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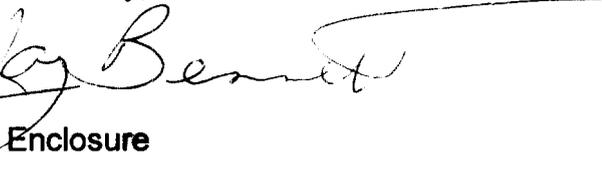
Re: *CC Docket 96-98*

Today the attached material was delivered to Larry Povich at his request, with copies of the cover letter being delivered to Chairman Hundt, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Ness, Commissioner Quello, J. Nakahata, D. Gonzalez, J. Casserly, J. Coltharp, P. Belvin, R. Keeney, R. Metzger, Jr., and J. Schlichting. Please include this material in the public file of the proceeding listed above.

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Dear Mr. Povich:

Re: *CC Docket No. 96-98*

Per your request, attached are copies of negotiated interconnection agreements involving Pacific Bell that have recently been submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission. Nine such interconnection agreements have now been reached and additional negotiations are continuing.

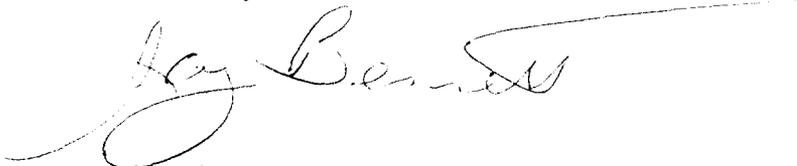
Tab 1 - TCG-San Francisco: This agreement fulfills all requirements of the "Competitive Checklist" contained in Section 271(c)(2)(B) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Tab 2 - GTE California Incorporated: This agreement provides for reciprocal compensation for local call termination between the two local exchange carrier networks.

Tab 3 - Continental Telecommunications of California, Inc.: This agreement provides for tandem-level local interconnection between the two companies' networks.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



Attachments

cc (w/o attachments): Chairman Hundt, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Ness, Commissioner Quello, J. Nakahata, D. Gonzalez, J. Casserly, J. Coltharp, P. Belvin, R. Keeney, R. Metzger, Jr., J. Schlichting



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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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In the Matter of the Joint Application of )  
TCG-San Francisco (U-5454-C), TCG-Los Angeles )  
(U-5462-C), TCG-San Diego (U-5389-C) and )  
Pacific Bell for Approval of Three Interconnection )  
Agreements Pursuant to Section 252 of the )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

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**JOINT APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THREE  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

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TCG-San Francisco (U-5454-C), TCG-Los Angeles (U-5462-C), TCG-San Diego (U-5389-C), (collectively "TCG") and Pacific Bell (collectively, the "Parties") hereby apply to the Commission for approval of three Interconnection Agreements ("the Agreements"). These three agreements were entered into between Pacific Bell and, respectively TCG-San Francisco, TCG-Los Angeles and TCG-San Diego on July 17, 1996. The three agreements are each identical except for the name of the TCG entity involved and the identification of interconnection locations.

Attached to this Application are copies of the Agreements. The Agreements were entered into by the Parties in accordance with Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("TA 1996"). They were designed by the Parties to accomplish interconnection between their companies in a technically and economically efficient manner in accordance with the requirements of TA 1996, including the entire "Competitive Checklist" as set forth in TA 1996, Section 271(c)(2)(B).

The Parties now submit the Agreements for approval in accordance with the terms of Section 252(e) of TA 1996 and Section 4 of ALJ Resolution 167, issued in interim form on July 17, 1996, which implements that federal law.<sup>1</sup> They request that the Commission approve the Agreements in accordance with the requirements of Section 252(e) of TA 1996, by determining that the grounds for rejection of such agreements, set forth in Section 252(e)(2)(A)(i) and Section 252(e)(2)(A)(ii), are not applicable to the Agreements.

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<sup>1</sup> The Parties note that the Commission has allowed until July 26, 1996 for interested Parties to comment on the language of ALJ Resolution 167, which the Commission intends to issue in final form on August 2. Both of the Parties reserve their right to file such comments and understand that the final terms of ALJ Resolution 167 will apply to this Application.

