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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
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RE: CC Docket No. 98-121

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Wednesday May 26, Michael Weidenbach, Jeff Owens and I, of U S WEST, met with David Kirschner, Michelle Carey, Johanna Mikes, Julie Patterson, Jason Oxman and Staci Pies of the Common Carrier Bureau staff to discuss U S WEST's interconnection and collocation policies, procedures and performance. Copies of the materials discussed in the meeting are attached.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter and the attachments are being filed with your office for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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Interconnection and Collocation

May 26, 1999

Arizona - Interconnection Trunks (as of 5/19/99)

- 12 CLECs
- 397 Trunk Groups
- 53,800 Equivalent Trunks
- 3 Metropolitan Areas
- 72 Wire Centers

Nebraska - Interconnection Trunks (as of 5/19/99)

- 3 CLECs
- 103 Trunk Groups
- 9,295 Equivalent Trunks
- 3 Metropolitan Areas
- 20 Wire Centers

U S WEST Regional Total - Interconnection Trunks

(as of 5/19/99)

- 54 CLECs
- 2,243 Trunk Groups
- 306,099 Equivalent Trunks
- 13 States

Interconnection Performance Measures

- **Installation Commitments Met (OP-3)** -- Measures the percentage of orders for which the committed due date for interconnection trunks is met.
- **Installation Interval (OP-4)** -- Measures the average interval (in business days) between the application date and the completion date for interconnection trunks.
- **Installation Trouble Reports (OP-5)** -- Measures Maintenance/Repair requests received within thirty (30) calendar days of a completed service provisioning order as a percentage of the related new installation total orders.
- **Delayed Days (OP-6)** -- Measures the average number of days service is delayed beyond the original due date for reasons attributed to U S WEST.
- **All Troubles Cleared within 4 hours (MR-5)** --Measures the percentage of trouble reports for designed services that are cleared within four hours of a call from a CLEC. The measurement includes only out of service trouble reports, which are defined as the inability to initiate or receive calls.
- **Mean Time to Restore (MR-6)-** Measures the average time to resolve requests for repair. All U S WEST and customer-caused delays (no access, no available work force, etc.) are included.
- **Repair Repeat Report Rate (MR-7)** -- Measures the percentage of repair reports that are repeated within 30 days. Includes U S WEST network or system caused reports.
- **Trouble Rate (MR-8) Trouble Rate (MR-8)** -- Measures CLEC-specific trouble report rate of occurrences per 100 lines in service. Provided on a CLEC-specific basis, CLEC must have a minimum of 100 lines in service. Measures U S WEST network or system causes, excludes reports due to end user customer or CLEC action, end user or CLEC equipment failures, and/or customer education.
- **Trunk Blocking – Interconnection Trunks (NI-1)** -- Measures the percentage of trunks blocking in interconnection final trunks, reported by NI-1A interconnection trunks to U S WEST tandem offices and NI-1B interconnection trunks to U S WEST end offices.
- **Trunk Blocking – Common Trunks (NI-2)** -- Measures the percentage of trunks blocking in local interoffice final trunks, reported by NI-2A trunks connecting U S WEST end offices to U S WEST tandem offices and NI-2B trunks connecting U S WEST end offices to other U S WEST end offices.
- **Provisioning Interval – USW Interoffice Trunks (DNI-1)** -- Measures the interval between the completion of a U S WEST internal provisioning request for trunk augmentation/installation and completion of the installation. The result is reported, as an average based on the number of days required to complete the request for service.
- **Interconnection Final Trunk Group Utilization (DNI-2)** -- Measures the interconnection trunks in use as a percentage of total interconnection trunks installed.

