such Disputed Amount and all withheld amounts, including accumulated late payment charges, become immediately due.
- 55.19 Notwithstanding Sections 55.18 and 55.18.1, if the billing Party provides written notice to the billed Party that a billing dispute has been denied, stating the grounds for such determination, then the billed Party shall have thirty (30) Days in which to either pay the Disputed Amounts or to give written notice to the other Party exercising the right to escalate the dispute pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Section of this Agreement. Such notice may be accompanied by any additional, relevant materials submitted by CLEC. If the billed Party fails to give written notice exercising the right to escalate the dispute within the thirty (30) Days of the notice date of the written denial of a dispute, the billed Party waives its alleged entitlement to and/or right to withhold such Disputed Amounts and all withheld amounts, including accumulated late payment charges, become immediately due.
- 55.19.1 Failure by the billed Party to give written notice exercising the right to escalate a dispute pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Section of this Agreement, following a notice of denial under Section 55.19, shall also preclude the Party from thereafter requesting an escalation of the same dispute under the Dispute Resolution Section of this Agreement.
- 55.19.2 Failure by the billed Party to make a timely response to a notice of denial under Section 55.19 shall result in lifting the suspension of the payment due date for such disputed invoice, and the possible assessment of late charges and suspension or termination of service for non-payment of billed amount in accordance with this Section 55.
- 55.20 Both CLEC and CenturyLink agree to expedite the investigation of any Disputed amounts, promptly provide all documentation regarding the amount disputed that is reasonably requested by the other Party, and work in good faith in an effort to resolve and settle the dispute through informal means prior to escalating the billing dispute pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Section of this Agreement.
- 55.21 A billing dispute which has been resolved by a written settlement agreement between the Parties may not be resubmitted under the dispute resolution process.
- 55.22 Effect of Non-Payment

- 55.22.1 If the billed Party does not pay all undisputed charges by the Bill Due Date, the billing Party may discontinue processing orders for services provided under this Agreement and may invoke the Default provisions of Section 7.6 on or after the tenth (10th) Day following the Bill Due Date provided the billing Party notifies the other Party in writing, via email or certified mail, at least five (5) Days prior to discontinuing the processing of orders. If the billing Party continues to accept additional orders for service(s) after the date specified in such notice, and the billed Party's non-compliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the billing Party from refusing to accept any or all additional orders for service(s) from the non-complying Party without further notice. For order processing to resume, the billed Party will be required to make full payment of all past and current undisputed charges under this Agreement. Additionally, the billing Party may require a deposit or assurance of payment (or additional deposit or assurance of payment) from the billed Party, pursuant to Section 44. In addition to other remedies that may be available at law or equity, the billed Party reserves the right to seek equitable relief, including injunctive relief and specific performance.
- 55.22.2 Notwithstanding Section 55.22.1 above, if the billed Party does not pay all undisputed charges on a bill by the Bill Due Date, the billing Party may at its option disconnect any and all relevant or related services provided under this Agreement on or after the thirtieth (30th) day following the Bill Due Date after providing written notification to the billed Party at least seven (7) Business Days prior to disconnection of the unpaid service(s). Such notification may be included in a notification to refuse to accept additional orders pursuant to Section 55.22.1 so long as the appropriate dates for each consequence are listed therein. If the services are disconnected and the billed Party subsequently pays all such undisputed charges and desires to reconnect any such disconnected services, the billed Party shall pay the applicable charge set forth in this Agreement or in the applicable Tariff for reconnecting each service disconnected pursuant to this paragraph. In case of such disconnection, all applicable undisputed charges, including termination charges, shall become due and payable. If the billing Party does not disconnect the billed Party's service(s) on the date specified in such notice, and the billed Party's non-compliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the billing Party from disconnecting all service(s) of the non-complying Party without further notice or from billing and collecting the appropriate charges from the billed Party. Additionally, the billing Party may require a deposit or assurance of payment (or additional deposit or assurance of payment) from the billed Party, pursuant to Section 44. In addition to other remedies that may be available at law or equity, the billing Party reserves the right to seek equitable relief, including injunctive relief and specific performance.

- 55.22.3 Notwithstanding Sections 55.22.1 and 55.22.2 above, if the billing Party is forced to undertake collection efforts for undisputed, defaulted or post-termination amounts outstanding or for Disputed Amounts that have been resolved in the billing Party's favor, the billed Party is liable for reimbursement to the billing Party for any and all costs associated with the collection of such a debt, including but not limited to collection agency fees and legal fees.

56. AUDITS

- 56.1 Each Party to this Agreement will be responsible for the accuracy and quality of its data as submitted to the other Party involved. Subject to each Party's reasonable security requirements and except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, either Party, at its own expense, may audit the other Party's books, records and other documents directly related to billing and invoicing once in any twelve (12) month period for the purpose of evaluating the accuracy of the other Party's billing and invoicing. "Audit" shall mean a comprehensive review of bills for services performed under this Agreement; "Examination" shall mean an inquiry into a specific element of or process related to bills for services performed under this Agreement. Either Party (the "Requesting Party") may perform one (1) Audit per twelve (12) month period commencing with the Effective Date, with the assistance of the other Party, which will not be unreasonably withheld. The Audit period will include no more than the preceding twelve (12) month period as of the date of the Audit request. The Requesting Party may perform Examinations, as it deems necessary, with the assistance of the other Party, which will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 56.2 Upon thirty (30) Days written notice by the Requesting Party to Audited Party, Requesting Party shall have the right through its authorized representative to make an Audit, during normal business hours, of any records, accounts and processes which contain information bearing upon the billing and invoicing of the services provided under this Agreement. Within the above-described thirty (30) Day period, the Parties shall reasonably agree upon the scope of the Audit or Examination, the documents and processes to be reviewed, and the time, place and manner in which the Audit or Examination shall be performed. Audited Party agrees to provide Audit or Examination support, including appropriate access to and use of Audited Party's facilities (e.g., conference rooms, telephones, copying machines).
- 56.3 Each Party shall bear its own expenses in connection with the conduct of the Audit or Examination. The reasonable cost of special data extraction required by the Requesting Party to conduct the Audit or Examination will be paid for by the Requesting Party. For purposes of this Section, a "Special Data Extraction" shall mean the creation of an output record or informational report (from existing data files) that is not created in the normal course of business. If any program is developed to Requesting Party's specifications and at Requesting Party's expense, Requesting Party shall specify at the time of request whether the program is to be retained by Audited Party for reuse for any subsequent Audit or Examination.
- 56.4 Adjustments based on the audit findings may be applied to the twelve (12) month period included in the audit. Adjustments, credits or payments shall be made and any corrective action shall commence within thirty (30) Days from the

requesting Party's receipt of the final audit report to compensate for any errors or omissions which are disclosed by such Audit or Examination and are agreed to by the Parties. Interest shall be calculated in accordance with Section 55.13 above

- 56.5 Neither such right to examine and audit nor the right to receive an adjustment shall be affected by any statement to the contrary appearing on checks or otherwise, unless such statement expressly waiving such right appears in writing, is signed by the authorized representative of the Party having such right and is delivered to the other Party in a manner sanctioned by this Agreement.
- 56.6 On thirty (30) Days' written notice, each Party must provide the other the ability and opportunity to conduct an annual audit to ensure the proper routing and billing of traffic. These audits may encompass all traffic or any subset type of traffic at the initiator's option.
- 56.7 This Section shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement for a period of one (1) year after expiration or termination of this Agreement.

57. CENTURYLINK OSS INFORMATION

- 57.1 Subject to the provisions of this Agreement and Applicable Law, CLEC shall have a limited, revocable, non-transferable, non-exclusive right to use CenturyLink OSS Information during the term of this Agreement, for CLEC's internal use for the provision of Telecommunications Services to CLEC End Users in the State.
- 57.2 All CenturyLink OSS Information shall at all times remain the property of CenturyLink. Except as expressly stated in this Article, CLEC shall acquire no rights in or to any CenturyLink OSS Information. CenturyLink reserves all rights not expressly granted herein.
 - 57.2.1 CLEC shall treat CenturyLink OSS Information as Confidential Information of CenturyLink pursuant to Section 13.
 - 57.2.2 CLEC shall not have any right or license to grant sublicenses to other persons, or grant permission to other persons (except CLEC's employees, agents or contractors, in accordance with Section 57.2.3 below), to access, use or disclose CenturyLink OSS Information, except as provided in Section 57.2.3 below.
 - 57.2.3 CLEC's employees, agents and contractors may access, use and disclose CenturyLink OSS Information only to the extent necessary for CLEC's access to, and use and disclosure of, CenturyLink OSS Information permitted by this Article. Any access to, or use or disclosure of, CenturyLink OSS Information by CLEC's employees, agents or contractors, shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, Section 13 and Sections 57.2.1 and 57.2.2 above. CLEC shall ensure that its employees, agents, and contractors comply with all provisions herein relating to access to and use of CenturyLink OSS Information.
- 57.3 Unless sooner terminated or suspended in accordance with the Agreement or this Article (including, but not limited to Sections 7, 55 and 57.7.1 below), CLEC's access to, and use of, CenturyLink OSS Information through CenturyLink OSS Services shall terminate upon the expiration or termination of the Agreement.

- 57.3.1 CenturyLink shall have the right (but not the obligation) to audit CLEC to ascertain whether CLEC is complying with the requirements of Applicable Law and this Agreement with regard to CLEC's access to, and use and disclosure of, CenturyLink OSS Information.
- 57.3.2 Without in any way limiting any other rights CenturyLink may have under the Agreement or Applicable Law, CenturyLink shall have the right (but not the obligation) to monitor CLEC's access to and use of CenturyLink OSS Information, to ascertain whether CLEC is complying with the requirements of Applicable Law and this Agreement.
- 57.3.3 Information obtained by CenturyLink pursuant to this Section 57 shall be treated by CenturyLink as Confidential Information of CLEC pursuant to Section 13; provided that, CenturyLink shall have the right to use and disclose information pursuant to this Article to enforce CenturyLink's rights under the Agreement or Applicable Law.
- 57.3.4 All CenturyLink OSS Information received by CLEC shall be destroyed or returned by CLEC to CenturyLink, upon expiration, suspension or termination of the right to use such CenturyLink OSS Information.
- 57.3.5 All practices and procedures for access to and use of CenturyLink OSS including all access and user identification codes shall remain the property of CenturyLink.
- 57.4 The provisions of this Article 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 CenturyLink of any right with regard to protection of the confidentiality of the information of CenturyLink or CenturyLink End Users provided by Applicable Law.
- 57.5 CLEC understands that any OSS access to obtain CPNI that is made without prior customer permission to access the information or for CLEC to become the customer's service provider shall be a material breach of this Agreement.
- 57.6 CenturyLink will provide CLEC with access to documentation and user manuals that set forth the methods and procedures to utilize CenturyLink's OSS service. CLEC agrees that all documentation and manuals shall be used only for internal use, for the purpose of training employees to utilize the capabilities of CenturyLink's OSS services in accordance with this Article and shall be deemed "Confidential Information" and subject to the terms, conditions and limitations set forth in this Article.
- 57.7 Liabilities And Remedies
 - 57.7.1 If CLEC or an employee, agent or contractor of CLEC, at any time breaches a provision of this Section 57 and such breach continues after notice thereof from CenturyLink, then, except as otherwise required by Applicable Law, CenturyLink shall have the right, upon notice to CLEC, to suspend or terminate the right to use CenturyLink OSS services granted by Section 57.1 above and/or the provision of CenturyLink OSS services, in whole or in part.
 - 57.7.2 CLEC agrees that CenturyLink would be irreparably injured by a breach of this Article by CLEC or the employees, agents or contractors of CLEC, and that CenturyLink shall be entitled to seek equitable relief, including

injunctive relief and specific performance, in the event of any such breach. Such remedies, and the remedies set forth in Section 57.7.1, 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.

