

Verification and Interrupt ("BLVI") services on calls between their respective end users on or before the Due Date of the first Local Interconnection Trunk Group(s).

- b. BLV and BLVI inquiries between operator bureaus shall be routed using network-routable access codes published in the LERG over the Local Interconnection Trunks.

2. Compensation

Each Party shall charge the other party for BLV and BLVI at the rates contained in their respective switched access tariffs.

H. Directory Assistance

If either Party terminates directory assistance calls over the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups, it shall charge the other party for such directory assistance calls at the rates contained in its switched access tariff.

V. MEET-POINT TRUNKING ARRANGEMENTS

- A. Two-way trunks will be established to enable Continental and Pacific to jointly provide Feature Group B and D ("FGB" and "FGD") Switched Access Services via a Pacific access tandem switch.
- B. Continental may use meet-point trunks to send and receive FGB and FGD calls from Switched Access customers connected to Pacific's access tandem.
- C. Continental will use separate facilities and separate two-way trunk groups at each and every Pacific access tandem under which Continental's NXXs home using DS-1 or DS-3 facilities other than the facilities used for Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. Neither Party will charge the other any amount for any meet-point facilities.
- D. In the case of Switched Access Services provided through Pacific's access tandem, Pacific will not offer blocking capability for Switched Access customer traffic delivered to Pacific's tandem for completion on Continental's network. Pacific and Continental understand and agree that meet-point trunking arrangements are available and functional only to/from Switched Access customers who directly connect with the tandem(s) that Continental sub-tends in each LATA. In no event will Pacific be required to route such traffic through more than one tandem for connection to/from Switched Access customers. Pacific shall have no responsibility to ensure that any Switched Access customer will accept traffic Continental directs to the Switched Access customer.

- E. The Parties will provide CCS to one another, where and as available, in conjunction with meet-point two-way trunk groups. Continental may establish CCS interconnections either directly or through a third party, provided such third-party is interconnected with Pacific pursuant to PUB L 780023-PB/NB and in accordance with Pacific's CPUC 175-T Tariff Section 6. The Parties will cooperate in the exchange of TCAP messages to facilitate full inter-operability of CCS-based features between their respective networks, including all CLASS features and functions, to the extent each carrier offers such features and functions to its own end users. Continental will provide all CCS signaling including Charge Number, originating line information ("OLI"), etc. For terminating FGD, Pacific will pass CPN if it receives CPN from FGD carriers. All privacy indicators will be honored. Where available, network signaling information such as Transit Network Selection ("TNS") parameters (CCS platform) and CIC/OZZ information (non-CCS environment) will be provided by Continental wherever such information is needed for call routing or billing. The Parties will follow all OBF adopted standards pertaining to TNS and CIC/OZZ codes.
- F. CCS shall be utilized in conjunction with meet-point trunks; except multifrequency ("MF") signaling must be used on a separate meet point trunk group for originating FGD access to Switched Access customers that use MF FGD signaling protocol. MF and CCS trunk groups shall not be provided within a DS-1 facility; a separate DS-1 per signaling type must be used.
- G. All originating Toll Free Service calls for which Pacific performs the Service Switching Point ("SSP") function (e.g., performs the database query) shall be delivered by Continental using GR-394 format over the meet point trunk group. Carrier Code "0110" and Circuit Code of "08" shall be used for all such calls.
- H. All originating Toll Free Service calls for which Continental performs the SSP function, if delivered to Pacific, shall be delivered by Continental using GR-394 format over the meet point trunk group for calls destined to IXCs, or shall be delivered by Continental using GR-317 format over the Local Interconnection Trunk Group for calls destined to end offices that directly subtend Pacific access tandems.
- I. Originating Feature Group B calls delivered to Pacific's tandem shall use GR-317 signaling format unless the associated FGB carrier employs GR-394 signaling for its FGB traffic at the serving Pacific access tandem.
- J. Continental and Pacific shall use their best efforts to negotiate the terms and conditions for meet-point billing, including, but not limited to, the meet-point billing options, bill period, and exchange of usage and billing data, and to sign such an agreement 30 days prior to the Due Date of the first Meet-Point Trunk Group(s).