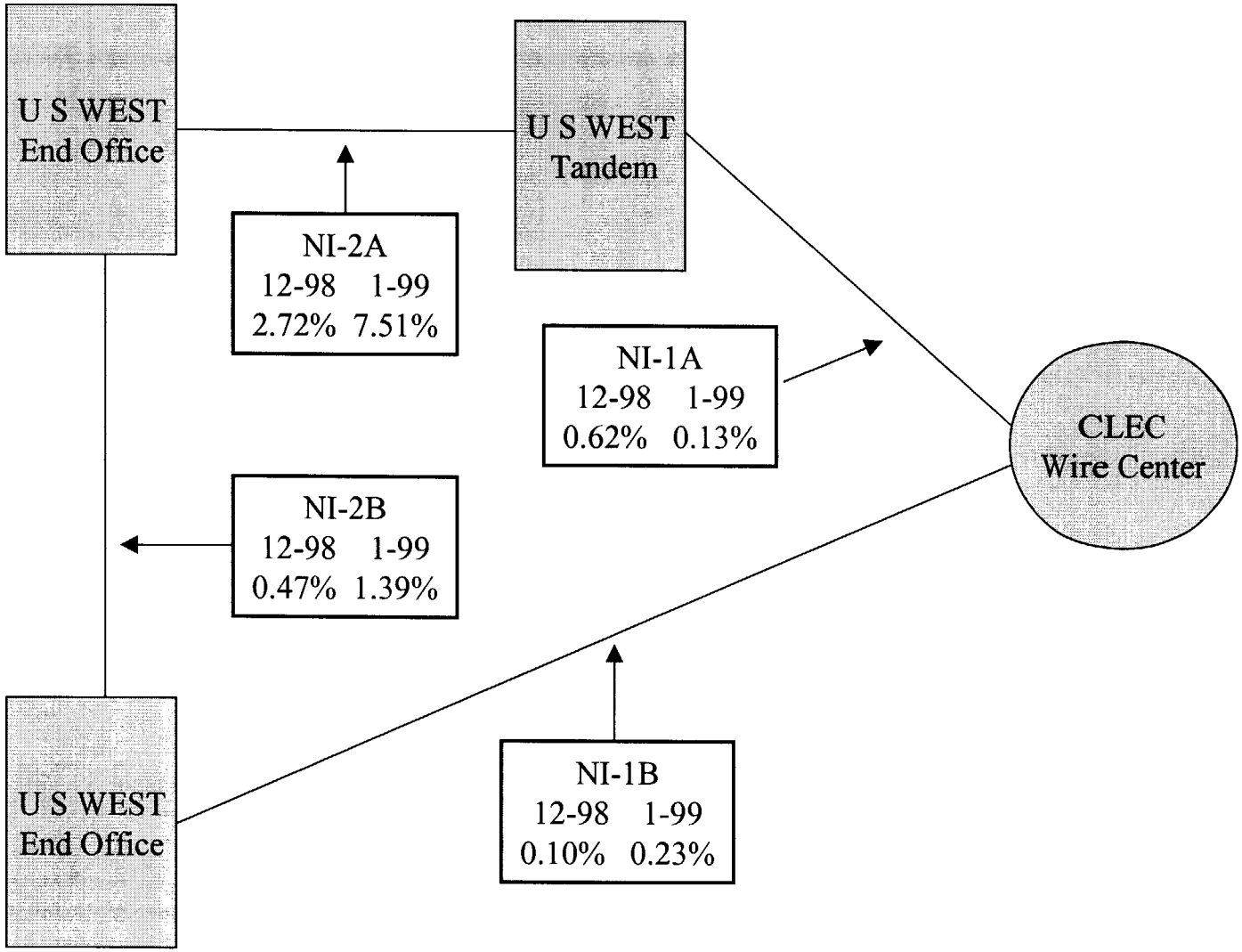
Interconnection Trunk Blockage in Arizona

- Performance indicators NI-1A and NI-1B measure the average percentage of blocking between Arizona CLEC end offices and U S WEST's tandem offices (NI-1A) and U S WEST's end offices (NI-1B).

- Performance indicators NI-2A and NI-2B measure the percentage of trunks blocking in the U S WEST local interoffice final trunks, reported by NI-2A trunks connecting U S WEST end offices to U S WEST tandem offices and NI-2B trunks connecting U S WEST end offices to other U S WEST end offices.

Tandem Offices	December 98	January 99
CLEC - NI-1A Trunk Blocking	0.62%	0.13%
U S WEST - NI-2A Trunk Blocking	2.72%	7.51%
End Office		
CLEC - NI-1B Trunk Blocking	0.10%	0.23%
U S WEST - NI-2B Trunk Blocking	0.47%	1.39%

Example Network - Blocking Measurement



Arizona - Collocation Activity (as of 5/15/99)

Caged Physical	31
Cageless Physical	23
Virtual	56
Total	110

Central Offices	40
Number of Access Lines	1,849,009
Percent of Total Access Lines	67%

Nebraska - Collocation Activity (as of 5/15/99)

Caged Physical	21
Cageless Physical	4
Virtual	8
Total	33

Central Offices	13
Number of Access Lines	391,837
Percent of Total Access Lines	73%

U S WEST 14 State Total - Collocation Activity

(5/19/99)

Caged Physical	334
Cageless Physical	99
Virtual	273
Total	706

Central Offices	200
Number of Access Lines	9,122,676
Percent of Total Access Lines	54%

Collocation Arrangements Offered by U S WEST

- Currently, U S WEST offers physical and virtual collocation to CLECs.
- There are three types of physical collocation arrangements pursuant to the U S WEST SGAT.

  (1) Caged collocation

  (2) Cageless collocation

  (3) InterConnection Distribution Frame (ICDF) collocation

Collocation Arrangements Offered by U S WEST

- Caged collocation allows a CLEC to lease caged floor space up to a maximum of 400 square feet.

- Cageless collocation floor space is made available in single frame bay increments adjacent to other central office equipment not separated by a cage.

  - Cageless collocation floor space will be provided in single frame bay increments, 26" wide and 7' tall which will require 9 square feet of floor space per bay.

  - The CLEC is responsible for the delivery and placement of their own bays in a cageless physical collocation arrangement.

- InterConnection Distribution Frame (ICDF) collocation is offered for CLECs that do not require transmission equipment to be placed in the U S WEST central office, but only require access to unbundled network elements.

Allocation of Space

- Pursuant to the U S WEST SGAT, U S WEST offers collocation on a first-come, first serve basis.
  - If it is determined that the amount of space requested by CLEC for caged physical collocation is not available, but a lesser amount of space is available, that lesser amount of space is offered to CLEC for caged physical collocation.
  - CLEC is offered cageless physical or virtual collocation as an alternative to caged physical collocation.
  - If a collocation is denied due to lack of space, a CLEC may also request space reclamation such as: the grooming or the moving of working circuits from working equipment to other equipment for the purpose of providing additional collocation space or conditioning or reconditioning of space for the placement of transmission equipment.