57.7.3 Any breach of any provision of this Article by any employee, agent, or contractor of CLEC shall be deemed a breach by CLEC.

57.8 Cooperation

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

57.8.2 CLEC shall reasonably cooperate with CenturyLink in submitting orders for CenturyLink Telecommunications Services and otherwise using the CenturyLink OSS Services, in order to avoid exceeding the capacity or capabilities of such CenturyLink OSS Services.

57.8.3 Upon CenturyLink's request, CLEC shall participate in reasonable cooperative testing of CenturyLink OSS Services and shall provide reasonable assistance to CenturyLink in identifying and correcting mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, defects, faults, failures, or other deficiencies, in CenturyLink OSS Services.

57.9 Future Enhancements To CenturyLink OSS Facilities

57.9.1 Subject to the requirements of Applicable Law, the specific OSS and OSS access method(s) offered will be determined by CenturyLink and may be changed by CenturyLink without the consent of CLEC.

57.9.2 If CenturyLink makes enhancements to the existing OSS, the Parties agree that to the extent practicable, CLEC will use the enhanced OSS and specified OSS access method(s). CenturyLink may at its option discontinue any OSS or OSS access method that an enhancement has been designed to replace.

58. PROVISION OF USAGE DATA

58.1 Recorded Usage Data includes, but is not limited to, Access records related to long distance calling.

58.2 This Section sets forth the terms and conditions for CenturyLink's provision of Recorded Usage Data for information exchange regarding long distance and access billing. To the extent Technically Feasible, each Party shall record all call detail information associated with completed long distance and access calls originated by or terminated by such Party, and long distance calls transited through such Party's network to the terminating provider to the same extent that such Party records such data for its End Users and records for billing of Interexchange carriers. These records shall be provided at a Party's request and shall be formatted pursuant to Telcordia's EMI standards and the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The procedures and limitations governing bill media, including the availability of secondary media, which are used to transmit the records, and Bill Media Request Forms, are set forth in CenturyLink's Bill Media Guide. These records shall be transmitted to the other Party on non-holiday Business Days. CenturyLink and CLEC agree that they shall retain, at

each Party's sole expense, copies of all EMI records transmitted to the other Party for at least forty-five (45) Days after transmission to the other Party.

- 58.3 Except as stated in the preceding Section 58.2, subject to the requirements of Applicable Law, the manner in which, and the frequency with which, CLEC Usage Information will be provided to CLEC shall be determined by CenturyLink.

58.4 General Procedures

58.4.1 CenturyLink shall maintain a machine readable back-up copy of the message detail provided to CLEC for a minimum of forty-five (45) Days. During the forty-five (45) Day period, CenturyLink shall provide any data back-up to CLEC upon the request of CLEC. If the forty-five (45) Day period has expired, CenturyLink may provide the data back-up at CLEC's expense.

58.4.2 CenturyLink shall provide Recorded Usage Data to CLEC billing locations as agreed to by the Parties.

58.4.3 CenturyLink shall bill and CLEC shall pay the charges for Recorded Usage Data. Billing and payment shall be in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions set forth herein.

58.5 Charges

58.5.1 CenturyLink will deliver one monthly statement for Usage Data Billing Services in the medium selected by CLEC in the start-up process.

- a. Invoices will be provided in a standard Carrier Access Billing format or other such format as CenturyLink may determine;
- b. The Parties will work cooperatively to exchange information to facilitate the billing of Incollect/Outcollect and inter/intra-region alternately billed messages. CenturyLink shall settle with CLEC for both intra-region and inter-region billing exchanges of calling card, bill-to-third party, and collect calls under separately negotiated settlement arrangements.
- c. CenturyLink shall bill for message provisioning and the provision of usage records.

58.6 Testing, Changes and Controls

58.6.1 The Recorded Usage Data format, content, and transmission process shall be tested as agreed upon by CLEC and CenturyLink.

58.6.2 Control procedures for all usage transferred between CenturyLink and CLEC shall be available for periodic review and errors must be identified and jointly resolved as they occur. The resolution may include changes to control procedures, so similar problems would be avoided in the future. Any changes to control procedures would need to be mutually agreed upon by CLEC and CenturyLink.

59. CENTURYLINK ACCESS TO INFORMATION RELATED TO CLEC CUSTOMERS

- 59.1 CenturyLink shall have the right to access, use and disclose information related to CLEC End Users that is in CenturyLink's possession (including, but not limited to, in CenturyLink OSS) to the extent such access, use and/or disclosure is

required by law or is necessary to enforce CenturyLink's rights, or is authorized by the CLEC in the manner required by Applicable Law.

- 59.2 Upon request by CenturyLink, CLEC shall negotiate in good faith and enter into a contract with CenturyLink, pursuant to which CenturyLink may obtain access to CLEC's Operations Support Systems (including, systems for pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and repair, and billing) and information contained in such systems at terms no less favorable than CenturyLink provides to CLEC, to permit CenturyLink to obtain information related to CLEC End Users (as authorized by the applicable CLEC), to permit End Users to transfer service from one Telecommunications Carrier to another, and for such other purposes as may be permitted by Applicable Law.

60. NETWORK MANAGEMENT

- 60.1 CLEC and CenturyLink 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) for network management purposes. In addition, the Parties will 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.
- 60.2 The Parties will employ characteristics and methods of operation that will not interfere with or impair the Parties' networks, or the network of any third parties or affiliated companies, connected with or involved directly in the network or facilities of CenturyLink.
- 60.3 CLEC shall not interfere with or impair service over any circuits, facilities or equipment of CenturyLink, its affiliated companies, or its connecting and concurring carriers.
- 60.4 If CLEC causes any impairment or interference, CenturyLink shall promptly notify CLEC of the nature and location of the problem and that, unless promptly rectified, a temporary discontinuance of the use of any circuit, facility or equipment may be required. The Parties agree to work together to attempt to promptly resolve the impairment or interference. If CLEC is unable to promptly remedy, then CenturyLink may, at its option, temporarily discontinue the use of the affected circuit, facility or equipment until the impairment is remedied.
- 60.5 Any violation of Applicable Law or regulation regarding the invasion of privacy of any communications carried over CenturyLink's facilities, or that creates hazards to the employees of CenturyLink or to the public, is also considered an impairment of service.
- 60.6 CenturyLink shall give advanced notice to CLEC of all non-scheduled maintenance or other planned network activities to be performed by CenturyLink, including any hardware, equipment, software, or system, providing service functionality of which CLEC has advised CenturyLink may potentially impact CLEC End Users.
- 60.7 The Parties shall provide notice of network changes and upgrades in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §§51.325 through 51.335. CenturyLink may discontinue any Interconnection arrangement or Telecommunications Service, provided or required hereunder due to network changes or upgrades after providing CLEC

notice as required by this Section. CenturyLink agrees to cooperate with CLEC and/or the appropriate regulatory body in any transition resulting from such discontinuation of service and to minimize the impact to customers which may result from such discontinuance of service.

61. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- 61.1 In the event of an outage or trouble in any service being provided by CenturyLink hereunder, CLEC will follow CenturyLink's standard procedures for isolating and clearing the outage or trouble. Before submitting a repair request to CenturyLink, CLEC will isolate trouble to the CenturyLink network and must submit test results indicating the location of the trouble when submitting the repair request.
- 61.2 CenturyLink shall provide repair, maintenance and testing for all resold Telecommunications Services that CenturyLink is able to test, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 61.3 During the term of this Agreement, CenturyLink shall provide necessary maintenance business process support as well as those technical and systems interfaces at Parity. CenturyLink shall provide CLEC with maintenance support at Parity.
 - 61.3.1 For purposes of service restoral, CenturyLink shall designate a CLEC access line as an Essential Service Line (ESL) at Parity with CenturyLink's treatment of its own End Users and applicable State law or regulation, if any.
- 61.4 CenturyLink shall provide CLEC maintenance dispatch personnel on the same schedule that it provides its own subscribers.
- 61.5 On all misdirected calls from CLEC End Users requesting repair, CenturyLink shall provide such CLEC End User with the correct CLEC repair telephone number as such number is provided to CenturyLink by CLEC. If CenturyLink initiates trouble handling procedures, it will bear all costs associated with that activity. If CLEC requests the trouble dispatch, and either there is no trouble found, or the trouble is determined to be beyond the End User Demarcation Point, then CLEC will bear the cost.

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ARTICLE V. INTERCONNECTION, TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION OF TRAFFIC

63. SERVICES COVERED

63.1 To the extent required by Applicable Law and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, CLEC will interconnect its network with CenturyLink's network for the transmission, routing and termination of Local Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, IntraLATA LEC Toll Traffic, Local and Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic, Transit Traffic and Jointly Provided Switched Access Service Traffic. This Agreement is intended only for traffic consisting of wireline to wireline communications, not for Mobile Wireless Service traffic, and neither Party will route Mobile Wireless Service traffic to the other Party (other than Transit Traffic) without first executing a separate written agreement to govern such traffic.

63.1.1 This Article governs the Interconnection of network facilities of the Parties, and the transport, termination and billing of Local Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, IntraLATA LEC Toll Traffic, VoIP-PSTN Traffic and Transit Traffic between CenturyLink and CLEC.

63.1.2 The Parties shall use separate two-way Feature Group D trunks for the exchange of equal-access InterLATA Toll Traffic or IntraLATA Toll Traffic, (other than IntraLATA LEC Toll Traffic, Toll VoIP-PSTN or Jointly Provided Switched Access Traffic), and such trunks shall be ordered out of and subject to the applicable access Tariffs. As required by the applicable Tariff, any Local Traffic routed over Feature Group D trunks is subject to the applicable access Tariff and rates.

63.1.3 In the event CLEC routes any traffic to CenturyLink in violation of this Agreement, CenturyLink shall be entitled to seek injunctive relief and to recover damages, including without limitation, compensation for such traffic at access rates.

63.1.4 Each Party is solely responsible for the services it provides to its End Users and to other providers.

64. NETWORK INTERCONNECTION METHODS

64.1 This Section sets forth the terms and conditions for Network Interconnection Methods (NIMs) provided between CenturyLink and CLEC for the Interconnection Facilities established between the Parties' networks. Additionally, this Section describes the physical architecture for the Interconnection of the Parties' facilities and equipment required for the transmission and routing of Local Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, IntraLATA LEC Toll Traffic, VoIP-PSTN Traffic, Transit Traffic and Jointly Provided Switched Access Service Traffic.

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64.3 Physical Architecture

64.3.1 CenturyLink's network architecture in any given local exchange area and/or LATA can vary markedly from another local exchange area/LATA. Using one or more of the NIMs herein, the Parties will agree to a physical architecture plan for a specific LATA, or if appropriate based on other requirements in Section 64, Local Calling Area. The physical architecture plan, as described in the Local Interconnection POI Profile, will be

discussed during joint implementation planning. CLEC and CenturyLink agree to Interconnect their networks through existing and/or new Interconnection Facilities between CLEC switch(es) and CenturyLink's End Office Switch(es) and/or Tandem Switch(es). The physical architecture plan will be in accordance with Forecasting and Planning requirements in Article IV.