**VI. CONFIDENTIALITY OF DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE AND WHITE PAGES LISTINGS**

Pacific will accord Continental's directory listings information the same level of confidentiality which Pacific accords its own directory listing information, and Pacific shall ensure that access to Continental's customer proprietary confidential directory information will be limited solely to those employees who immediately supervise or are directly involved in the processing and publishing of listings and directory delivery. Pacific will not use Continental directory listings for the marketing of telecommunications services.

**VII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES**

- A. Pacific and Continental agree to treat each other fairly, nondiscriminatorily, and equally for all items included in this Agreement, or related to the support of items included in this Agreement.
- B. Continental and Pacific agree to exchange such reports and/or data as provided in this Agreement in Section IV.B.6 to facilitate the proper billing of traffic. Either Party may request an audit of such usage reports on no fewer than 10 business days' written notice and any audit shall be accomplished during normal business hours at the office of the Party being audited. Such audit must be performed by a mutually agreed-to independent auditor paid for by the Party requesting the audit and may include review of the data described in Sections IV.B.4 and IV.B.5, above. Such audits shall be requested within six months of having received the PLU factor and usage reports from the other party.
- C. Continental and Pacific will review engineering requirements on a semi-annual basis and establish forecasts for trunk and facilities utilization provided under this Agreement. Pacific and Continental will work together to begin providing these forecasts no later than 45 days prior to the Due Date of the first Local Interconnection Trunk Group(s). New trunk groups will be implemented as dictated by engineering requirements for either Pacific or Continental.
- D. Continental and Pacific shall 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.
- E. Continental is responsible for all Control Office functions for the meet point trunking arrangement trunks and trunk groups, and shall be responsible for the overall coordination, installation, and maintenance responsibilities for these trunks and trunk groups.

F. Continental and Pacific shall:

1. Provide trained personnel with adequate and compatible test equipment to work with each other's technicians.
2. Notify each other when there is any change affecting the service requested, including the Due Date.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Advise each other's Control Office if there is an equipment failure which may affect the interconnection trunks.
6. Provide each other with a trouble reporting number that is readily accessible and available 24 hours/7 days a week.
7. Provide to each other test-line numbers and access to test lines.

G. Bilateral Agreements

The Parties shall jointly develop and implement a bilateral agreement regarding technical and operational interfaces and procedures (see attachment for Pacific's proposed bilateral agreement template). The Parties will use their best good-faith efforts to finalize such agreement within 90 days of the effective date of this Agreement.

- H. Continental and Pacific will provide their respective billing contact numbers to one another on a reciprocal basis.

VIII. TERM

Except as provided herein, Continental and Pacific agree to interconnect pursuant to the terms defined in this Agreement for a term of one (1) year. The Agreement shall continue in force and effect unless and until terminated as provided herein. After this Agreement has been in effect for one year, either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice of termination to the other party, such written notice to be provided at least 60 days in advance of the date of termination. In the event of such termination as described herein, this Agreement shall continue without interruption until a) a new interconnection agreement becomes effective between the Parties, or b) the Commission

determines that interconnection shall be by tariff rather than contract and both Pacific and Continental have in place effective interconnection tariffs. By mutual agreement, Continental and Pacific may amend this Agreement to modify the term of this Agreement.

**IX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The Parties shall file this Agreement by Advice Letter and it shall become effective on the date 14 calendar days after the filing, unless rejected by CACD.

**X. INSTALLATION OF TRUNKS**

Initial Due Dates for the installation of the initial Local Interconnection and meet-point trunks covered by this Agreement shall be based on mutual agreement of the Parties in accordance with the engineering and provisioning requirements of local interconnection facilities.