Collocation Performance Measures

- **Collocation Feasibility Study Commitments Met (DCP-3)** -- Measures the percentage of Central Office collocation studies for feasibility of installation that are completed within the allotted time frame for such studies. Results are separated for physical (DCP3-A) and virtual collocation (DCP3-B).
- **Average Collocation Feasibility Study Interval (DCP-2)** -- Measures average interval for feasibility study. Results are separated for physical (DCP2-A) and virtual collocation (DCP2-B).
- **Average Collocation Quote Interval (DCP-4)** -- Measures the average interval to respond to Central Office collocation studies with quote commitments. Results are separated for physical (DCP4-A) and virtual collocation (DCP4-B).
- **Collocation Installation Interval CP-2** -- Measures the interval between the receipt of a deposit from the CLEC and the completion of the collocation installation in business days.
- **Collocation Installation Commitments Met (CP-1)** -- Measures the percentage of collocation orders for which the committed due date is met.
- **CLEC-Caused Collocation Misses (DCP-1)** -- Measures the percentage of CLEC-caused installation commitment misses. Includes orders issued with a due date. Results are separated for physical (DCP1-A) and virtual collocation (DCP1-B).

Section 7.0 - INTERCONNECTION

7.1 Interconnection Facility Options

7.1.1 This Section describes the Interconnection of U S WEST's network and CLEC's own network for the purpose of exchanging EAS/Local traffic. U S WEST will provide Interconnection at the trunk side of an end office switch and on the trunk connection points of a local or access tandem switch. U S WEST will also provide interconnection at the line-side of a local switch (*i.e.*, local switching), central office cross-connection points, signal transfer points and points of access to unbundled network elements (*see* Section 9 of this SGAT). "Interconnection" is as described in the Act and refers to the connection between networks for the purpose of transmission and routing of telephone exchange service traffic and exchange access traffic. Interconnection is provided for the purpose of connecting end office switches to end office switches or end office switches to local tandem switches for the exchange of EAS/Local traffic; or end office switches to access tandem switches for the exchange of intraLATA toll or jointly provided switched access traffic. Local tandem to local tandem switch connections will be provided where technically feasible. Local tandem to access tandem and access tandem to access tandem switch connections are not provided.

7.1.1.1 U S WEST will provide to CLEC interconnection at least equal in quality to that provided to itself, to any subsidiary, affiliate, or any other party to which it provides interconnection.

7.1.2 Methods of Interconnection

The parties will negotiate the facilities arrangement between their networks. CLEC shall establish a Point of Interconnection in each U S WEST local calling area where it does business. The following alternatives are negotiable: (1) a DS1 or DS3 entrance facility; (2) Collocation; (3) negotiated Mid-Span meet facilities; or (4) Hub location.

7.1.2.1 Entrance Facility. Interconnection may be accomplished through the provision of a DS1 or DS3 entrance facility. An entrance facility extends from the U S WEST Serving Wire Center to CLEC's switch location. Entrance facilities may not extend beyond the area served by the U S WEST Serving Wire Center. The rates for entrance facilities are provided in Exhibit A. U S WEST's Private Line Transport service is available as an alternative to entrance facilities, when CLEC uses such Private Line Transport service for multiple services.

7.1.2.2 Collocation. Interconnection may be accomplished through the Collocation arrangements offered by U S WEST. The terms and conditions under which Collocation will be available are described in Section 8 of this SGAT. When interconnection is provided through the Collocation provisions of Section 8 of this SGAT, the LIS ITP rate elements, as described in Exhibit A, will apply. The rates are defined at a DS1 and DS3 level.

7.1.2.3 Mid-Span Meet POI. A Mid-Span Meet POI is a negotiated Point of Interface, limited to the Interconnection of facilities between one Party's switch and the other Party's switch. The actual physical Point of Interface and facilities used will be subject to negotiations between the Parties. Each Party will be responsible for its

portion of the build to the Mid-Span Meet POI, if the meet point arrangement is used exclusively for the exchange of local traffic.

7.1.2.4 Hub Location. When CLEC locates its switch outside the local calling area, the Hub Location Point of Interface is available to establish CLEC's Point of Interface within the local calling area. The Hub Location Point of Interface, limited to use with Local Interconnection Service, may be established at a U S WEST Central Office at which multiplexing is performed.

7.1.2.5 The physical arrangement of a POI at a Hub location consists of a DS1 or DS3 Private Line Transport Service facility from CLEC's location (in another U S WEST local calling area) to the U S WEST Hub location, leased from U S WEST, and a Private Line Transport Service multiplexer at the Hub location, leased from U S WEST.

7.2 Exchange of Traffic

7.2.1 Description

7.2.1.1 This Section 7.2 addresses the exchange of traffic between CLEC's network and U S WEST's network. Where either Party acts as an IntraLATA Toll provider, each Party shall bill the other symmetrical rates using U S WEST's Tariffed Switched Access rates as a surrogate. Where either Party interconnects and delivers traffic to the other from third parties, each Party shall bill such third parties the appropriate charges pursuant to its respective Tariffs or contractual offerings for such third party terminations The Parties will directly exchange traffic between their respective networks without the use of third party transit providers.

