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COMBINATIONS OF UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS  
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97-137, 97-208, 97-231**Panel Two: U S WEST Overview of the SPOT Frame Approach to the  
Combination of Unbundled Network Elements****Presented by: Jeff Owens, Executive Director, Regulatory Strategy, U S WEST**

U S WEST provides several alternatives to facilitate the combination of unbundled network elements by CLECs. One approach includes the use of physical collocation in a U S WEST central office. In this case, U S WEST will deliver unbundled network elements to the physical collocation space, where the CLEC may combine these elements with other elements or with CLEC-provided facilities.

In response to requests from CLECs, U S WEST has made several modifications to its collocation offerings, including the option of cageless physical collocation. This option reduces the cost to the CLEC of placing its equipment in a U S WEST central office.

Another approach to the combination of unbundled network elements is available to those CLECs who do not intend to collocate equipment in a U S WEST central office. Under this approach, U S WEST will deliver the CLEC's unbundled network elements to a Single Point of Termination (SPOT) frame located in the central office. The CLEC will have access to the central office for the purposes of combining two or more unbundled network elements into a finished service. For example, a CLEC could enter the central office to connect an unbundled loop to an unbundled switching line-side port or to unbundled interoffice transport by placing a simple jumper cable on the SPOT frame. USWC will extend unbundled network elements to the SPOT frame through the use of USWC-provided tie cables. Tie cables are available in DS0, DS1, or DS3 capacities and extend from the applicable USWC frame to the SPOT frame.

CLECs will have access to the U S WEST central office for the purpose of accessing the CLEC's SPOT frame. Such access is available, even in instances where the CLEC has not collocated other equipment in the U S WEST central office.