**XI. TRUNK FORECASTING**

- A. The Parties shall work towards the development of joint forecasting responsibilities 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. Intercompany forecast information must be provided by the Parties to each other twice a year. The semi-annual forecasts shall include:
1. Yearly forecasted trunk quantities (which include measurements that reflect actual tandem Local Interconnection and meet point trunks and tandem-subtending Local Interconnection end office equivalent trunk requirements) for a minimum of three (current and plus-1 and plus-2) years;
  2. The use of Common Language Location Identifier (CLLI-MSG), which are described in Bellcore documents BR 795-100-100 and BR 795-400-100;
  3. A description of major network projects anticipated for the following six months. Major network projects include trunking or network rearrangements, shifts in anticipated traffic patterns, or other activities that are reflected by a significant increase or decrease in trunking demand for the following forecasting period.
- B. If differences in semi-annual forecasts of the Parties vary by more than 24 additional DS0 two-way trunks for each Local Interconnection Trunk Group, the

companies shall meet to reconcile the forecast to within 24 DS0 trunks.

- C. If a trunk group is under 75 percent of centum call seconds (ccs) capacity on a monthly average basis for each month of any six month period, either Party may issue an order to resize the trunk group, which shall be left with not less than 25 percent excess capacity. In all cases, grade of service objectives identified in Section XII following shall be maintained.
- D. Each Party shall provide a specified point of contact for planning, forecasting and trunk servicing purposes.

## XII. GRADE OF SERVICE

A blocking standard of one half of one percent (.005) during the average busy hour for final trunk groups between a Continental end office and a Pacific access tandem carrying meet point traffic shall be maintained. All other final trunk groups are to be engineered with a blocking standard of one percent (.01).

## XIII. TRUNK SERVICING

- A. Orders transmitted by Continental to Pacific to establish, add, change or disconnect trunks shall be processed by use of an Interconnection Service Request ("ISR") using Pacific's CESAR electronic ordering interface. Orders transmitted by Pacific to Continental to establish, add, change or disconnect trunks shall be processed by use of an ordering system or process to be specified by Continental.
- B. As discussed in this Agreement, both Parties will jointly manage the capacity of Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. Pacific's Circuit Provisioning Assignment Center ("CPAC") will send a Trunk Group Service Request ("TGSR") to Continental to trigger changes Pacific desires to the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups based on Pacific's capacity assessment. Continental will issue an ISR to Pacific's Local Interconnection Service Center ("LISC"):
  - 1. within 10 business days after receipt of the TGSR, upon review of and in response to Pacific's TGSR, or
  - 2. at any time as a result of Continental's own capacity management assessment,  
  
to begin the provisioning process
- C. Orders that comprise a major project shall be submitted at the same time, and their implementation shall be jointly planned and coordinated. Major projects are those that require the coordination and execution of multiple orders or related activities between and among Pacific and Continental work groups, including but not limited to the initial establishment of Local Interconnection or Meet Point trunk

groups and service in an area, NXX code moves, re-homes, facility grooming, or network rearrangements.

- D. Continental will be responsible for engineering its network on its side of the POI. Pacific will be responsible for engineering the POI and its network on its side of the POI.

#### XIV. TROUBLE REPORTS

Continental and Pacific 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.

#### XV. NETWORK MANAGEMENT

- A. Protective Controls

Either Party may use protective network traffic management controls such as 7-digit and 10-digit code gaps 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. Continental and Pacific will immediately notify each other of any protective control action planned or executed.

- B. Expansive Controls

Where the capability exists, originating or terminating traffic reroutes may be implemented by either Party to temporarily relieve network congestion due to facility failures or abnormal calling patterns. Reroutes will not be used to circumvent normal trunk servicing. Expansive controls will only be used when mutually agreed to by the Parties.

- C. Mass Calling

Continental and Pacific shall cooperate and share pre-planning information 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.