7.2.1.2 The traffic types to be exchanged under this SGAT include:

7.2.1.2.1 EAS/Local traffic as defined in this SGAT.

7.2.1.2.2 IntraLATA Toll traffic as defined in this SGAT.

7.2.1.2.3 Jointly provided Switched Access traffic as defined in Access Tariffs and referenced in this Section.

7.2.1.2.4 Transit traffic is any traffic that originates from one Telecommunications Carrier's network, transits another Telecommunications Carrier's network, and terminates to yet another Telecommunications Carrier's network.

7.2.1.2.5 Transit service is provided by U S WEST, as a local and access tandem provider, to CLEC to enable the completion of calls originated by or terminated to another Telecommunications Carrier (such as another CLEC, an existing LEC, or a wireless carrier), which is connected to U S WEST's local or access tandems. To the extent that CLEC's switch functions as a local or access tandem switch, as defined in this SGAT, CLEC may also provide transit service to U S WEST.

7.2.1.3 Ancillary traffic includes all traffic destined for ancillary services, or that may have special billing requirements, including, but not limited to, the following:

7.2.1.3.1 Directory Assistance;

7.2.1.3.2 911/E911;

7.2.1.3.3 Operator busy line interrupt and verify; and

7.2.1.3.4 Toll free services.

7.2.1.4 Ancillary services are addressed in Section 10 of this SGAT.

7.2.2 Terms and Conditions

7.2.2.1 Transport and Termination of Local Traffic.

7.2.2.1.1 EAS/Local traffic will be terminated as Local Interconnection Service (LIS).

7.2.2.1.2 As negotiated between the Parties, the transport of EAS/Local traffic may occur in several ways:

7.2.2.1.2.1 Two-way trunk groups will be established wherever possible; however, either Party may elect to provision its own one-way trunks for delivery of local traffic to be terminated on the other Party's network.

7.2.2.1.2.2 The Parties may elect to purchase transport services from each other or from a third party that has leased the Private Line Transport Service facility from U S WEST. Such transport delivers the originating Party's local traffic to the terminating Party's end office or local tandem for call termination. Transport may be purchased from U S WEST or CLEC as tandem routed (*i.e.,* tandem switching, tandem transmission and direct trunked transport) or direct routed (*i.e.,* direct trunked transport).

7.2.2.1.3 Based on forecasted or actual traffic at CLEC's busy hour in centum call seconds (CCS), where there is a DS1's worth of traffic (512 CCS) between CLEC's switch and a U S WEST end office, CLEC will order a dedicated (*i.e.,* direct) trunk group from CLEC POI directly to the U S WEST end office. To the extent that CLEC has established a collocation arrangement at a U S WEST end office location, and has available capacity, CLEC shall provide two-way direct trunk facilities, when required, from that end office to CLEC's switch. In all other cases, the direct facility may be provisioned by U S WEST or CLEC or a third party. If both CLEC and U S WEST desire to provision the facility and cannot otherwise agree, the Parties may agree to resolve the dispute through the submission of competitive bids.

7.2.2.1.4 LIS ordered to a local tandem will be provided as Direct Trunked Transport between the serving Wire Center of CLEC's POI and the local tandem. Tandem transmission rates, as specified in Exhibit A of this SGAT, will apply to the transport provided from the local tandem to U S WEST's end office.

7.2.2.2 IntraLATA Toll Traffic

7.2.2.2.1 IntraLATA toll traffic shall be delivered to U S WEST at the intraLATA access tandem or via separate trunks to U S WEST's end office(s), as designated by CLEC.

7.2.2.3 Transit Traffic

7.2.2.3.1 U S WEST will accept traffic originated by CLEC for termination to another CLEC, existing LEC, IXC, or wireless carrier that is connected to U S WEST's local and/or access tandems. U S WEST will also terminate traffic from these other Telecommunications Carriers to CLEC.

7.2.2.3.2 To the extent technically feasible, the Parties involved in transporting transit traffic will deliver calls to each involved network with CCS/SS7 Protocol and the appropriate ISUP/TCAP messages to facilitate full interoperability and billing functions.

7.2.2.3.3 There are three types of transit traffic:

a) Local transit: The originating company is responsible for payment of appropriate rates to the transit company and to the terminating company.

b) IntraLATA Toll traffic: In the case of IntraLATA toll traffic, the originating toll provider is responsible for payment of appropriate rates to the transit company and to the terminating company. In the case of IntraLATA Toll traffic where U S WEST is the designated IntraLATA Toll provider for existing LECs, U S WEST will be responsible for payment of appropriate usage rates.

c) Jointly Provided Switched Access: The Parties will use industry standards developed to handle the provision and billing of jointly provided switched access (MECAB, MECOD, and the Parties' FCC and state access Tariffs). Each Party will bill the IXC the appropriate portion of its Switched Access rates. U S WEST will also provide the one-time notification to CLEC of the billing name, billing address and carrier identification codes of the IXCs subtending any access tandems to which CLEC directly connects. This type of traffic is discussed separately in this Section.

7.2.2.4 Interface Code Availability. Supervisory signaling specifications, and the applicable network channel interface codes for LIS trunks, are the same as those used

for Feature Group D Switched Access Service, as described in U S WEST's Switched Access Tariffs.