With respect to Section 252(e)(2) of TA 1996, the Parties assert that the Agreements do not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier not a party to the Agreements. The implementation of the Agreements is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Agreements do not violate any requirement of the Commission, including, but not limited to, quality of service standards adopted by the Commission.

The Agreements represent the first interconnection agreements reached in California between a CLC and an incumbent local exchange carrier under the terms of TA 1996. They were entered into by these Parties in order to permit them to interconnect efficiently their networks and to allow them to advance the goal of this Commission and the United States Congress to open and expand telecommunications competition in California and around the country. The terms of the Agreements address each of the "checklist" items identified in TA 1996 as essential aspects of the opening of the local exchange market to full competition.

The Commission's interim rules allow comments on this Joint Application by anyone, including the Parties to the Agreement. At this time, the Parties are not submitting a detailed written explanation of the terms of the Agreement, because copies of the Agreements are attached to this Application. The Parties do, however, reserve the right to file comments on the Application within the Commission's guidelines

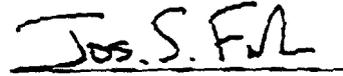
In accordance with Rule 5(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Parties have served a Notice of Availability of this Application on all carriers that have received authority from this Commission to operate as CLCs, as well as the Commission's service list for the local exchange proceeding, R. 95-04-043/I 95-04-044

The Parties request that the Commission expeditiously approve the Agreements,  
consistent with the intent of TA 1996.

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TCG-San Francisco (U-5454-C), TCG-Los Angeles (U-5462-C), TCG-San Diego (U-5389-C), (collectively "TCG") and Pacific Bell (collectively, the "Parties"), pursuant to Rule 5(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, hereby submit this Notice of Availability of the **Joint Application of TCG-San Francisco (U-5454-C), TCG-Los Angeles (U-5462-C), TCG-San Diego (U-5389-C) and Pacific Bell for Approval of Three Interconnection Agreements Pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996** (the "Joint Application").

The Joint Application requests the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") to approve three Interconnection Agreements entered into by Pacific Bell and, respectively TCG-San Francisco, TCG-Los Angeles and TCG-San Diego on July 17, 1996 (the "Agreements").<sup>1</sup> The Agreements are the first of their kind between Pacific Bell and a competitive local exchange carrier negotiated under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Among other things, the Agreements provide for the exchange of local traffic between the two carriers without explicit compensation, which will remain in effect until one year after permanent number portability is implemented at the end of 1998. The Agreements also expand switched access service competition in California by permitting TCG to provide tandem, or intermediate, switching between long distance companies and Pacific Bell end offices, with an agreement for the sharing of switched access revenues that creates economic conditions that will allow for the competitive provision of such tandem services.

Other provisions of the Agreements include

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<sup>1</sup> The three agreements are each identical except for the name of the TCG entity involved and the identification of interconnection locations. The Joint Application seeks approval of all three agreements.

- \* Access to network elements, including unbundled local loops;
- \* Access to poles, conduit, and other rights-of-ways;
- \* Provision of emergency services, directory assistance and call completion services;
- \* Access to White Pages directory listings and customer guide pages;
- \* Access to number resources;
- \* Interim number portability until a permanent call forwarding solution is feasible;
- \* Dialing parity;
- \* Resale of Pacific Bell retail services.
- \* Physical, shared space, microwave and virtual collocation;
- \* Joint provision of wireless service provider access.

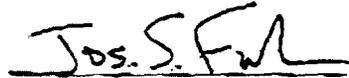
A copy of the Joint Application, including a copy of one of the Agreements, will be provided at the request of the party receiving this Notice. Requests for copies of the Joint Application and the Agreement should be made to:

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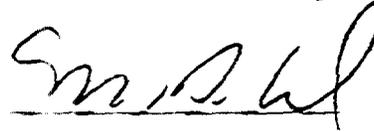
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## INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

THIS INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT, made as of this 17th day of July, 1996, is between TCG-San Francisco, a New York limited partnership ("TCG") and Pacific Bell ("Pacific"), a California corporation.