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64.3.3 Each Party is solely responsible for the facilities that carry OS/DA, 911 or Mass Calling for their respective End Users. Separate trunks ordered via ASRs at Tariffed rates must be utilized for connecting CLEC's switch(es) to each of these services.

64.3.4 Trunk requirements for forecasting and servicing shall be based on an overall blocking objective of one percent (1%) during the average time-consistent busy hour, as defined by standard trunk traffic engineering principles. For the final trunk groups between a CLEC End Office and a CenturyLink End Office, direct trunk groups are to be engineered with a blocking objective of one percent (1%). Trunks to access Tandems carrying Jointly Provided Switched Access Traffic and all other Tandem trunk groups are to be engineered with a blocking objective of one-half percent (0.5%).

64.4 Points of Interconnection (POIs)

64.4.1 CLEC must establish a minimum of one POI on CenturyLink's network within each LATA in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. CLEC shall establish additional POIs under the following circumstances:

- a. CLEC must establish a POI at each Tandem Switch in the LATA where it wishes to exchange (i.e., receive or terminate) any types of traffic which are permitted under Section 63.1 with CenturyLink or where it has established codes within that Tandem serving area.
- b. When a CenturyLink End Office Switch subtends a CenturyLink Tandem Switch, CLEC must establish a POI at a CenturyLink End Office when total traffic volumes exchanged between the Parties at that particular CenturyLink End Office (inclusive of any Remote Switches served by that End Office) exceeds, or is expected to exceed, the thresholds as set forth in Section 64.4.2.
- c. When a CenturyLink End Office Switch subtends a non-CenturyLink Tandem, CLEC must establish a POI at each CenturyLink End Office Switch that subtends a non-CenturyLink Tandem based on the thresholds as set forth in Section 64.4.2 being met.
- d. To the extent CenturyLink's network contains multiple non-contiguous exchanges in the LATA that are not interconnected by CenturyLink-owned network, CLEC must establish a POI at each separate non-interconnected exchange or each separate group of exchanges that are interconnected by CenturyLink-owned network where it wishes to exchange (i.e., receive or terminate) any types

of traffic which are permitted under Section 63.1 with CenturyLink and does not meet the requirements for Indirect Interconnection.

64.4.2 POI Thresholds

- a. When the total volume of traffic exchanged between the Parties at a CenturyLink End Office exceeds 200,000 MOU per month, or the one-way traffic from either Party exceeds 100,000 MOU per month, CLEC must establish a POI with CenturyLink's End Office for the mutual exchange of traffic within thirty (30) Days of when the traffic exceeds the MOU per month threshold. In situations where CenturyLink's network contains host and Remote Switches, any traffic from Remote Switches will be included in the MOU determination of the traffic from the host End Office.
- b. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, if either Party is assessed transiting costs by a third party and such charges between the Party and the Tandem owner exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for one month, CLEC must establish a POI with CenturyLink's End Office for the mutual exchange of traffic within thirty (30) Days.

64.4.3 The Parties may mutually agree to establish additional POIs even where none of the conditions set forth in Sections 64.4.1 and 64.4.2 of this Article has occurred.

64.4.4 CLEC will be responsible for engineering and maintaining its network on its side of a POI. CenturyLink will be responsible for engineering and maintaining its network on its side of a POI. The Parties may utilize any Network Interconnection Method described in this Section 64. Each Party is responsible for the appropriate sizing, operation and maintenance of the transport facility to a POI.

64.4.5 Provided that CLEC chooses a method of Interconnection in Section 64.5.1, 64.5.3 or 64.5.4, each Party is financially responsible for transport on its side of each POI. If CLEC chooses to lease the facility from each POI to CLEC's network from CenturyLink and the facility is within CenturyLink's serving territory, CLEC will lease the facility from CenturyLink as defined in Section 64.5. When CLEC uses the Bona Fide Request (BFR) process to establish a POI, the CLEC shall bear all reasonable costs associated with transport on both sides of the physical point where the two networks connect to reach CenturyLink's End Office/host office or Tandem Switch.

64.4.6 CLEC shall be required to establish a CLLI Code for the message/trunk ACTL, at the CenturyLink Tandem or End Office Switch where the POI is located.

64.4.7 CLEC must use an Operating Company Number (OCN) when ordering Local Interconnection Trunks and Interconnection Facilities from this Agreement.

64.5 Network Interconnection Methods for Direct Interconnection

64.5.1 Leased Facility

- a. Where facilities exist, CLEC may lease facilities from CenturyLink to establish Interconnection through CenturyLink's provision of a DS1 or DS3 Local Interconnection Entrance Facility and Direct Trunked Transport. A Local Interconnection Entrance Facility extends from the CenturyLink Serving Wire Center to CLEC's Switch or other CLEC Premises within CenturyLink's applicable serving area. Local Interconnection Entrance Facilities may not extend beyond the area served by the CenturyLink Serving Wire Center. The rates for Local Interconnection Entrance Facilities are provided in Table 1. Local Interconnection Entrance Facilities may not be used for Unbundled Network Elements, or in a manner inconsistent with the requirements of Section 63.1. CenturyLink's special Access Service is available as an alternative to CenturyLink provided Local Interconnection Entrance Facilities, subject to Section 66.2.8 (a) 2. CenturyLink's Switched Access Services are also available as an alternative to CenturyLink provided Local Interconnection Entrance Facilities, subject to Section 66.2.8 (a) 3. CLEC may also lease access facilities from a third party.
- b. To the extent required by Applicable Law, traffic may be delivered to each Point of Interconnection (POI) through arrangements offered by CenturyLink pursuant to an amendment to this Agreement, a separate Collocation agreement, or the rates, terms and conditions set forth in CenturyLink's applicable Tariff, where such Tariff is available.

64.5.2 Mid Span Fiber Meet.

- a. The Parties may interconnect at a Mid Span Fiber Meet subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - 1. The Mid Span Fiber Meet, as proposed, must be at a mutually agreeable, economically and Technically Feasible point between CenturyLink's Serving Wire Center End Office and CLEC's Premises, and will be within the area served by the CenturyLink Serving Wire Center.
 - 2. The Mid Span Fiber Meet will be subject to reasonable engineering, environmental, safety and security requirements. Such requirements shall include, without limitation, the technical ability to accommodate testing on each side of the mid-span Meet Point and to provide for a point of demarcation between the networks of each Party and the ability to control the environment.
 - 3. The construction of new facilities for a Mid Span Fiber Meet is only applicable when traffic is roughly balanced.
 - 4. CenturyLink will provide up to fifty percent (50%) of the facilities needed to connect the networks of the Parties.
 - 5. CLEC shall establish a CLLI code for the facility ACTL at the Mid-Span Fiber Meet in addition to any other Trunk ACTL required for the trunks in this Agreement.

6. The Mid Span Fiber Meet will be used exclusively as an Interconnection Facility and cannot be used for other purposes such as Unbundled Network Elements or Access Services.

64.5.3 Third Party ILEC Meet Point using Leased Facilities. If CLEC's location is in a third party ILEC's territory and CLEC chooses to interconnect with CenturyLink using a third party ILEC Meet-Point arrangement (i.e., leased access facilities jointly provisioned by CenturyLink and such third party ILEC), then any portion of such facilities provided by CenturyLink will be ordered from CenturyLink's access Tariff.

64.5.4 Self-Provisioned. CLEC may construct or otherwise self-provision Interconnection Facilities.

64.5.5 The Parties may establish other Technically Feasible methods of Interconnection via the Bona Fide Request (BFR) process unless a particular arrangement has been previously provided to a third party, or is offered by CenturyLink as a product. Such other methods may require this Agreement to be amended.

64.6 Direct Interconnection at the CenturyLink Tandem

64.6.1 Subject to Section 64.4, Interconnection to a CenturyLink Tandem Switch will provide CLEC local Interconnection to the CenturyLink End Offices, Remote Switches and NXXs which subtend that Tandem Switch.

64.6.2 In accordance with Transit Traffic Section 67, Interconnection to a CenturyLink Tandem for Transit Traffic purposes will provide access to Telecommunications Carriers which are connected to that same Tandem Switch.

64.6.3 CLEC is responsible for provisioning its traffic to interface into CenturyLink's Tandem at the DS1 level, including switch port and any muxing necessary for such purposes. If CLEC orders CenturyLink Interconnection Facilities for this, the CLEC shall pay the applicable Local Interconnection Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport, and multiplexing rates from Table 1. If CLEC orders CenturyLink's Access Services for this, the CLEC shall pay based on CenturyLink's applicable access Tariff instead of Table 1.

64.7 Direct Interconnection at the CenturyLink End Office

64.7.1 Interconnection to a CenturyLink End Office Switch will provide CLEC local Interconnection to the CenturyLink NXX codes served by that End Office Switch and any CenturyLink NXXs served by Remote Switches that subtend that host End Office Switch. However, CLEC may not directly connect to a Remote Switch nor can a Remote Switch be a POI.

64.7.2 CLEC is responsible for provisioning its traffic to interface into CenturyLink's End Office at the DS1 level, including switch port and any muxing necessary for such purposes. If CLEC orders CenturyLink Interconnection Facilities for this, the CLEC shall pay the applicable Local Interconnection Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport, and multiplexing rates from Table 1. If CLEC orders CenturyLink's Access

Services for this, the CLEC shall pay based on CenturyLink's applicable access Tariff instead of Table 1.

64.8 Indirect Network Connection

64.8.1 For purposes of this Agreement, "Indirect Traffic" means traffic which is originated by one Party and terminated to the other Party in which a third party ILEC's Tandem switch both provides the intermediary Transit Service and serves CenturyLink's NXXs. Indirect Network Connection for Indirect Traffic is intended only for de minimis traffic associated with CLEC "start-up" market entry into a CenturyLink local exchange. Therefore Indirect Network Connection will be allowed only on routes between CenturyLink End Offices and a CLEC switch in instances where, and only so long as, none of the POI thresholds set forth in Section 64.4.2 have been reached.

64.8.2 Indirect Network Connection shall be accomplished by CenturyLink and CLEC each being responsible for delivering Local Traffic, IntraLATA LEC Toll Traffic and VoIP-PSTN Traffic to and receiving such traffic at the ILEC Tandem serving the CenturyLink End Office. Each Party is responsible for the appropriate sizing, operation and maintenance of the transport facility to the Tandem.

64.8.3 If CLEC has not established a POI within thirty (30) Days after notification from CenturyLink that CLEC has exceeded the POI threshold in Section 64.4.2, CLEC will reimburse CenturyLink for any transit charges billed by an intermediary carrier after the thirty (30) Day period for traffic originated by CenturyLink. CLEC will also reimburse CenturyLink for any transport costs that would be CLEC's responsibility under the Direct Interconnection terms.

64.8.4 To the extent a Party combines Local Traffic, IntraLATA LEC Toll Traffic and Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic on a single trunk group for indirect delivery through a third party ILEC's Tandem, the originating Party, at the terminating Party's request, will declare quarterly Percentages of Local Use (PLUs). CenturyLink will determine the jurisdiction of a call if CenturyLink has sufficient call details.