#### XVI. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Party shall be responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from acts or occurrences beyond the reasonable control of such Party, regardless of whether such delays or failures in performance were foreseen or foreseeable as of the date of this Agreement, including, without limitation: fire, explosion, acts of God, war, revolution,

civil commotion, or acts of public enemies; any law, order, regulation, or ordinance of any government or legal body; strikes; or delays caused by the other party or any other circumstances beyond the Party's reasonable control. In such event, the Party affected shall, upon giving prompt notice to the other party be excused from such performance on a day-to-day basis to the extent of such interference (and the other party shall likewise be excused from performance of its obligations on a day-for-day basis to the extent such Party's obligations relate to the performance so interfered with). The affected Party shall use its best efforts to avoid or remove the cause of non-performance and both Parties shall proceed to perform with dispatch once the causes are removed or cease.

#### **XVII. COMMISSION DECISION**

This Agreement shall at all times be subject to such changes or modifications by the Commission as said Commission may, from time to time, direct in the exercise of its jurisdiction. If any such modification renders the Agreement inoperable or creates any ambiguity or requirement for further amendment to the Agreement, the Parties will negotiate in good faith to agree upon any necessary amendments to the Agreement.

#### **XVIII. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

Except as otherwise provided herein, neither Party shall be liable to the other in connection with the provision or use of services offered under this Agreement for indirect, incidental, consequential, special damages, including (without limitation) damages for lost profits, regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, indemnity, warranty, strict liability, or tort.

#### **XIX. INDEMNITY**

Each Party shall indemnify and hold the other harmless from any liabilities, claims or demands (including the costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees on account thereof) that may be made by third parties for:

- A. personal injuries, including death, or
- B. damage to tangible property

resulting from the sole negligence and/or sole willful misconduct of that Party, its employees or agents in the performance of this Agreement. Each Party shall defend the other at the other's request against any such liability, claim or demand. Each Party shall notify the other promptly of written claims or demands against such Party of which the other party is solely responsible hereunder.

#### **XX. ASSIGNMENT**

This Agreement may be assigned by either Party upon 60 days advance written notice to

the other Party.

## **XXI. DEFAULT**

If either Party believes the other is in breach of the Agreement or otherwise in violation of law, it shall first give the other Party written notice of such breach in writing and allow the other Party sixty (60) days to cure the alleged default. Thereafter, the Parties shall employ the Dispute Resolution procedures set forth at pp. 36-39 of the Opinion.

## **XXII. NONDISCLOSURE**

- A. All information, including but not limited to specifications, microfilm, photocopies, magnetic disks, magnetic tapes, drawings, sketches, models, samples, tools, technical information, data, employee records, maps, financial reports, and market data, (i) furnished by one Party to the other party dealing with customer specific, facility specific, or usage specific information, other than customer information communicated for the purpose of publication of directory database inclusion, or (ii) in written, graphic, electromagnetic, or other tangible form and marked at the time of delivery as "Confidential" or "Proprietary", or (iii) communicated orally and declared to the receiving Party at the time of delivery, or by written notice given to the receiving Party within ten (10) days after delivery, to be "Confidential" or "Proprietary" (collectively referred to as "Proprietary Information"), shall remain the property of the disclosing Party.
- B. Upon request by the disclosing Party, the receiving Party shall return all tangible copies of Proprietary Information, whether written, graphic or otherwise, except that the receiving Party may retain one copy for archival purposes.
- C. Each Party shall keep all of the other party's Proprietary Information confidential and shall use the other party's Proprietary Information only for performing the covenants contained in the Agreement. Neither Party shall use the other party's Proprietary Information for any other purpose except upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Parties in writing.
- D. Unless otherwise agreed, the obligations of confidentiality and non-use set forth in this Agreement do not apply to such Proprietary Information as:
  - 1. was at the time of receipt already known to the receiving Party free of any obligation to keep it confidential evidenced by written records prepared prior to delivery by the disclosing Party; or
  - 2. is or becomes publicly known through no wrongful act of the receiving Party; or
  - 3. is rightfully received from a third person having no direct or indirect secrecy or confidentiality obligation to the disclosing Party with respect to