### RECITALS

WHEREAS, a major purpose of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("TA 1996") is to permit and encourage the vigorous competition that provides widespread consumer choice and less government regulation in all segments of the telecommunications industry; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to achieve this purpose is to eliminate any perceived or real market power possessed by some carriers; and

WHEREAS, the best means for reducing such market power without substantial government regulation is the development of broadly available facilities-based local exchange competition in which competitors have minimal dependence on facilities controlled by the incumbent Local Exchange Carrier; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is intended to promote independent, facilities-based local exchange competition by encouraging the rapid and efficient interconnection of competing local exchange service networks; and

WHEREAS, the Parties seek to accomplish interconnection in a technically and economically efficient manner in accordance with all requirements of TA 1996 including the entire "Competitive Checklist" as set forth in TA 1996, Section 271(c)(2)(B); and

WHEREAS, the public will benefit if the local exchange networks of the Parties are interconnected so that customers of each carrier can seamlessly exchange telecommunications traffic; and

WHEREAS, Section 252 of TA 1996 mandates good faith negotiations between incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and any telecommunications carrier requesting interconnection without regard to the standards set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of Section 251 of TA 1996; and

WHEREAS, Pacific and TCG wish to utilize this negotiation process; and,

WHEREAS, TCG notified Pacific of its request for negotiations with Pacific pursuant to Section 252 of TA 1996 on February 8, 1996 and such negotiations began on April 24, 1996 and concluded on July 17, 1996;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, TCG and Pacific hereby covenant and agree as set forth in this Agreement.

### DEFINITIONS

1. "Assured Links" are 2-wire analog voice grade Links that support analog transmission of 300-3000 Hz with loss no greater than 5.5db, dial repeat loop start, loop reverse battery, or ground start seizure and disconnect in one direction (toward the End Office Switch), and repeat ringing in the other direction (toward the end user). This Link is commonly used for local dial tone service for business customers only.
2. "Automatic Number Identification" or "ANI" is a Feature Group D signaling parameter which refers to the number transmitted through the network identifying the billing number of the calling party.
3. "Basic Links" are 2-wire analog voice grade Links that support analog transmission of 300-3000 Hz with loss no greater than 8db, dial repeat loop start, loop reverse battery, or ground start seizure and disconnect in one direction (toward the End Office Switch), and repeat ringing in the other direction (toward the end user). This Link is commonly used for local dial tone service for residence and business customers.
4. "Basic Rate ISDN capable Links" are 2-wire ISDN digital grade Links that support digital transmission of two 64 Kbps bearer channels and one 16 Kbps data channel with a loss no greater than 40db.
5. "Busy Line Verification" or "BLV" refers to a service in which an end user requests an operator to confirm the busy status of a line.
6. "Busy Line Verification and Interrupt" or "BLVI" refers to a service in which an end user requests an operator to confirm the busy status of a line and requests an interruption of the call.
7. "Calling Party Number" or "CPN" is a CCS parameter which refers to the number transmitted through the network identifying the calling party.
8. "Central Office Switch" or "Central Office" means a switching entity within the public switched telecommunications network, including but not limited to:

“End Office Switches” which are switches from which end user Exchange Services are directly connected and offered.

“Tandem Switches” which are switches that are used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among Central Office Switches and IXC switches.

Central Office Switches may be employed as combination End Office/Tandem Switches.