- a. Such PLUs will be verifiable with either call summary records, call detail samples or traffic study documentation. The terminating Party should apportion per Minute Of Use (MOU) charges appropriately.

65. SIGNALING AND INTERCONNECTION TRUNKING REQUIREMENTS

65.1 This Section sets forth certain signaling requirements and the terms and conditions for Interconnection provided by CenturyLink and CLEC and provides descriptions of the trunking requirements between CLEC and CenturyLink. This Section describes the required and optional trunk groups.

65.2 Signaling Parameters: CenturyLink and CLEC are required to provide each other the proper signaling information (e.g., originating Calling Party Number (CPN), Charge Number (ChN) and destination called party number, etc.) as required by Applicable Rules and further clarified by the FCC's ICC Order to enable each Party to issue bills in a complete and timely fashion. All CCS signaling

parameters will be provided unchanged including CPN, calling party category, and ChN on all calls. All privacy indicators will be honored. Unless there is a waiver pending or the FCC has approved a waiver petition regarding specific technical restrictions, the ChN is to be passed unaltered in SS7 signaling fields where it is different than CPN and ChN must not be populated with a number associated with an intermediate switch, platform, or gateway, or other number that designates anything other than a calling party's charge number. Where SS7 connections exist, each Party shall pass all CCS signaling parameters, where available, on each call carried over Interconnection trunks. The Parties will coordinate and exchange data as necessary to determine the cause of the CPN/ChN failure and to assist its correction.

65.3 The Parties shall use separate two-way Feature Group D trunks for the exchange of any traffic which is not Local Traffic, except for Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic, IntraLATA LEC Toll Traffic and Jointly Provided Switched Access Service Traffic (as defined by MECAB and MECOD) and such trunks shall be ordered out of and subject to the applicable access Tariffs. In the event CLEC uses the Local Interconnection Trunks for any traffic in violation of this Section, CenturyLink shall be entitled to seek injunctive relief and to recover damages, including without limitation, compensation for such traffic at the rates applicable to access traffic.

65.4 One Way and Two Way Trunk Groups.

65.4.1 The Parties agree to jointly establish, provision and maintain bi-directional two-way trunk groups for Local Traffic, Transit Traffic, VoIP-PSTN Traffic and IntraLATA LEC Toll Traffic that has not been routed to an IXC and separate two-way trunk groups for Jointly Provided Switched Access Traffic. Trunks will utilize SS7 signaling protocol. Multi-frequency (MF) signaling protocol may only be used where CLEC can demonstrate that it is not Technically Feasible to use SS7 or where CenturyLink otherwise agrees to use MF.

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65.4.3 The costs associated with transporting Information Service Traffic to CLEC shall be the sole responsibility of CLEC. CenturyLink is not obligated under this Agreement to provision orders for reciprocal trunks or build facilities in the establishment of Interconnection arrangements solely for the delivery of Information Service Traffic. Facilities for Information Service Traffic shall be ordered from the appropriate Tariff and CLEC will be obligated to pay the full cost of such facilities. An upfront charge will apply for any new facilities or network modifications requested by CLEC and agreed upon by CenturyLink.

65.4.4 For administrative consistency CLEC will have control for the purpose of issuing Access Service Requests (ASRs) on two-way groups. CLEC will also use ASRs to request or make necessary changes in trunking.

65.4.5 With respect to any two-way trunks directionalized as one-way in each direction and separate one-way trunks previously established between the Parties, the Parties will transition such trunks to bi-directional trunks in accordance with the following:

- a. The Parties understand that conversion of trunking arrangements from directionalized to bi-directional requires technical and operational coordination between the Parties. Accordingly, the Parties agree to work together to develop a conversion plan to identify all trunks, processes, guidelines, specifications, time frames and additional terms and conditions necessary to support and satisfy the standards set forth in the Agreement and implement the conversion of trunking from directionalized to bi-directionalized arrangements, if such conversion is desired by either Party.

65.4.6 Separate ancillary trunk groups may be established based on billing, signaling, and network requirements, and will be purchased from the applicable Tariff.

- a. Ancillary trunk groups will utilize SS7 protocol. Multi-frequency (MF) signaling protocol may only be used where CLEC can demonstrate that it is not Technically Feasible to use SS7 or where CenturyLink otherwise agrees to use MF.
- b. Separate trunk groups may be required by CenturyLink for certain traffic types including, but not limited to:
 - 1. 911/E911 Trunks;
 - 2. Mass Calling Trunks, if applicable; and
 - 3. Toll Free Service trunks where CLEC provides such service to its End User customers.

65.5 Trunk Groups

65.5.1 The Parties shall provide all SS7 signaling information pursuant to Signaling Parameters Section 65.2. Where required, network signaling information such as transit network selection (TNS) parameter, Originating Line Information Parameter (OLIP) and CIC/ 0ZZ ANI information digits (II) (non-SS7 environment) will be provided by CLEC wherever such information is needed for call routing or billing. The Parties will follow all Network Operations Forum (NOF) adopted standards and all OBF adopted standards pertaining to TNS and CIC/-0ZZ codes.

65.5.2 CLEC and CenturyLink shall, where applicable, make reciprocally available, the required trunk groups to handle different traffic types.

- a. Any Local Traffic routed over Switched Access Service trunks will be billed the intrastate terminating access rate. Neither Party shall route Switched Access Service traffic over Local Interconnection Trunks.
- b. Each Party shall only deliver traffic over the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups to the other Party's Tandem or End Office for those NXX Codes served by that Tandem or End Office as applicable in accordance with the LERG.

65.6 Trunk Servicing

- 65.6.1 Orders between the Parties to establish, add, change or disconnect trunks shall be processed by using an Access Service Request (ASR). CLEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing ASR's on both two-way and one-way trunk groups. Parties will jointly manage the capacity of Local Interconnection Trunk Groups.
- 65.6.2 Should CLEC request trunking from CenturyLink in excess of the industry traffic engineering design blocking standard set forth in Section 64.3.4. CenturyLink is not obligated to provide such trunking unless CLEC agrees in writing to pay for the excess trunking on the CenturyLink side of the POI.
- 65.6.3 Utilization shall be defined as 'trunks required' as a percentage of trunks in service. Trunks required shall be determined using design utilization criteria stated in Section 65.6.4.
- 65.6.4 Underutilization: Underutilization of Interconnection Trunks and facilities exists when provisioned capacity of trunks in service for more than six (6) months is greater than the current need. This over-provisioning is an inefficient deployment and use of network resources and results in unnecessary costs. Those situations where more capacity exists than actual usage will be handled in the following manner:
 - a. If a final trunk group is under seventy-five percent (75%) of CCS capacity or a high usage trunk group is under 90% of CCS capacity on a monthly average basis, for each month of any three (3) consecutive months period, either Party may request the issuance of an order to resize the trunk group, which shall be left with not less than twenty-five percent (25%) excess capacity. In all cases POI requirements and grade of service objectives shall be maintained.
 - b. CLEC will send an ASR to CenturyLink to trigger changes to the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups based on capacity assessment.
 - c. Upon review of the ASR if a Party does not agree with the resizing, the Parties will schedule a joint planning discussion within twenty (20) Business Days. The Parties will meet to resolve and mutually agree to the disposition of the initiating ASR.
- 65.7 CLEC will be responsible for engineering its network on its side of the Point of Interconnection (POI). CenturyLink will be responsible for engineering its network on its side of the POI.
- 65.8 Where facilities are available, due dates for the installation of Local Interconnection Trunks covered by this Section shall be in accordance with the Standard Practices as published on the CenturyLink Website. If either CLEC or CenturyLink is unable to or not ready to perform Acceptance Tests, or is unable to accept the Local Interconnection Trunk(s) by the due date, the Parties will reschedule a mutually acceptable date.
- 65.9 Trunk Data Exchange
 - 65.9.1 Each Party agrees to service trunk groups to the blocking criteria in Section 64.3.4 in a timely manner when trunk groups exceed measured

blocking thresholds on an average time consistent busy hour for a twenty-one (21) Day study period. The Parties agree that twenty-one (21) Days is the study period duration objective unless mutually agreed otherwise. The study period will not include a holiday.

65.10 Network Management

- 65.10.1 Restrictive Controls. Either Party may use protective network traffic management controls such as 7-digit and 10-digit code gaps set at appropriate levels on traffic toward each other's network, when required, to protect the public switched network from congestion due to facility failures, switch congestion, or failure or focused overload. CLEC and CenturyLink will immediately notify each other of any protective control action planned or executed.
- 65.10.2 Expansive Controls. Where the capability exists, originating or terminating traffic re-routes may be implemented by either Party to temporarily relieve network congestion due to facility failures or abnormal calling patterns. Re-routes will not be used to circumvent normal trunk servicing. Expansive controls will only be used when mutually agreed to by the Parties.
- 65.10.3 Temporary Mass Calling. CLEC and CenturyLink shall cooperate and share pre-planning information, where available, regarding cross-network call-ins expected to generate large or focused temporary increases in call volumes, to prevent or mitigate the impact of these events on the public switched network.

65.11 Technical Interfaces

- 65.11.1 CLEC is responsible for provisioning its traffic to CenturyLink's switch port at the DS1 level, including any muxing necessary for such purposes.
- 65.11.2 Standard Interconnection facilities shall be extended superframe (ESF) with B8ZS line code where currently available.
- 65.11.3 Signaling protocol. The Parties will interconnect their networks using SS7 signaling where Technically Feasible and available as defined in GR 905 Telcordia Standards including ISDN User Part (ISUP) for trunk signaling and TCAP for CCS-based features in the Interconnection of their networks. All Network Operations Forum (NOF) adopted standards shall be adhered to. Where available, CenturyLink signaling services to link its Signaling Transfer Points (STPs) for CLEC switches which connect to CenturyLink's STPs via "A" links or for CLEC's STPs to connect to CenturyLink's STPs via "D" links which are dedicated to the transport of signaling for local Interconnection, may be ordered from the CenturyLink Tariff.

65.12 Responsibilities of the Parties

- 65.12.1 CLEC and CenturyLink will work cooperatively to install and maintain a reliable network. CLEC and CenturyLink shall exchange appropriate information (e.g., maintenance contact

- numbers, network information, information required to comply with law enforcement and other security agencies of the federal and State government and such other information as the Parties shall mutually agree) to achieve this desired reliability.
- 65.12.2 CLEC and CenturyLink will review engineering requirements as necessary and establish semi-annual forecasts for facilities utilization provided under this Article.
- 65.12.3 CLEC and CenturyLink will provide trained personnel with adequate and compatible test equipment to work with each other's technicians.
- 65.12.4 CLEC and CenturyLink will notify each other when there is any change affecting the service requested, including the due date.
- 65.12.5 CLEC and CenturyLink will recognize that a facility handoff point must be agreed to as part of the process of the Implementation Plan that establishes the demarcation for maintenance and provisioning responsibilities for each Party.
- 65.12.6 CLEC and CenturyLink will review engineering requirements consistent with the Implementation Plan as described in and as otherwise set forth in this Agreement.
- 65.12.7 CLEC and CenturyLink will share responsibility for all control office functions for Local Interconnection Trunks and trunk groups, and both Parties shall share the overall coordination, installation, and maintenance responsibilities for these trunks and trunk groups.
- 65.12.8 CLEC and CenturyLink will coordinate and schedule testing activities of their own personnel, and others as applicable, to ensure its Interconnection trunks/trunk groups are installed per the Interconnection order, meet agreed-upon acceptance test requirements, and are placed in service by the due date.
- 65.12.9 CLEC and CenturyLink will perform sectionalization to determine if a trouble is located in its facility or its portion of the Interconnection trunks prior to referring the trouble to each other.
- 65.12.10 CLEC and CenturyLink will advise each other if there is an equipment failure which may affect the Interconnection trunks.
- 65.12.11 CLEC and CenturyLink will provide each other with a trouble reporting/repair contact number that is readily accessible and available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. Any changes to this contact arrangement must be immediately provided to the other Party.
- 65.12.12 CLEC and CenturyLink will provide to each other test-line numbers and access to test lines.
- 65.12.13 CLEC and CenturyLink will cooperatively plan and implement coordinated repair procedures for the Meet Point and Local Interconnection Trunks and facilities to ensure trouble reports are resolved in a timely and appropriate manner.