7.2.2.5 Switching Options.

7.2.2.5.1 SS7 Out of Band Signaling. SS7 Out of Band Signaling is available for LIS trunks. SS7 Out-of-Band Signaling must be requested on the order for the new LIS trunks. Common Channel Signaling Access Capability Service, as set forth in this SGAT, must be ordered by CLEC when SS7 Out-of-Band Signaling is requested on LIS trunks.

7.2.2.5.2 Clear Channel Capability. Clear Channel Capability (64CCC) permits 24 DS0-64 Kbps services or 1.536 Mbps of information on the 1.544 Mbps/s line rate. 64CCC is available for LIS trunks equipped with SS7 Out-of-Band Signaling. 64CCC must be requested on the order for the new LIS trunks. U S WEST will provide CLEC with a listing of U S WEST local tandems fully capable of routing 64CCC traffic through the U S WEST website: http://www.uswest.com/disclosure.

7.2.2.6 Measurement of terminating local Interconnection minutes begins when the terminating LIS entry switch receives answer supervision from the called end user's end office indicating the called end user has answered. The measurement of terminating call usage over LIS trunks ends when the terminating LIS entry switch receives disconnect supervision from either the called end user's end office, indicating the called end user has disconnected, or CLEC's Point of Interconnection, whichever is recognized first by the entry switch. This is commonly referred to as "conversation time."

7.2.2.7 LIS Forecasting

7.2.2.7.1 Both CLEC and U S WEST shall work in good faith to define a mutually agreed upon forecast of LIS trunking.

7.2.2.7.2 Both Parties shall have the obligation to participate in joint planning meetings at quarterly intervals to establish trunk design and provisioning requirements. The Parties agree to provide mutual trunk forecast information to ensure end user call completion between the Parties' networks. Such forecasts shall be for LIS trunking which impacts the switch capacity and facilities of each Party.

7.2.2.7.3 Switch growth jobs are custom jobs with a minimum six month timeframe from the vendors. To align with the timeframe needed to provide for the requested capacity, including engineering, ordering, installation and make ready activities, the Parties will utilize U S WEST standard forecast timelines, as defined in the standard U S WEST LIS Trunk Forecast Forms.

7.2.2.7.4 Each Party will utilize the Forecast cycle outlined on the U S WEST LIS Trunk Forecast Forms, which stipulates that forecasts be submitted on a quarterly basis. The forecast will identify trunking requirements

for a three year period. From the quarterly close date as outlined in the forecast cycle, the receiving Party will have one month to determine network needs and place vendor orders which require a six month minimum to complete the network build. Seven months after submission of the forecast, the forecasting party may begin to order against the facilities forecast for that quarter, given no vendor or other unavoidable delays. For ordering information see Section 7.2.4.

7.2.2.7.5 Both Parties will follow the forecasting and provisioning requirements of this SGAT for the appropriate sizing of trunks, and use of direct vs. local tandem routing. See Section 7.2.2.1.3.

7.2.2.7.6 In the event of a dispute regarding forecast quantities, the Parties will construct to the lower forecast, while attempting to resolve the matter informally. If the Parties fail to reach resolution, the Dispute Resolution provision of this Agreement shall apply.

7.2.2.7.7 Joint planning meetings will be used to bring clarity to the process. Each Party will provide adequate information associated with the U S WEST LIS Trunk Forecast Forms in addition to its forecasts. During the joint planning meetings, both Parties shall provide information on major network projects anticipated for the following year that may impact the other Party's forecast or Interconnection requirements. No later than two weeks prior to the joint planning meetings, the Parties shall exchange information to facilitate the planning process.

7.2.2.7.8 In addition to the above information, CLEC shall provide:

7.2.2.7.8.1 Completed U S WEST LIS Trunk Forecast Forms.

7.2.2.7.8.2 Any planned use of an alternate local tandem provider.

7.2.2.7.9 In addition to the above information, the following information will be available through the Local Exchange Routing Guide or the Interconnections (ICONN) Database. The LERG is available through Bellcore. ICONN is available through the U S WEST Web site located at http://www.uswest.com/cgi-bin/iconn/iconn.pl.

7.2.2.7.9.1 U S WEST Tandems and U S WEST end offices (LERG);

7.2.2.7.9.2 CLLI codes (LERG);

7.2.2.7.9.3 Business/Residence line counts; (ICONN)

7.2.2.7.9.4 Switch type (LERG or ICONN); and

7.2.2.7.9.5 Current and planned switch generics (ICONN).

7.2.2.7.10 U S WEST Network Disclosure of deployment information for specific technical capabilities (*e.g.,* ISDN deployment, 64 CCC, etc.) shall be provided on U S WEST's web site, http://www.uswest.com/disclosure.

7.2.2.7.11 When appropriate, U S WEST will notify CLEC through the U S WEST Trunk Group Servicing Request (TGSR) process of the need to take action and place orders in accordance with the forecasted trunk requirements.

7.2.2.7.12 The following terms shall apply to the forecasting process:

a) CLEC forecasts shall be provided as detailed in the standard LIS Trunk Forecast Form.

b) Forecasts shall be deemed Confidential Information.

7.2.2.7.13 If a trunk group is consistently under 60% of centum call seconds (CCS) capacity each month of any three month period, CLEC will be provided written notification of the requirement to resize the trunk groups. Such notification shall include information on current utilization levels. If CLEC does not resize the trunk group within 30 days of the written notification, U S WEST may reclaim the facilities and charge CLEC a charge equal to one-half of the DS1/DS3 non-recurring rate described in Exhibit A. When reclamation does occur, the trunk group shall not be left with less than 25% excess capacity.