9. “Centralized Message Distribution System” (“CMDS”) is the transport system that LECs use to exchange outcollect and Carrier Access Billing System (“CABS”) access messages among each other and other parties connected to CMDS.
10. “Charge Number” is a CCS parameter which refers to the number transmitted through the network identifying the billing number of the calling party.
11. “CLASS Features” mean certain CCS-based features available to end users. CLASS features include, but are not necessarily limited to: Automatic Call Back; Call Trace; Caller ID and Related Blocking Features; Distinctive Ringing/Call Waiting; Selective Call Forward; and Selective Call Rejection.
12. “Combination Interconnection Trunk Group” means a trunk group that combines local interconnection traffic and traffic from jointly provided Switched Access service.
13. “Commission” means the California Public Utilities Commission.
14. “Common Channel Signaling” or “CCS” means a method of digitally transmitting call set-up and network control data over a special network fully separate from the public switched network elements that carry the actual call. Signaling System 7 (“SS7”) is the CCS network presently used by telecommunications carriers.
15. “Control Office” is an exchange carrier center or office designated as its company’s single point of contact for the provisioning and maintenance of its portion of interconnection arrangements
16. “Cross Connect” means an intra-wire center channel connecting separate pieces of telecommunications equipment

17. "DSX Panel" is a cross-connect bay/panel used for the termination of equipment and facilities operating at digital rates.
18. "DS-1" is a digital signal rate of 1 544 Megabits Per Second ("Mbps").
19. "DS-3" is a digital signal rate of 44.736 Mbps.
20. "EISCC" refers to the connection between the collocation point of termination ("POT Bay") and the unbundled Network Element or interconnection point to a switched or dedicated arrangement or service in Pacific's network.
21. "Electronic File Transfer" refers to any system/process which utilizes an electronic format and protocol to send/receive data files.
22. "Exchange Message Record" or "EMR" is the standard used for exchange of telecommunications message information among LECs for billable, non-billable, sample, settlement and study data. EMR format is contained in BR-010-200-010 CRIS Exchange Message Record, a Bellcore document which defines industry standards for exchange message records.
23. "Exchange Service" means a service offered to end users which provides the end user with a telephonic connection to the public switched telecommunications network, and which enables such end user to generally place calls to, or receive calls from, other stations on the public switched telecommunications network. Exchange Service includes but may not be limited to basic residence and business line service, PBX trunk line service, pay phone line service, Centrex line service and ISDN line services. Exchange Service does not include Private Line, Switched and Special Access services.
24. "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission.
25. "Interconnection" means the connection of separate pieces of equipment, transmission facilities, etc., between or among networks.
26. "Interexchange Carrier" or "IXC" means a provider of interexchange telecommunications services.
27. "Interim Number Portability" or "INP" means the delivery of SPNP capabilities through the use of switch-based call routing. INP arrangements cannot support certain CLASS features.

28. "ISDN" means Integrated Services Digital Network, which is a digital switched network service. "Basic Rate ISDN" provides for channelized (2 bearer and 1 data) end-to-end digital connectivity for the transmission of voice and/or data on either or both bearer channels and packet data on the data channel. "Primary Rate ISDN" provides for 24 bearer and 1 data channels.
29. "LM1" means a land-to-mobile access arrangement where the landline end user pays applicable local or toll rates to the LEC providing its Exchange Service.
30. "LM2" means a land-to-mobile access arrangement where the landline end user pays only a local rate to the LEC for calls to the wireless end user, even if the call would otherwise be rated as toll, based on the originating and terminating rate centers involved. The LEC is compensated under contractual arrangement with the WSP for lost toll revenues.
31. "Land-to-mobile" means the placement of a call by a wireline end user to a wireless subscriber.
32. "LATA" means Local Access Transport Area, which denotes a geographical area established for the provision and administration of communications services. It encompasses one or more designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes (based on the Modification of Final Judgment).
33. "Link" is a component of an Exchange Service. For purposes of general illustration, the Link is the transmission facility (or channel or group of channels on such facility) which extends from a Main Distribution Frame, DSX-panel, or functionally comparable piece of equipment in a Pacific Wire Center, to a demarcation or connector block in/at a customer's premises.
34. "Local Exchange Carrier" or "LEC" shall have the meaning set forth in TA 1996.
35. "Local Exchange Routing Guide" or "LERG" is a Bellcore Reference Document used by LECs and IXCs to identify NPA-NXX routing and homing information as well as network element and equipment designations.
36. "Local Exchange Traffic" means traffic originated on the network of a LEC in a LATA and completed directly between that LEC's network and the network of another LEC in that same LATA, including intraLATA toll traffic and traffic originated to or terminated from LECs not party to this Agreement. Local Exchange Traffic does not include traffic that is routed to or terminated from the network of an IXC.