65.13 Neither Party shall use any Interconnection, function, facility, product or service provided under this Agreement or any other service related thereto or used in combination therewith in any manner that interferes with or impairs service over any facilities of either Party, its affiliated companies or other connecting Telecommunications Carriers, prevents any carrier from using its Telecommunication Service, impairs the quality or privacy of Telecommunications Service to other carriers or to either Party's End Users, causes hazards to either Party's personnel or the public, damage to either Party's or any connecting carrier's facilities or equipment, including any malfunction of ordering or billing systems or equipment. Upon such occurrence, either Party may discontinue or refuse service for so long as the other Party is violating this provision. Upon any such violation, either Party shall provide the other Party notice of the violation at the earliest practicable time.

66. INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION

66.1 General Terms

66.1.1 For compensation purposes, the jurisdiction of a call is determined by the physical location of the origination and termination of such call, except as may otherwise be specified herein for VoIP-PSTN Traffic.

66.1.2 VoIP-PSTN Traffic

a. Local VoIP-PSTN Traffic. CLEC and CenturyLink will exchange Local VoIP-PSTN Traffic on the same basis and at the same rates as Local Traffic which is not VoIP-PSTN Traffic. VoIP-PSTN Traffic will be identified as either Local or non-Local by using the originating and terminating call detail information of each call unless the Parties specifically agree otherwise. This call jurisdiction method described herein is intended by the Parties as a proxy to determine the jurisdiction of a call (i.e., the actual geographic end points of the call) since the actual geographic end points of a particular VoIP-PSTN Traffic call may be difficult or impossible to determine. At any time during the term of this Agreement, CLEC and CenturyLink may agree on alternate methods to establish call jurisdiction for Local VoIP-PSTN Traffic based on regulatory or technological evolution. The Parties agree that it is in the best interest of both Parties to work together in an effort to continue to improve the accuracy of jurisdictional data and such efforts shall not be unreasonably withheld by either Party. This paragraph shall not be controlling with respect to VNXX Traffic which otherwise constitutes VoIP-PSTN Traffic, nor shall this paragraph affect the determination of the proper jurisdiction or the geographic end points of any traffic which is not VoIP-PSTN Traffic.

b. Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic

1. CLEC and CenturyLink will exchange Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic, including any Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic which transits a CenturyLink Tandem, at each Party's access rates. Any non-Local Traffic which is not Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic shall be routed in accordance with Section 63.1.2. VoIP-PSTN

Traffic will be identified as either Local Traffic or non-Local Traffic by using the originating and terminating call detail information of each call unless the Parties specifically agree otherwise. This call jurisdiction method described herein is intended by the Parties as a proxy to determine the jurisdiction of a call since the Parties acknowledge that there may be some circumstances where the actual geographic end points of a particular VoIP-PSTN Traffic call may be difficult or impossible to determine. At any time during the term of this Agreement, CLEC and CenturyLink may agree on alternate methods to establish call jurisdiction for Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic based on regulatory or technological evolution. In addition, if information is available to identify the actual geographic location of traffic originated or terminated to an End User, then the Parties may jointly agree that the proxy method described herein shall not be used for such calls. The Parties agree that it is in the best interest of both Parties to work together in an effort to continue to improve the accuracy of jurisdictional data and such efforts shall not be unreasonably withheld by either Party.

2. The facilities, or portion thereof, leased by CLEC from CenturyLink which are used to exchange Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic shall be subject to CenturyLink's interstate access Tariff rates. CenturyLink will use the Facilities Percent VoIP Usage (Facility-PVU) factor in Table 1 to determine the portion of the Local Interconnection Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport, and MUX that shall be deemed the portion of the facility used to carry Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic.

2.1 The Facility-PVU factor shall be the percentage of the total traffic CLEC routes to CenturyLink for termination using Local Interconnection Trunks which is Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic. The Facility-PVU factor shall be based on information such as the number of the CLEC's retail VoIP subscriptions in the state (e.g., as reported on FCC Form 477), traffic studies, actual call detail, or other relevant and verifiable information which the parties will exchange. At the request of either Party, such information will be updated to determine if the Facility-PVU factor continues to be accurate, and if the updated information indicates that an adjustment of the factor is appropriate, the Parties shall amend the Agreement to reflect a more current factor.

3. Any factors established by the Parties under VoIP-PSTN Traffic Section 66.1.2 shall be based on the particular characteristics of the traffic exchanged within the State

between CLEC and CenturyLink and shall not be subject to adoption by anyone not a Party to this Agreement, or apply to any other service areas.

66.2 Compensation for Transport and Termination of Local Traffic

66.2.1 Reciprocal Compensation applies for transport and termination of Local Traffic terminated by either Party.

66.2.2 The rate elements for transporting and terminating Local Traffic can be found in Table 1.

66.2.3 The terminating Party may bill the other Party Reciprocal Compensation for all Local Traffic MOU routed by the other Party for termination.

66.2.4 CLEC and CenturyLink agree to terminate each other's ISP-Bound Traffic on a Bill and Keep basis. "Bill and Keep" shall mean that the originating Party has no obligation to pay terminating charges to the terminating Party.

66.2.5 Recording for Reciprocal Compensation

- a. Each Party will calculate terminating MOU based on standard Automatic Message Accounting (AMA) recordings made within each Party's network. These recordings are the basis for each Party to generate bills to the other Party. For purposes of Reciprocal Compensation only, measurement of MOU over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups shall be in actual conversation seconds. The total conversation seconds over each individual Local Interconnection Trunk Group will be totaled for the entire monthly bill and then rounded to the next whole minute. Notwithstanding the above, either Party may use its SS7 data to verify and adjust billing as appropriate.

66.2.6 Recording for Indirect Interconnection

- a. For any traffic exchanged between the Parties via third party Tandems, each Party will either record the traffic it terminates in accordance with this Section, or will utilize records provided by the Tandem provider to invoice for traffic terminating on its network.

66.2.7 Billing Elements for Local Transport and Termination

- a. The transport and termination elements for Local Traffic depend on the type of Interconnection between the Parties.
 1. When the POI is connected to the CenturyLink Tandem Switch or in a Mid-Span Fiber Meet arrangement connected to the CenturyLink Tandem Switch, when calls from CLEC End Users are terminating to CenturyLink End Users through the CenturyLink Tandem Switch, CLEC will pay CenturyLink Tandem Switching, Common Transport, and End Office termination. CLEC shall also pay Common Transport for calls that terminate at a CenturyLink Remote Switch served by the CenturyLink host End Office Switch.
 2. When the POI is connected to the CenturyLink End Office Switch or in a Mid-Span Fiber Meet arrangement

connected to the CenturyLink End Office Switch, and calls from CLEC End Users are terminating to CenturyLink End Users through the End Office Switch, CLEC shall pay CenturyLink End Office termination. CLEC shall also pay Common Transport for calls that terminate at a CenturyLink Remote Switch served by the CenturyLink host End Office Switch.

3. For Indirect Network Connection, CLEC shall pay Common Transport and End Office termination for calls that terminate at a CenturyLink End Office Switch.

66.2.8 Billing Elements for Interconnection Facility

a. Local Interconnection Entrance Facility

1. Recurring and nonrecurring rates for Local Interconnection Entrance Facilities are specified in Table 1 and will apply for those DS1 or DS3 facilities dedicated to use as Interconnection and ordered as Interconnection Facilities.

2. If CLEC chooses to provision facilities over an existing facility purchased as special Access Service from the CenturyLink state or FCC access Tariffs, the rates from those Tariffs will apply instead of Local Interconnection Entrance Facility charges from Table 1.

3. If CLEC chooses to order Interconnection Facilities as Switched Access Service from the CenturyLink state and FCC access Tariffs, the rates from those Tariffs will apply instead of Local Interconnection Entrance Facility, DTT, and MUX charges from Table 1.

b. Recurring rates for Direct Trunked Transport (DTT) are specified in Table 1 and will apply for those DS1 or DS3 facilities dedicated to use as Interconnection and ordered as Interconnection Facilities. Direct Trunked Transport (DTT) is available between the Serving Wire Center of the Local Interconnection Entrance Facility or Collocation and the terminating and/or transiting Tandem Switch or End Office Switches.

1. When DTT is provided to a Tandem Switch, the applicable DTT rate elements apply between the Serving Wire Center and the Tandem Switch. Tandem Switching and Common Transport rate elements apply for delivery of traffic to the terminating End Office Switch.

2. Rate band shall be determined for DTT based on the combination of the Serving Wire Center and the Tandem Switch or End Office Switch. Pending system conversions may require a change to a new standard DTT rate structure which will be reflected in an amended Table 1.

3. If the Parties elect to establish two-way Local Interconnection Trunks for reciprocal exchange of traffic, the cost of the two-way Local Interconnection Entrance Facility and DTT shall be shared among the Parties.

(i) CenturyLink will bill CLEC for the entire DTT and Local Interconnection Entrance Facility provided by CenturyLink

at the rates in Table 1. CLEC will bill CenturyLink for CenturyLink's portion of the same DTT and Local Interconnection Entrance Facility based on the portion defined in 66.2.8.2.3.2 and at the rates in Table 1.

(ii) CenturyLink's portion of the DTT and Local Interconnection Facility will be based on the factor determined by CenturyLink using the following to assign the minutes for which CenturyLink is responsible:

- All Local Traffic Minutes of Use (MOU) that CenturyLink originates and sends to CLEC.
- All CenturyLink originated IntraLATA LEC Toll MOU that CenturyLink sends to CLEC.
- All other minutes are CLEC's responsibility for purposes of allocating the shared costs.

66.2.9 Multiplexing (DS1/DS3 MUX) is available at the rate specified in Table 1. If the Interconnection Facility was ordered as Switched Access Service, then the Tariffed rates apply instead of the MUX rates from Table 1.

66.2.10 Trunk Nonrecurring charges

66.2.10.1 Installation and Disconnect nonrecurring charges may be assessed by the provider for each Interconnection Trunk ordered at the rates in Table 1.

66.2.10.2 Nonrecurring charges for rearrangement may be assessed by the provider for each Interconnection Trunk rearrangement ordered, at one-half (1/2) the rates specified in Table 1.

66.2.10.3 If the Interconnection Facility is ordered as Switched Access Service, then the applicable Tariffed trunk nonrecurring charges apply instead of the rates from Table 1.