7.2.2.7.14 Each Party shall provide a specified point of contact for planning, forecasting and trunk servicing purposes.

7.2.2.7.15 Interconnection facilities provided on a route which involves extraordinary circumstances shall be subject to the Construction Charges, as detailed in Section 19 of this SGAT. U S WEST and CLEC may also choose to work in good faith to identify and locate alternative routes which can be used to accommodate CLEC forecasted build. Extraordinary circumstances include, but are not limited to, natural obstructions such as lakes, rivers, or steep terrain, and legal obstructions such as governmental, federal, Native American or private rights of way. Standard U S WEST forecast timeframes will not apply under these circumstances.

7.2.2.8 Trunking Requirements

7.2.2.8.1 The Parties will provide designed Interconnection facilities in accordance with current industry standards.

7.2.2.8.2 Separate trunk groups will be established based on billing, signaling, and network requirements. For example, (1) billing requirements - switched access vs. local traffic, (2) signaling requirements - MF vs. SS7, and (3) network requirements - directory assistance traffic to Operator Services tandems. The following is the current list of traffic types that require separate trunk groups, unless specifically otherwise stated in this SGAT.

a) Combined IntraLATA Toll and Switched Access trunks;

b) EAS/Local trunks;

c) Directory Assistance trunks (where the switch type requires separation from Operator Services trunks);

d) 911/E911 trunks;

e) Operator services trunks (where the switch type requires separation from Directory Assistance trunks);

f) Mass calling trunks, if applicable;

g) Commercial Mobile Radio Service Wireless traffic for which CLEC serves as the transit provider for traffic between the CMRS provider and U S WEST;

h) Transit IntraLATA toll; and

i) Transit local.

7.2.2.8.3 Trunk group connections will be made at a DS1 or multiple DS1 level of exchange of EAS/Local, and IntraLATA Toll/Switched Access traffic. Ancillary service trunk groups may be made below a DS1 level, as negotiated.

7.2.2.8.4 The Parties will provide Common Channel Signaling (CCS) to one another in conjunction with all EAS/Local trunk circuits, except as provided below.

a) The Parties will provision all trunking using SS7/CCS capabilities. Redundant MF signaling networks will not be provided unless specifically called for in this SGAT. Exceptions to this arrangement would be limited to operator services trunking, 911 trunking and any others currently available in the U S WEST network only on MF signaling. When the SS7/CCS option becomes available in the U S WEST network for said trunking, the Parties will provision new trunks using SS7. In addition, the Parties will jointly work to convert existing trunking to SS7, as appropriate. Procedures for establishing CCS connectivity can be found in Section 10.15 of this SGAT.

b) When the Parties interconnect via CCS for jointly provided Switched Access Service, the tandem provider will provide MF/CCS interworking as required for Interconnection with Interexchange Carriers who use MF signaling.

7.2.2.8.5 The Parties shall terminate EAS/Local traffic exclusively on local tandems or end office switches. No EAS/local trunk groups shall be terminated on U S WEST's access tandems. In the complete absence of a local tandem,

EAS/Local trunk groups will be established directly between CLEC and U S WEST end office switches.

7.2.2.8.6 The Parties agree to exchange local traffic in the same EAS/Local area as such traffic originated.

7.2.2.8.7 Alternate Traffic Routing. If CLEC has a LIS arrangement which provides two paths to a U S WEST end office (one route via a local tandem and one direct route), CLEC may elect to utilize alternate traffic routing. CLEC traffic will be offered first to the direct trunk group (also referred to as the "primary high" route) and then overflow to the local tandem group (also referred to as the "alternate final" route) for completion to U S WEST end offices.

7.2.2.9 Testing

7.2.2.9.1 Acceptance Testing. At the time of installation of a LIS trunk group, and at no additional charge, the Parties will cooperatively test the same parameters tested for terminating Feature Group D Switched Access Service. See U S WEST's applicable Switched Access Tariff for the specifications.

7.2.2.9.2 Testing Capabilities

7.2.2.9.2.1 Terminating LIS testing is provided where equipment is available, with the following test lines: seven-digit access to balance (100 type), milliwatt (102 type), nonsynchronous or synchronous, automatic transmission measuring (105 type), data transmission (107 type), loop-around, short circuit, open circuit, and non-inverting digital loopback (108 type).

7.2.2.9.2.2 In addition to LIS acceptance testing, other tests are available (*e.g.,* additional cooperative acceptance testing, automatic scheduled testing, cooperative scheduled testing, manual scheduled testing, and non-scheduled testing) at the applicable U S WEST Tariff rates. Testing fees will be paid by CLEC when requesting the testing.

7.2.2.10 Mileage Measurement. Where required, the mileage measurement for LIS facTariff No. 4.

7.3 Reciprocal Compensation

7.3.1 Interconnection Facility Options

The Reciprocal Compensation Provisions of this SGAT shall apply to the exchange of local traffic between CLEC's network and U S WEST's network. Where either Party acts as an IntraLATA Toll provider, each Party shall bill the other symmetrical rates using U S WEST's Tariffed Switched Access rates as a surrogate. Where either Party interconnects and delivers traffic to the other from third parties, each Party shall bill such third parties the appropriate charges pursuant to its respective Tariffs or contractual offerings for such third party

terminations. Absent a separately negotiated agreement to the contrary, the Parties will directly exchange traffic between their respective networks without the use of third party transit providers.