37. "Local Interconnection Trunks/Trunk Groups" are used for the termination of Local Exchange Traffic, using the Bellcore Technical Reference GR-317, as well as WSP traffic, using the appropriate technical references.
38. "MECAB" refers to the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing document prepared by the Billing Committee of the Ordering and Billing Forum ("OBF"), which functions under the auspices of the Carrier Liaison Committee of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS"). The MECAB document, published by Bellcore as Special Report SR-BDS-000983, contains the recommended guidelines for the billing of an access service provided by two or more LECs or by one LEC in two or more states within a single LATA.
39. "MECOD" refers to the Multiple Exchange Carriers Ordering and Design Guidelines for Access Services - Industry Support Interface, a document developed by the Ordering/Provisioning Committee under the auspices of the OBF, which functions under the auspices of the Carrier Liaison Committee of the ATIS. The MECOD document, published by Bellcore as Special Report SR STS-002643, establishes methods for processing orders for access service which is to be provided by two or more LECs
40. "Meet Point Billing" refers to a billing arrangement used when two LECs jointly provide a Switched Access service over Meet Point Trunks, with each LEC receiving an appropriate share of the revenues. The access services will be billed using Switched Access rate structures, and the LECs will decide whether a single bill or multiple bill will be sent.
41. "Meet Point Trunks/Trunk Groups" are used for the joint provision of Switched Access services, utilizing the Bellcore Technical Reference GR-394.
42. "Mid Span Meet" is an interconnection between two LECs whereby each provides its own cable and equipment up to the meet point of the cable facilities. The meet point is the demarcation establishing ownership of and responsibility for its portion of the transmission facility
43. "Mobile-to-land" means the placement of a call by a wireless subscriber to a wireline end user.
44. "NANP" means the "North American Numbering Plan," the system of telephone numbering employed in the United States, Canada, and certain Caribbean countries.

45. "Network Element" is a facility or item of equipment used in the provision of a telecommunications service. Such term also includes features, functions, and capabilities that are provided by means of such facility or equipment including subscriber numbers, databases, signaling systems, and information sufficient for billing and collection or used in the transmission, routing or other provision of a telecommunications service.
46. "Numbering Plan Area" or "NPA" is also sometimes referred to as an area code. This is the three digit indicator which is defined by the "A", "B" and "C" digits of each 10-digit telephone number within the NANP. Each NPA contains 800 possible NXX codes. There are two general categories of NPA. "Geographic NPA" is associated with a defined geographic area, and all telephone numbers bearing such NPA are associated with services provided within that geographic area. A "Non-Geographic NPA," also known as a "Service Access Code" ("SAC Code") is typically associated with a specialized telecommunications service which may be provided across multiple geographic NPA areas; 500, Toll Free Service NPAs, 900, and 700 are examples of Non-Geographic NPAs.
47. "NXX", "NXX Code" or "Central Office Code" is the three digit switch entity indicator which is defined by the "D", "E" and "F" digits of a 10-digit telephone number within the NANP. Each NXX Code contains 10,000 station numbers.
48. "Percent Local Usage" or "PLU" is a calculation which represents the ratio of the local minutes to the sum of local and intraLATA toll minutes sent between the Parties over Local Interconnection Trunks. Directory Assistance, BLV/BLVI, 900, 976, transiting calls from other LECs, WSP traffic and interLATA Switched Access calls are not included in the calculation of PLU
49. "Permanent Number Portability" or "PNP" means the delivery of SPNP capabilities through the use of call routing and addressing capabilities using new database queries, without impairment of quality, reliability, or convenience. PNP arrangements will be designed to support all CLASS features.
50. "Point of Interconnection" or "POI" means the physical location(s) at which the Parties' networks meet for the purpose of establishing interconnection. POIs may include a number of different technologies and/or technical interfaces based on the Parties' mutual agreement.
51. "Physical Collocation" means the physical placement of equipment of one LEC, necessary for interconnection or access to unbundled Network Elements, at the Wire Center of the other LEC. It is an interconnection architecture in which the collocated carrier extends network transmission facilities to a collocation space.

with access on a seven days a week, 24 hours a day basis, within a Wire Center in the network of a second carrier.