66.2.11 For purposes of compensation between the Parties, CLEC shall adopt the Rate Center areas and Rating Points that the Commission has approved for the ILECs. In addition, CLEC shall assign whole NPA-NXX codes to each Rate Center, subject to State regulatory requirements. If CLEC only obtains thousands blocks instead of whole NPA-NXX codes, those thousands blocks shall remain rated to the Rate Center associated with the donating NPA-NXX code.

66.3 Compensation of non-Local Traffic

66.3.1 Percent Local Usage

- a. CenturyLink will determine the jurisdiction of a call if CenturyLink has sufficient call details. When call details are insufficient to determine the jurisdiction for the call, the CLEC will identify in writing the Percent Local Usage (PLU) factor on each Interconnection order to identify its Local Traffic for Reciprocal

Compensation purposes. For non-Local Traffic, the Parties agree to compensate one another based on the rates included in each Party's access Tariffs. CenturyLink may request CLEC's traffic study documentation of the PLU at any time to verify the PLU and may compare the documentation to studies developed by CenturyLink. Should the documentation indicate that the factor should be changed by CenturyLink, the Parties agree that any changes will be retroactive to all traffic which is determined to have applied an inaccurate factor.

- b. In the absence of a written agreement between the Parties stating otherwise, and except as otherwise provided under Section 66.1.2 for VoIP-PSTN Traffic, the PLU shall not be deemed to account for the jurisdiction of any traffic which may appear to be Local Traffic based upon the originating and terminating call detail information, where such call detail information does not accurately reflect the true geographic end points of the call, and the Parties may seek appropriate compensation for such calls notwithstanding such PLU factor.

66.3.2 Traffic originated to or directed to or through an ISP that is physically located outside the originating End User's Local Calling Area and calls to an ISP which are placed on a non-local basis (e.g., toll calls or 8YY calls) are non-Local Traffic for compensation purposes and will be compensated at the appropriate Interstate or Intrastate Switched Access Service rates.

66.3.3 VNXX Traffic is not Local Traffic for purposes of intercarrier compensation, and such VNXX Traffic shall not be subject to Reciprocal Compensation. VNXX Traffic shall be subject to originating or terminating switched access charges of the Party that originates or terminates such calls, provided however, the Party that provides the VNXX Service that enables such VNXX Traffic shall not be entitled to recover access charges for such VNXX Traffic. Both Parties represent and warrant that they are not providing VNXX Service and will not do so unless they provide advance written notice to the other Party. Either Party may perform traffic studies at any time to determine if VNXX Traffic is being exchanged with the other Party, and each Party will provide data necessary to determine the physical, geographic location of the End User premise which is associated with an NPA-NXX-XXXX. If a Party determines that the other Party is providing VNXX Service and is exchanging VNXX Traffic, access charges apply from the date that the exchange of VNXX Traffic began.

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66.3.5 Unless otherwise required by Applicable Law, in the absence of a written agreement between the Parties stating otherwise, any traffic which is not included within the definition of Local Traffic or otherwise specifically addressed in this Agreement will be compensated at Access Service rates. The right to assess such Access Service charges shall not be deemed to constitute authorization for CLEC to route any traffic in a manner which is not permitted under this Agreement.

67. TRANSIT TRAFFIC

- 67.1 Transit Service terms in this Agreement are for the delivery of Transit Traffic. Any Jointly Provided Switched Access Traffic that transits the CenturyLink network will not be considered Transit Traffic and any network functions provided by CenturyLink in connection with such Jointly Provided Switched Access will be provided to the IXC at Switched Access Service rates.
- 67.2 When CenturyLink receives an unqueried call from CLEC to a telephone number that has been ported to another service provider, rates applicable to Transit Service will apply in addition to any query rates.
- 67.3 To the extent network and contractual arrangements exist with all necessary parties throughout the term of this Agreement, CenturyLink will provide Transit Services for CLEC's connection of its End User to a local End User of: (1) other CLECs, (2) other ILECs (including any CenturyLink ILEC Affiliates who may be a Party to this Agreement, other than the CenturyLink ILEC Affiliate providing the Transit Service), and (3) CMRS carriers. CenturyLink will only provide a Transit Service where CLEC is interconnected at the same CenturyLink Tandem switch to which the terminating carrier is interconnected. CLEC agrees not to route Transit Traffic to a non-CenturyLink Tandem (i.e., double Tandem Transit Traffic) where the NPA-NXX of the number called is rated within CenturyLink's Tandem serving area, and CLEC shall compensate CenturyLink for the Transit Service and reimburse CenturyLink for any terminating compensation charged to CenturyLink by a terminating carrier as a result of any such double Tandem Transit Traffic routed by CLEC.
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- 67.5 In the event Transit Traffic originated by CLEC is blocked by a third party, CenturyLink shall have no obligation to resolve the dispute. CLEC acknowledges that CenturyLink does not have any responsibility to pay, and CLEC indemnifies CenturyLink against any third-party Telecommunications Carrier charges for termination of any identifiable Transit Traffic routed to CenturyLink by CLEC.
- 67.6 Payment Terms and Conditions
 - 67.6.1 CLEC shall pay a Transit Service Charge as set forth in Table 1 for any Transit Traffic routed to CenturyLink by CLEC.
 - 67.6.2 CLEC shall be responsible for payment of Transit Service charges on Transit Traffic routed to CenturyLink by CLEC and for any charges assessed by the terminating carrier. CLEC agrees to enter into traffic exchange agreements with third-parties prior to routing any Transit Traffic to CenturyLink for delivery to such third parties, and CLEC will indemnify, defend and hold harmless CenturyLink against any and all charges levied by such third-party terminating carrier with respect to Transit Traffic, including but not limited to, termination charges related to such traffic and attorneys' fees and expenses.
- 67.7 Exchange of Data
 - 67.7.1 To the extent Technically Feasible, the Parties involved in transporting Transit Traffic will deliver calls to each involved network with Common Channel Signaling (CCS)/Signaling System 7 (SS7) protocol and the appropriate ISUP/TCAP messages to facilitate full interoperability and

billing functions. The Parties agree to send all message indicators, received.

- 67.8 Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, once the volume of Transit Traffic exchanged between CLEC and a third party exceeds the equivalent of three (3) DS1s of traffic, CenturyLink may, but shall not be obligated to, require CLEC to establish a direct connection to the parties with which they are exchanging traffic. CenturyLink also reserves the right to require CLEC to establish a direct connection to the third party if, in CenturyLink's sole discretion, the Tandem is at or approaching capacity limitations. These limitations may include but are not limited to a lack of trunk port capacity or processor capacity based on the then existing Tandem and network configuration. Within sixty (60) Days after CenturyLink notifies CLEC of the requirement to direct connect, CLEC shall establish a direct Interconnection with such third party. After sixty (60) Days, if CLEC has not established a direct Interconnection, CenturyLink may thereafter charge CLEC for such Transit Service, including transit traffic that terminates with CLEC, at the Transit Service Charge set forth in Table 1.
- 67.9 In the event a third party files a complaint or other legal action against CenturyLink, or threatens to do so, as a result of a controversy involving Transit Traffic originated by CLEC which is routed to such third party, then upon written notice CenturyLink may require CLEC to (i) directly interconnect with such third party, or (ii) to otherwise cease using Transit Service of CenturyLink for delivery of CLEC-originated traffic to such third party, (iii) or to take such other action which may be mutually acceptable to CenturyLink, and CLEC, in order to protect and remove CenturyLink from such controversy, and CenturyLink may seek legal or equitable relief for purposes of enforcing this paragraph.

ARTICLE VI. NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE

68. NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE

- 68.1 CenturyLink will provide nondiscriminatory access to either side of the NID. Subject to this Section and its subsections, CenturyLink shall provide access to the existing NID under the following terms and conditions.
- 68.2 Under no circumstances shall CLEC connect to either side of the NID or to the End User's Inside Wiring unless the CenturyLink network is first properly disconnected from the End User's Inside Wiring as set forth in this Article.
- 68.3 Except in multi-unit tenant properties where CenturyLink owns and maintains control over inside wire within a building, maintenance and control of the End User's inside wiring (i.e., on the End User's side of the Demarcation Point) is under the control of the End User. Conflicts between telephone service providers for access to the End User's inside wire on the End User's side of the Demarcation Point must be resolved by the End User.
- 68.4 CLEC may obtain access to the NID on CenturyLink's network side or the End User Access side on a stand-alone basis to permit CLEC to connect its own loop facilities to the Premises wiring. CLEC may not connect to the End User Access side of the NID except in accordance with these terms.
- 68.5 CLEC may elect to isolate CenturyLink's network from the Customer Inside Wiring within the NID on the End User Access side of the NID, but CLEC shall not perform any disconnect on the network side of the NID. CenturyLink, at the request of CLEC, will disconnect CenturyLink's network from the NID or will arrange access to the network side of the NID for any purpose. The charges reflected in Table 1 will apply to any CenturyLink dispatch for any purpose initiated at CLEC's request. The phrase "End User Access side of the NID" is descriptive and does not convey any ownership or usage rights. The demarcation point between the Local Loop (inclusive of the NID) and the End User's Inside Wire is established pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §68.105.
- 68.6 CLEC shall maintain a connection to ground on its network that meets applicable industry standards. In the case of a NID-to-NID connection, each Party shall ground its NID independently of the other Party's NID.
- 68.7 With respect to multiple dwelling units or multiple-unit business premises, CLEC shall have the option of connecting directly with the End User's Premises wire, or may connect with the End User's Premises wire via CenturyLink's NID. CenturyLink will provide CLEC with information that will enable its technician to locate End User Premises wiring at NIDs that terminate multiple subscribers. CenturyLink will dispatch a technician and tag the wiring at CLEC's request.
- 68.8 Any repairs, upgrade and/or rearrangements to the NID requested or required by CLEC will be performed by CenturyLink based on the Stand Alone NID Charges set out in Table 1.
- 68.9 CenturyLink will make available to CLEC any existing installed NID at the time CLEC seeks Interconnections to such NID to serve an End User. CenturyLink shall be under no obligation to install a new NID in order to enable CLEC to interconnect to such NID.

- 68.10 CLEC shall not access, remove, disconnect or in any other way rearrange CenturyLink's loop facilities from CenturyLink's NIDs, enclosures or protectors. CLEC shall not attach to, remove or disconnect ground wires from CenturyLink's NIDs, enclosures or protectors. CLEC shall not remove or disconnect NID modules, protectors or terminals (including test port connections) from CenturyLink's NID enclosures.
- 68.11 CLEC may access the End User side of a CenturyLink NID for the purpose of isolating CenturyLink's Local Loop from the Inside Wiring within the NID. Isolation of CenturyLink's Local Loop from the Customer Inside Wiring is achieved by removing the Inside Wiring from the NID terminals and using appropriate method and practices to prevent bare wires from coming in contact with such NID terminals (e.g., capping individual bare wires with Scotchlocks™). CLEC may not remove the test port wire from the test port as the isolation method unless CLEC subsequently inserts a dummy test port plug with a rubber weather seal since this may damage CenturyLink's active network by allowing the accumulation of corrosive moisture and short-circuiting insect debris within the test port.
- 68.12 Any access to the End User's side of a CenturyLink NID that utilizes the NID functionality, including a NID to NID connection, shall be considered a billable use of the CenturyLink NID.
- 68.13 CLEC shall be liable to CenturyLink for any damage to a CenturyLink NID caused by improper or unauthorized use of CenturyLink's NID by CLEC. In addition to any monetary damages that CenturyLink may be entitled to recover as a result of such damages, CenturyLink shall also be entitled to seek injunctive relief to prevent further NID damages. Such damages may include but are not limited to dispatch charges, NID replacement costs and network reconnections and repairs.