7.3.1.1 Entrance Facilities

7.3.1.1.1 Recurring and nonrecurring rates for Entrance Facilities are specified in Exhibit A and will apply for those DS1 or DS3 facilities dedicated to use by LIS.

7.3.1.1.2 If CLEC chooses to use an existing facility purchased as Private Line Transport Service from the state or FCC Access Tariffs, the rates from those Tariffs will apply.

7.3.2 Direct Trunked Transport

7.3.2.1 Either Party may elect to provision one-way trunks to the other Party's end office for the termination of traffic.

7.3.2.2 Either Party may elect to purchase Direct Trunked Transport from the other Party.

7.3.2.2.1 Direct Trunked Transport (DTT) is available between the Serving Wire Center of the POI and the terminating Party's local tandem or end office switches. The applicable rates are described in Exhibit A. DTT facilities are provided as dedicated DS3 or DS1 facilities.

7.3.2.2.2 When DTT is provided to a local tandem for local traffic, or to an access tandem for toll traffic, the applicable DTT rate elements apply between the serving Wire Center and the tandem. Additional rate elements for delivery of traffic to the terminating end office are Tandem Switching and Tandem Transmission. These rates are described below.

7.3.2.2.3 Mileage shall be measured for DTT based on V&H coordinates between the serving Wire Center and the local/access tandem or end office.

7.3.2.2.4 Fixed Charges per DS1 or per DS3 and per mile charges are defined for DTT in Exhibit A of this SGAT.

7.3.2.3 If the Parties elect to establish two-way trunks, the compensation for such jointly used, shared facilities shall be adjusted pursuant to this paragraph. The provider of the DTT will always bill 100% of the charges for the facility to the other Party, who will in turn, bill the provider 50% of the DTT charges. Payments according to this 50/50 allocation of traffic will continue until either Party provides actual minutes of use data to substantiate a change in the allocation.

7.3.2.4 Multiplexing options (DS1/DS3 Mux) are available at rates described in Exhibit A.

7.3.3 Installation nonrecurring charges may be assessed by the provider for each LIS trunk ordered. U S WEST rates are specified in Exhibit A.

7.3.4 Local Traffic

7.3.4.1 End Office Call Termination

7.3.4.1.1 The Parties agree that per minute of use call termination rates as described in Exhibit A of this SGAT will apply reciprocally for the termination of EAS/Local traffic.

7.3.4.1.2 For local traffic terminated at a U S WEST or CLEC end office, the end office call termination rate in Exhibit A shall apply.

7.3.4.1.3 For purposes of call termination, the CLEC switch(es) shall be treated as end office switch(es), unless CLEC's switch(es) meet the definition of tandem switch in this SGAT.

7.3.4.1.4 For purposes of call termination, this SGAT recognizes the unique status of traffic originated by and terminated to enhanced service providers. These parties have historically been subject to an access charge exemption by the FCC which permits the use of Basic Exchange Telecommunications Service as a substitute for Switched Access Service.

7.3.4.1.5 Neither Party shall be responsible to the other for call termination charges associated with third party traffic that transits such Party's network.

7.3.4.2 Tandem Switched Transport

7.3.4.2.1 For traffic delivered through a U S WEST or CLEC local tandem switch (as defined in this SGAT), the tandem switching rate and the tandem transmission rate in Exhibit A shall apply per minute in addition to the end office call termination rate described above.

7.3.4.2.2 Mileage shall be measured for the tandem transmission rate elements based on V&H coordinates between the local tandem and terminating end office. If actual mileage cannot be measured, an assumed one mile will be used.

7.3.4.2.3 When CLEC terminates traffic to a U S WEST remote office, tandem transmission rates will be applied for the mileage between the U S WEST host office and the U S WEST remote office.

7.3.5 Miscellaneous Charges

7.3.5.1 Expedites for LIS trunk orders are allowed only on an exception basis with U S WEST executive approval within the same timeframes as U S WEST provides for other designed services. When expedites are approved, expedite charges will apply to LIS trunk orders based on rates, terms and conditions described in Exhibit A.

7.3.5.2 Construction charges are described in Exhibit A of this SGAT.

7.3.6 IntraLATA Toll Traffic. Applicable U S WEST Switched Access Tariff rates apply to IntraLATA toll traffic routed to an access tandem, or directly to an end office. Relevant rate elements could include Direct Trunk Transport, Tandem Switching, Tandem Transmission, Interconnection Charge, Local Switching, and Carrier Common Line, as appropriate.

7.3.7 Transit Traffic.

The following rates will apply:

7.3.7.1 Local Transit: The applicable LIS tandem switching and tandem transmission rates contained in Exhibit A of this SGAT, apply to the originating CLEC.

7.3.7.2 IntraLATA Toll Transit: The applicable U S WEST Tariffed Switched Access tandem switching and tandem transmission rates apply to the originating CLEC or existing LEC.

7.3.7.3. Jointly Provided Switched Access: The applicable Switched Access rates will be billed by the Parties to the IXC based on MECAB guidelines and their respective FCC and state access Tariffs.