such information; or

4. is independently developed by an employee, agent, or contractor of the receiving Party which individual is not involved in any manner with the provision of services pursuant to the Agreement and does not have any direct or indirect access to the Proprietary Information; or
5. is disclosed to a third person by the disclosing Party without similar restrictions on such third person's rights; or
6. is approved for release by written authorization of the disclosing Party; or
7. is required to be made public by the receiving Party pursuant to applicable law or regulation provided that the receiving Party shall give sufficient notice of the requirement to the disclosing Party to enable the disclosing Party to seek protective orders.

- E. **Effective Date Of This Section.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Proprietary Information provisions of this Agreement shall apply to all information furnished by either Party to the other in furtherance of the purpose of this Agreement, even if furnished before the date of this Agreement.

### **XXIII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

The Parties agree that in the event of a default or violation hereunder, or for any dispute arising under this Agreement or related agreements the Parties may have in connection with this Agreement, the Parties shall first confer to discuss in good faith the dispute and seek resolution prior to taking any action before any court or regulator, or before making any public statement about or disclosing the nature of the dispute to any third party. Such conference shall occur at least at the Vice President level for each Party. In the case of Pacific, its Vice President for Local Competition, or equivalent officer, shall participate in the meet and confer meeting, and Continental Vice President, or equivalent officer, shall participate. Thereafter, the Parties will employ the Dispute Resolution procedures set forth in pp. 36-39 of the Opinion.

### **XXIV. EXECUTION IN DUPLICATE**

This Agreement may be executed in duplicate copies, and, upon said execution, shall be treated as an executed document.

### **XXV. NOTICES**

Any notices required by or concerning this Agreement shall be sent to the Parties at the addresses shown below:

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Also for Continental:

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Each Party shall inform the other of any changes in the above addresses.

**XXVI. APPLICABILITY TO OTHER LOCATIONS**

The Parties intend for this Agreement to apply to all aspects of interconnection between the Parties at the physical locations set forth in Section III.A, above. However, Continental has received operating authority from the Commission that will allow it to provide service in other locations within California, requiring interconnection at different POIs and with different Pacific access tandems than those set forth in Section III.A. The Parties hereby agree that this Agreement may be amended by either Party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party by adding additional Continental switches, Continental Routing Points, Continental access tandems, POIs and Pacific access tandems to the chart found in Section III.A, above. Each and every term of this Agreement shall apply to such interconnection arrangements. Any POIs proposed in such amendment shall conform to the same network architecture as is called for by this Agreement. No additional steps shall be required to effect such interconnection beyond those already required by this Agreement.

**XXVII. AMENDMENT**

The Parties may mutually agree to amend this Agreement in writing.

**XXVIII. CHOICE OF LAWS**

The Parties agree that this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of California.

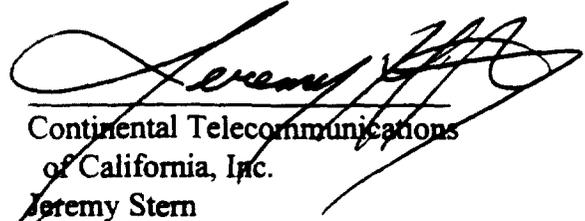
**XXIX. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the Parties and supersedes any and all prior Agreements, arrangements, representations or understandings relating to the subject matter hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.



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**PACIFIC BELL**  
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Advice Letter No. 18323A

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

On June 27, 1996, Pacific Bell filed Advice Letter No. 18323 requesting the Commission's approval, pursuant to D.95-12-056 (the "Decision") of an Co-Carrier Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") entered into by and between Continental Telecommunications of California, Inc. ("Continental") and Pacific Bell.