ARTICLE VII. ADDITIONAL SERVICES

69 NUMBER PORTABILITY

- 69.1 Definitions. For purposes of this Section governing Number Portability, the following definitions shall apply:
- 69.1.1 Coordinated Hot Cut (CHC): A combined and simultaneous effort between local service providers to perform the completion of a Local Service Request order.
 - 69.1.2 Donor Party: The Party that is receiving the number port request and is relinquishing the ported number.
 - 69.1.3 Local Routing Number (LRN): A ten (10)-digit number that is assigned to the network switching elements for the routing of calls in the network.
 - 69.1.4 Number Portability (NP): The in-place long-term method of providing Number Portability (NP) using the LRN method.
 - 69.1.5 Recipient Party: The Party that is initiating the number port request and is receiving the ported number.
 - 69.1.6 Simple Ports: Those ports meeting the FCC's definition of "Simple" ports
 - 69.1.7 Ten-Digit Unconditional Trigger Method (TDT): An industry-defined PNP solution that utilizes the ten-digit Local Routing Number to provide for an automated process that permits the work at the Recipient Party's switch to be done autonomously from the work at the Donor Party's switch resulting in less downtime to the End User.
- 69.2 Number Portability (NP). Each Party will provide Local Number Portability and obtain End User authorization in accordance with the Act, and applicable FCC rules, regulations and orders as amended from time to time. CLEC shall provide NP to CenturyLink under no less favorable terms and conditions as when CenturyLink provides such services to CLEC. The Act requires allowing End Users to change local service providers and retain the same telephone number(s) within the serving Rate Center utilizing the portability method as defined by the FCC. The Parties recognize that the Act and the applicable FCC rules, regulations and orders limit porting to carriers having facilities or numbering resources in the same Rate Center, or to service providers who have partnered with a wireline carrier for numbering resources where the partnering carrier has facilities or numbering resources in the same Rate Center, and do not mandate location portability and the Parties will not submit orders for such non-mandated types of portability.
- 69.3 Testing
- 69.3.1 If CLEC has not initiated porting with CenturyLink in a specific exchange, prior to port order submission, CLEC will conduct testing with CenturyLink as required by the NANC LNP Guidelines incorporated by reference in 47 C.F.R. §52.26.
 - 69.3.2 CLEC must be NPAC certified and have met CenturyLink testing

- parameters prior to activating LNP. Each Party will bear its own expenses for testing.
- 69.3.3 The Parties will cooperate to ensure effective maintenance testing through activities such as routine testing practices, network trouble isolation processes and review of operational elements for translations, routing and network fault isolation.
- 69.3.4 The Parties shall cooperate in testing performed to ensure interconnectivity between systems. The Parties shall notify each other at least sixty (60) days in advance of any system updates that may affect the porting operations of CLEC or CenturyLink. Each Party shall, at each other's request, jointly perform tests to validate the updated operations.
- 69.4 A Party requesting a number to be ported must send the other providing Party a Local Service Request (LSR). If a Party requests that the other Party port a number, the Parties shall follow the "Local Number Portability Ordering Process" documented on the CenturyLink Wholesale Website and comply with applicable FCC rules, regulations and orders.
- 69.4.1 End User Non-Payment. CenturyLink will port numbers for customers whose service has been suspended for non-payment. However, CenturyLink will not port numbers once the customer's service has been disconnected.
- 69.4.2 Neither Party shall be required to provide Number Portability under this Agreement for excluded numbers defined by FCC orders or other Applicable Law, as updated from time to time, including but not limited to: 500 NPAs; 900 NPAs; 950 and 976 NXX number services; and OCS NXXs (i.e., numbers used internally by either Party for its own business purposes). The term "Official Communications Service (OCS)" means the internal telephone numbers used by CenturyLink or CLEC.
- 69.4.3 Inactive Numbers. CenturyLink will not port numbers not currently being used by a CenturyLink End User or previously reserved on an existing CenturyLink End User's account.
- 69.4.4 LERG Reassignment. Portability for an entire NXX shall be provided by utilizing reassignment of the NXX to CLEC through the LERG
- 69.4.5 Porting Interval. Both Parties agree to porting intervals as mandated by the FCC or as provided in the LNPA WG Best Practices. (<http://www.npac.com/lnpa-working-group/lnp-best-practices>) The following terms shall also apply:
- a. Local Number Portability (LNP) orders may not be expedited.
 - b. Mass Calling Events. The Parties will notify each other at least seven (7) Days in advance where ported numbers are utilized. Parties will only port Mass Calling numbers using switch translations and a choke network for call routing. Porting on Mass Calling numbers will be handled

outside the normal porting process and comply with any applicable federal regulatory requirements or industry guidelines developed for Mass Calling numbers.

- 69.4.6 FOC. Both Parties agree to provide a Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) to the Recipient Party at intervals as mandated by the FCC or as provided in the LNPA WG Best Practices. (<http://www.npac.com/lnpa-working-group/lnp-best-practices>)
- 69.4.7 Project Management. For purposes of this Agreement, the Parties will use a project management approach for the implementation of LSRs for non-standard requests such as coordinated cutovers including but not limited to Coordinated Hot Cuts and after hours cutover requests. The Parties may mutually agree on using a project management approach for very large volumes of number ports such as a large business, hospital or government agency cutover.
 - a. CLEC bears sole responsibility for any End User issues associated with porting cutovers when CenturyLink recommends a project approach and CLEC declines to use such a process.
- 69.4.8 Service Order Charge. The Party receiving the LSR will bill the Service Order charge set forth in Table 1 for each LSR received. The Party will bill the Service Order charge for a LSR, regardless of whether that LSR is later supplemented, clarified or cancelled. The receiving Party will also bill an additional Service Order charge for supplements to any LSR submitted to clarify, correct, change or cancel a previously submitted LSR.
- 69.4.9 Intentionally Left Blank.
- 69.4.10 When CenturyLink receives an un-queried call from CLEC to a telephone number that has been ported to another local services provider, the Transit rate in Table 1 and the LNP query charge found in Table 1 will apply.
- 69.4.11 IXC Revenue. When an IXC terminates an InterLATA or IntraLATA toll call to either Party's local exchange customer whose telephone number has been ported from one party to the other, the Parties agree that the Party to whom the number has been ported shall be entitled to revenue from the IXC for those access elements it actually provides including, but not limited to end office switching, local transport, RIC, and CCL. The Party from whom the number has been ported shall be entitled to receive revenue from the IXC for those access elements it actually provides including, but not limited to any entrance facility fees, access Tandem fees and appropriate local transport charges.
- 69.4.12 When a ported telephone number becomes vacant, e.g., the telephone number is no longer in service by the original End User, the ported telephone number will snap-back to the LERG-assigned thousands block holder or the NXX code holder if

pooling is being utilized in the Rate Center.

- 69.4.13 Each Party shall become responsible for the End User's other ancillary services (e.g., E911, Directory Listings, Operator Services, Line Information Database (LIDB)) when the port of the End User's telephone number to its switch is completed.

69.5 Cut-Over Process for Number Porting Orders

69.5.1 Ten-Digit Unconditional Trigger Method (TDT) Cut-Over

- a. Where Technically Feasible, both Parties will use PNP-LRN cut-overs, which rely upon the TDT for porting numbers. CenturyLink will update its Website to identify the circumstances of which it is aware where use of TDT is not Technically Feasible.
- b. Setting of ten digit triggers or an alternative must be used as shown in the FCC mandated NANC LNP Process Flows at <http://www.npac.com/lnpa-working-group/nanc-lnp-process-flows> (See Flows 9 and 10).

69.5.2 Coordinated Hot Cuts (CHC)

- a. Where the Parties agree or are required to implement a CHC to effectuate a service cut-over, the Parties shall follow the process and procedures for such CHCs set forth in the CenturyLink Standard Practices.
- b. Pricing for Number Portability CHCs
 1. When a Recipient Party orders CHC service, the Donor Party shall charge, and the Recipient Party shall pay, the applicable Charges set forth in Table 1.
 2. Coordination of Service Order work outside normal business hours shall be at requesting Party's expense. Premium and overtime rates will apply, as applicable, for Service Order work performed outside normal business hours, weekends, and holidays.
 3. For calculating "time" and/or "additional time" labor charges, the time shall begin when the Donor Party receives the call from Recipient Party and ends when the Parties disconnect from the call.

70 ACCESS TO POLES, DUCTS, CONDUITS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY

- 70.1 Via Tariff or Separate Agreement. To the extent required by the Act, including the requirement that a requesting Telecommunications Carrier be a provider of Telecommunications Services as defined by 47 U.S.C. §153, CenturyLink and CLEC shall each afford to the other access to the poles, ducts, conduits and rights-of-way (ROWs) that it owns or controls on terms, conditions and prices comparable to those offered to any other entity pursuant to each Party's Tariffs and/or in a separate written agreement and in accordance with Applicable Law

and regulations. Accordingly, if CenturyLink or CLEC desires access to the other Party's poles, ducts, conduits or ROWs, the Party seeking access shall make such a request in writing, and the Parties shall negotiate the terms and conditions for such access in accordance with Applicable Law. Such terms and conditions shall be contained in separate, stand-alone agreement.

- 70.2 Pole Attachment & Conduit Occupancy Agreements. CLEC agrees that pole attachment and conduit occupancy agreements must be executed separately before it makes any pole attachments to CenturyLink's facilities or uses CenturyLink's conduit. Unauthorized pole attachments or unauthorized use of conduit will constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

71 BASIC 911 AND E911 SERVICE

- 71.1 E911 Universal Emergency Number Service is provided by CenturyLink to CLEC serving End Users in a geographic area where CenturyLink is the 911 Service Provider.

- 71.2 CenturyLink's Responsibilities: When CenturyLink is designated by the PSAP as the primary 911 Service Provider in a geographic area in which CLEC furnishes local Telephone Exchange Service. CenturyLink shall have the obligations in this Section.

71.2.1 Call Routing

- 71.2.1.1 CenturyLink will switch 911 calls through the Selective Router to the designated primary PSAP or to designated alternate locations, according to routing criteria specified by the PSAP.

- 71.2.1.2 CenturyLink will forward the calling party number (ANI) it receives from CLEC and the associated 911 Automatic Location Identification (ALI) to the PSAP for display. If no ANI is forwarded by CLEC, CenturyLink will route the call to the "Default" ESN assigned to CLEC's 911 trunk group and will forward an identification code for display at the designated "Default" PSAP associated with the "Default" ESN. If the ANI is forwarded by CLEC but no ALI record is found in the 911 DBMS, CenturyLink will report this "No Record Found" condition to CLEC in accordance with NENA standards.

71.2.2 Facilities and Trunking

- 71.2.2.1 CenturyLink will provide transport facilities to interconnect CLEC to CenturyLink's SR, at standard CenturyLink Access tariff rates. Additionally, when diverse facilities are requested by CLEC, CenturyLink will provide such diversity where Technically Feasible and facilities are available at standard CenturyLink Access tariff rates.