52. "Port" means a component of an Exchange Service; for purposes of general illustration, the Port includes a line card and associated peripheral equipment on an end office switch which serves as the hardware termination for the customer's exchange service on that switch and generates dial tone and provides the customer a pathway into the public switched telecommunications network. Each Port is typically associated with one (or more) telephone number(s) which serves as the customer's network address.
53. "Rate Center" means the specific geographic point and corresponding geographic area which have been identified by a given LEC as being associated with a particular NPA-NXX code which has been assigned to the LEC for its provision of Exchange Services.
54. "Rating Point" is the V&H coordinates associated with a particular telephone number for rating purposes.
55. "Routing Point" means a location which a LEC has designated on its own network as the homing (routing) point for traffic inbound to Exchange Services provided by the LEC which bear a certain NPA-NXX designation. The Routing Point is employed to calculate mileage measurements for the distance-sensitive transport element charges of Switched Access services. The Routing Point need not be the same as the Rating Point, nor must it be located within the rate center area, but must be in the same LATA as the NPA-NXX.
56. "Service Control Point" or "SCP" is the node in the CCS network to which informational requests for service handling, such as routing, are directed and processed. The SCP is a real time database system that, based on a query from a Service Switching Point ("SSP"), performs subscriber or application-specific service logic and then sends instructions back to the SSP on how to continue call processing.
57. "Service Provider Number Portability" or "SPNP" means the ability of users of telecommunications services to retain existing telephone numbers when switching from one LEC to another but remaining in the same geographic area.
58. "Signal Transfer Point" or "STP" performs a packet switching function that routes signaling messages among SSPs, SCPs, Signaling Points ("SPs"), and other STPs in order to set up calls and to query databases for advanced services.

59. "Switched Access" service means an offering of facilities for the purpose of the origination or termination of traffic from or to Exchange Service customers in a given area pursuant to a Switched Access tariff. Switched Access services include: Feature Group A, Feature Group B, Feature Group D, Toll Free Service, and 900 access. Switched Access does not include traffic exchanged between LECs for purpose of local exchange interconnection.
60. "T-1/DS1 (4-Wire) Capable Links" are Links that will support full duplex transmission of isochronous serial data at 1 544 Mbps.
61. "Toll Free Service" means service provided with any dialing sequence that invokes toll-free (i.e., 800-like) service processing. Toll Free Service includes calls to the Toll Free Service 800/888 NPA SAC codes.
62. "Trunk-Side" refers to a Central Office switch connection that is capable of, and has been programmed to treat the circuit as, connecting to another switching entity, for example, another Central Office switch. Trunk-Side connections offer those transmission and signaling features appropriate for the connection of switching entities, and cannot be used for the direct connection of ordinary telephone station sets.
63. "Virtual Collocation" means a collocation arrangement in which the collocator's facilities are terminated into a Wire Center of a LEC and are connected to LEC facilities that are provided and maintained by the LEC on behalf of the collocator for the primary purpose of interconnecting the collocator's facilities to the facilities of the LEC.
64. "Wholesale Prices" are prices determined based on retail rates charged to subscribers for the telecommunications service requested, excluding the portion thereof attributable to any marketing, billing, collection, and other costs that will be avoided by the LEC, and including any additional costs that will be incurred to provide wholesale services to telecommunications providers.
65. "Wire Center" denotes a building or space within a building which serves as an aggregation point on a given carrier's network, where transmission facilities and circuits are connected or switched. Wire Center can also denote a building in which one or more Central Offices, used for the provision of Exchange Services and access services, are located. However, for purposes of collocation, Wire Center shall mean those points eligible for such connections as specified in the FCC Docket No. 91-141, and rules adopted pursuant thereto.