This supplement is now being issued to file Amendment No. 1 to correct the Routing Point common language designations that appear on the Agreement at page 6. The attached corrected page should be inserted in the Agreement. Only the Routing point designations have been changed. These corrections do not require changes to any other term or condition in the Agreement nor should it delay approval of the Agreement.

Pursuant to discussion with CACD staff, just one party is submitting this amendment to the Agreement for approval.

In compliance with General Order 96-A and the Decision, copies of this supplement are being mailed to all LECs and CLCs, and to other interested parties requesting such notification. In addition, we are mailing copies to parties on the Service List for R.95-04-043/I.95-04-044 (list attached)

We would like this filing to become effective July 11, 1996.

Yours truly,

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AMENDMENT NO. 1  
TO THE  
LOCAL INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

DATED JUNE 19, 1996

BETWEEN

PACIFIC BELL  
AND  
CONTINENTAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

WHEREAS, Pacific Bell ("Pacific") and Continental Telecommunications of California, Inc. ("Continental") (collectively referred to herein as the "Parties") entered into a Local Interconnection Agreement on June 19, 1996 ("Agreement") which permits the Parties to mutually amend the Agreement in writing; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

This Amendment No. 1 to the Local Interconnection Agreement dated June 19, 1996, between Pacific and Continental is effective upon execution by both Parties. This Amendment corrects the Routing Point common language designations that appear on the Agreement at page 6. The attached corrected page should be inserted in the Agreement. Only the Routing Point designations have been changed. These corrections do not require changes to any other term or condition in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed on the date shown below by their respective duly authorized representatives.

PACIFIC BELL

By: Theresa L. Cabral

Print Name: Theresa L. Cabral

Title: Senior Counsel

Date Signed: 7/2/96

CONTINENTAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

By: Mark E. Brown

Print Name: MARK E. BROWN

Title: DIRECTOR, STATE REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Date Signed: 7/2/96

Continental and Pacific agree to interconnect their networks through existing and/or new facilities between Continental switches and the corresponding Pacific access tandems set forth in the following table. Logical trunk groups will be established referencing the appropriate Continental Routing Point and Pacific access tandem. In addition, where necessary and as mutually agreed to, facilities will be defined between the Parties' networks to permit the following trunk group(s) to be established.

Continental Switches	Continental Routing Point	POI	Pacific Access Tandem
LSAICAEVDSO	ANHMCA022KD	LSANCA01W16	ANHMCA0295T
LSAICAEVDSO	GRDNCA032KD	LSANCA01W16	GRDNCA0386T
LSAICAEVDSO	LSANCA042KD	LSANCA01W16	LSANCA0470T
LSAICAEVDSO	SHOKCA052KD	LSANCA01W16	SHOKCA058T

Nothing in the foregoing restricts either Party from ordering and establishing Continental - Pacific local interconnection trunk groups in addition to the initial combinations described above.

- B. **Single POI Model.** For each Pacific access tandem where Continental and Pacific interconnect for the exchange of local and intraLATA toll and meet point Switched Access traffic, Continental and Pacific agree that there will be a single Point of Interconnection ("POI").
- C. **Sizing and Structure of Interconnection Facilities.** The Parties will mutually agree on the appropriate sizing for facilities based on the standards set forth in Section XII, below. The interconnection facilities provided by each Party shall be superframe with Alternate Mark Inversion Line Code and Superframe Format Framing ("AMI") at either the DS-1 or DS-3 level, according to mutual forecasts and sound engineering practice, as mutually agreed to by the Parties during planning - forecasting meetings.
- D. **Two-Way Trunks.** Interconnection will be provided via two-way trunks. Two-way trunks will be established to exchange local and intraLATA toll and separate two-way trunks will be established for the joint provision of meet-point Switched Access traffic.
- E. **Signaling Protocol.** The Parties will interconnect their networks using SS7 signaling as defined in GR-317 and GR-394, including ISDN User Part ("ISUP") for trunk signaling and Transaction Capabilities Application Part ("TCAP") for