- 71.2.2.2 Upon written request by CLEC, CenturyLink shall, in a timely fashion and at no charge, provide CLEC with a description of the geographic area (or rate centers) and PSAPs served by the 911 Selective Router(s) based upon the standards set forth in the May 1997 NENA

Recommended Standards for Local Service Provider Interconnection Information Sharing, or any subsequent revision(s) thereto.

71.2.3 Database

71.2.3.1 Where CenturyLink manages the ALI database, CenturyLink shall store CLEC's End User 911 records.

71.2.3.2 Where CenturyLink is the ALI database provider, CenturyLink shall coordinate access to the CenturyLink DBMS for the initial loading and updating of CLEC's End User 911 records. For such purposes, CenturyLink will provide CLEC with access to WebDBMS, which is a customer interface to the DBMS which restricts CLEC access to CLEC End User records only, and is used for viewing and coordinating electronic file processing of such End User records. CenturyLink shall provide CLEC with a password to the WebDBMS, and CLEC shall be responsible for maintaining confidentiality and use of such password.

71.2.3.3 CenturyLink ALI database shall accept electronically transmitted files that are based upon NENA standards. Manual entry shall only be allowed in the event the DBMS is not functioning, or if CenturyLink has specifically agreed pursuant to separate written terms setting forth such arrangements, including compensation at the rates found in Table 1.

71.2.3.4 CenturyLink will provide an error and status report for CLEC's End User records received from CLEC. This report will be provided in a timely fashion in accordance with the methods and procedures to be provided to CLEC.

71.2.3.5 Where CenturyLink manages the ALI database, CenturyLink shall provide CLEC with one electronic file containing the Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) annually for each county in the State for which this Agreement is applicable, in which CenturyLink is the 911 Service Provider, and in which CLEC exchanges Local Traffic with CenturyLink.. Additional copies of the MSAG file are available at the rate set forth in Table 1.

71.2.3.6 Where CenturyLink manages the ALI database, CenturyLink shall establish a process for the management of NPA splits by populating the ALI database with the appropriate NPA codes.

71.3 CLEC's Responsibilities. Where CenturyLink is the 911 Service Provider, CLEC shall have the obligations in this Section.

71.3.1 Call Routing

71.3.1.1 CLEC will transport 911 calls to the applicable CenturyLink Selective Router.

71.3.1.2 Where supported by CenturyLink and where Technically Feasible, CLEC may implement 911 Service using a Dynamic 911 solution.

71.3.1.3 CLEC will forward the ANI information of the party calling 911 to the applicable CenturyLink Selective Router.

71.3.2 Facilities and Trunking

71.3.2.1 CLEC or its agent shall order and maintain a minimum of one 911 dedicated DS1 facility for each SR with a minimum of two one-way outgoing DS0 trunks dedicated for originating 911 calls to reach each applicable PSAP served by such SR. CLEC or its agent will provision these facilities in accordance with applicable NENA standards; CLEC or its agent shall engineer its 911 Trunks to attain a minimum of P.01 grade of service as measured using the "busy day/busy hour criteria or, at such higher grade of service as required by Applicable Law or duly authorized governmental authority.

71.3.2.2 CLEC or its agent acknowledges that End Users in a single Local Calling Area may be served by different SRs, and that CLEC shall be responsible for providing sufficient transport facilities and trunking to route 911 calls from its End Users to each of the proper 911 SRs.

71.3.2.3 CLEC or its agent is responsible for providing a separate 911 trunk group for each county or other geographic area that CLEC serves if the PSAP for such county or geographic area has a specified varying default routing condition. If CLEC or its agent uses MF signaling, it must transmit 911 traffic over a separate 911 trunk group for each NPA (area code) served by affected PSAPs.

71.3.2.4 Where diverse routing to CenturyLink SRs is desired by CLEC or required by the applicable PSAP or as otherwise necessary for the proper routing of 911 calls to the appropriate PSAP, then CLEC is responsible for ordering such facilities at CLEC's expense.

71.3.2.5 CLEC is responsible for determining and maintaining the proper quantity of 911 dedicated one-way outgoing trunks and facilities from its switch(es) to the CenturyLink SR.

71.3.2.6 CLEC or its agent shall monitor its 911 trunks for the purpose of determining originating network traffic volumes. If CLEC's traffic study indicates that additional trunks are needed to meet the current level of 911 call volumes, CLEC shall order additional dedicated 911 facilities from CenturyLink at the rates set forth in Table 1 or require its agent to order such facilities.

71.3.2.7 CLEC agrees that it will not pass live 911 traffic until successful testing is completed by both Parties.

- 71.3.3 Selective Router Port Charges/Terminations for Connecting Companies
 - 71.3.3.1 When the CLEC is provisioning the 911 trunks, the CLEC will be charged a monthly recurring and one-time selective router port charge per trunk to establish the connection to each applicable SR that provides connectivity for incoming 911 trunks to enable CLEC access to the Emergency Services network.
- 71.3.4 Database
 - 71.3.4.1 Once 911 Trunks have been established and tested between CLEC and appropriate SRs, CLEC or its agent shall be responsible for providing CLEC's End User records to CenturyLink for inclusion in CenturyLink's ALI database.
 - 71.3.4.2 CLEC shall assign a 911 database coordinator charged with the responsibility of forwarding CLEC End User ALI record information to CenturyLink.
 - 71.3.4.3 CLEC shall provide initial and ongoing updates of CLEC's 911 records that are MSAG-valid in electronic format based upon established NENA standards. CLEC shall provide information on new subscribers to CenturyLink within one (1) Business Day of the order completion. CenturyLink shall update the database within two (2) Business Days of receiving the data from CLEC. If CenturyLink detects an error in the CLEC provided data, the data shall be returned to the Company ID owner within two (2) Business Days from when it was provided to CenturyLink. CLEC shall respond to requests from CenturyLink to make corrections to database record errors by uploading corrected records within two (2) Business Days. Manual entry shall be allowed only in the event that the system is not functioning properly or if CenturyLink has specifically agreed pursuant to separate written terms setting forth such arrangements, including compensation at the rates found in Table 1.
 - 71.3.4.4 CLEC assumes all responsibility for the accuracy of the data that CLEC or their agent provides to CenturyLink.
 - 71.3.4.5 CLEC shall adopt use of a Company ID on all CLEC 911 Records in accordance with NENA standards. The Company ID is used to identify the carrier of record in facility configurations.
 - 71.3.4.6 CLEC shall be solely responsible for providing test records and conducting call-through testing on all new exchanges.
- 71.3.5 Other
 - 71.3.5.1 CLEC shall obtain its own pANIs for each PSAP to which CenturyLink provides or shall provide coverage, and shall supply these pANIs to CenturyLink for the Selective

Routers servicing each such PSAP. If warranted by traffic volume growth, or if upon request by a PSAP or other governmental or quasi-governmental entity, CLEC shall promptly obtain the appropriate number of additional pANIs to be allocated to each PSAP as may be appropriate under the circumstances.

71.3.5.2 CLEC is responsible for collecting from its retail End Users any applicable 911 surcharges required by law to be assessed and remit such surcharges to the appropriate entity or entities specified by Applicable Law.

71.3.5.3 For all 911/E911 traffic originating from Carrier, it is the responsibility of Carrier to negotiate the manner in which 911/E911 traffic from Carrier will be processed with the appropriate state or local PSAP agency and/or the primary 911 service provider that has been designated by the PSAP.

71.4 Responsibilities of Both Parties

71.4.1 The Parties shall jointly coordinate the provisioning of transport capacity sufficient to route originating 911 calls from CLEC to the designated CenturyLink 911 Selective Router(s).

71.4.2 Where SS7 connectivity is available and required by the applicable PSAP, the Parties agree to implement Common Channel Signaling trunking rather than CAMA MF trunking.

71.4.3 CenturyLink and CLEC will cooperate to promptly test all trunks and facilities between CLEC's switch and the CenturyLink SR(s) in accordance with industry standards.

71.4.4 CLEC is responsible for the isolation, coordination and restoration of all 911 network maintenance problems on its network (including any facilities not from CenturyLink). CenturyLink will be responsible for the isolation, coordination and restoration of all 911 network maintenance problems on its network. CLEC is responsible for advising CenturyLink of the 2-6 code (TSC) and the fact that the trunk group is a 911 trunk group when notifying CenturyLink of a failure or outage. The Parties agree to work cooperatively and expeditiously to resolve any 911 outage. CenturyLink will refer network trouble to CLEC if no defect is found in CenturyLink's 911 network. The Parties agree that 911 network problem resolution will be managed expeditiously at all times.

71.5 CenturyLink 911 Transit Service

71.5.1 When CenturyLink is not the Primary 911 Service Provider, CenturyLink may provide a 911 Transit Service to transport CLEC's 911 calls to the primary 911 Service Provider designated by the applicable PSAP(s). This Section becomes applicable when CLEC utilizes 911 Transit Service from CenturyLink. Such 911 Transit Service is subject to the rates set forth in Table 1, which 911 transit charges shall be in addition to any applicable charges for 911 Service provided to CLEC.

71.5.2 Where CLEC utilizes CenturyLink's 911 Transit Service:

- 71.5.2.1 CLEC holds CenturyLink harmless from and against any liability to CLEC or its End Users arising from any failure by PSAP(s) or their designated agent(s) to properly route, receive or respond to 911 calls.
- 71.5.2.2 CLEC will take appropriate steps to notify all PSAP(s) within CLEC's service territory with accurate contact information, including a name and telephone number that can be used by the PSAP(s) to reach CLEC in the event of 911 network problems or an emergency requiring availability of a contact. CenturyLink shall have no liability to CLEC arising out of any failure by the CLEC to provide PSAP(s) with appropriate contact information, and to update such information as needed. CenturyLink shall be entitled to immediately terminate 911 Transit Service to the CLEC if CenturyLink is advised by any applicable PSAP(s) that CLEC has not provided the PSAP(s) with appropriate contact information.
- 71.5.2.3 CLEC indemnifies CenturyLink from and against fees or charges, if any, that a third party might seek to assess for transporting CLEC's 911 calls beyond the point of Interconnection established between CenturyLink and the PSAP(s) designated agent or the primary 911 Service Provider.

71.6 Methods and Practices

- 71.6.1 Each Party will comply with all of the following to the extent that they apply to 911 Service: (i) all FCC and applicable state Commission rules and regulations, (ii) any requirements imposed by any Governmental Authority other than a Commission.

71.7 Ordering

- 71.7.1 CLEC will identify geographic territory. CLEC will provide service in its trunk forecast submitted to CenturyLink. CLEC will be informed of the applicable SR(s) and configuration required by CenturyLink as part of the pre-ordering process.
- 71.7.2 CLEC is responsible for contacting appropriate PSAP(s) or state entity(ies) that have jurisdiction in the geographic area(s) in which CLEC is implementing service, and to provide required information to such PSAP(s) or government entities as required by such PSAP(s) or government entities prior to initiating the pre-ordering process for 911 Service provided by CenturyLink.

71.8 Basis of Compensation

- 71.8.1 Compensation to CenturyLink for provision of 911 Service will be in accordance with the charges set forth in Table 1.
- 71.8.2 Charges will begin on the date of connection to 911 Service.
- 71.8.3 In satisfaction of CLEC orders or requests related to 911 Service, CenturyLink may be required to make expenditures or otherwise incur costs that are not otherwise listed in this Section. In such event