7.3.8 U S WEST and CLEC are required to provide each other the proper signaling information (*e.g.,* originating call party number and destination call party number, etc.) to enable each Party to issue bills in a complete and timely fashion. All CCS signaling parameters will be provided including Calling Party Number (CPN), originating line information (OLI), calling party category, charge number, etc. All privacy indicators will be honored. If either Party fails to provide CPN, and cannot substantiate technical restrictions (*i.e.,* MF signaling) such traffic will be billed as Switched Access when unidentified messages are greater than 5% of total.

7.4 Ordering

7.4.1 When ordering LIS, the ordering Party shall specify on the Access Service Request: 1) the type and number of Interconnection facilities to terminate at the Point of Interconnection in the serving Wire Center; 2) the type of interoffice transport, (*i.e.,* Direct Trunked Transport or Tandem Transmission); 3) the number of trunks to be provisioned at a local exchange office or local tandem; and 4) any optional features. When the ordering Party requests facilities, routing, or optional features different than those determined to be available, the Parties will work cooperatively in determining an acceptable configuration, based on available facilities, equipment and routing plans.

7.4.2 When the ordering Party initially requests a DS3 Interconnection facility to a local tandem or local exchange office, the provider will forward the appropriate DS1 facility record information necessary to identify the circuit facility assignment. On subsequent requests utilizing existing DS3 Direct Trunked Transport facilities, the provider will assign the DS1 facility to the DS3 Direct Trunked Transport facility, as directed by the ordering Party.

7.4.3 A joint planning meeting will precede initial trunking orders. These meetings will result in the transmittal of Access Service Requests (ASRs) to initiate order activity. A Party requesting local tandem Interconnection will provide its best estimate of the traffic distribution to each end office subtending the local tandem.

7.4.4 Trunks will be ordered either to U S WEST's end offices directly or to U S WEST's local tandem for local traffic. Separate trunks will be ordered to U S WEST's access tandem only for intraLATA toll and jointly provided Switched Access traffic.

7.4.5 Service intervals and due dates for the initial establishment of trunking arrangements at each location of Interconnection between the Parties will be determined on an individual case basis.

7.4.6 Service intervals and due dates for the establishment of subsequent trunking arrangements for Interconnection between the Parties, will be in accordance with the guidelines for LIS contained in the Interconnect & Resale Resource Guide, available on U S WEST's Web site.

7.4.7 CLEC may cancel an order for LIS at any time prior to notification by U S WEST that service is available for CLEC's use. If CLEC is unable to accept LIS within 120 calendar days after the original service date, CLEC has the following options:

a) The order for LIS will be canceled, and charges as set forth above will apply; or

b) Billing for the service will commence.

In such instances, the cancellation date or the date billing is to commence, depending on which option is selected by CLEC, will be the 121st calendar day beyond the original service date of the order for LIS.

7.5 Jointly Provided Switched Access Services

7.5.1 Switched Access Service is defined and governed by the FCC and State Access Tariffs, MECAB and MECOD, and is not modified by any provisions of this SGAT. Both Parties agree to comply with such guidelines.

7.5.2 U S WEST will agree to function as the Access Service Coordinator (ASC) as defined in the Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design Guidelines (MECOD)(Technical Reference SR-TAP-000984). U S WEST will provide the operational, technical and administrative support required in the planning, provisioning and maintenance involved in the joint access provisioning process to the IXCs.

7.5.3 U S WEST and CLEC will each render a separate bill to the IXC, using the multiple bill, multiple tariff option.

Section 8.0 - COLLOCATION

8.1 Description

8.1.1 Collocation allows for the placing of transmission and cross-connection equipment owned by CLEC within U S WEST's Wire Center for the purpose of accessing unbundled network elements (UNEs), ancillary services, and Interconnection or other wholesale or retail services offered by U S WEST. Collocation includes the leasing to CLEC of physical space in a U S WEST Wire Center, as well as the use by CLEC of power; heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and cabling in U S WEST's Wire Center. Collocation also allows CLECs to access InterConnection Distribution Frames (ICDF) for the purpose of accessing and combining unbundled network elements and ancillary services. There are four types of Collocation available pursuant to this SGAT – Virtual, Caged Physical, Cageless Physical, and InterConnection Distribution Frame Collocation.

8.1.1.1 Virtual Collocation -- A Virtual Collocation arrangement requires CLEC to purchase and deliver to U S WEST CLEC's own transmission and cross-connection equipment for U S WEST to install and maintain in U S WEST's Wire Center. CLEC does not have physical access to its equipment in the U S WEST Wire Center.

8.1.1.2 Caged Physical Collocation -- allows CLEC to lease caged floor space in 100 square foot increments, up to a maximum of 400 square feet, for placement of its transmission or cross-connection equipment within U S WEST's Wire Center. CLEC is responsible for the procurement, installation and on-going maintenance of its equipment as well as the cross connections required within the cage.

8.1.1.3 Cageless Physical Collocation -- is a non-caged area within a U S WEST Wire Center. Space will be made available in single frame bay increments. The minimum square footage is 9 square feet per bay. Space will be provided utilizing U S WEST standard equipment bay configurations in which CLEC can place and maintain its own equipment. CLEC is responsible for the procurement, installation and on-going maintenance of its equipment as well as the cross connections required within CLEC's leased collocation space.

8.1.1.4 InterConnection Distribution Frame Collocation (ICDF) – is offered for the purpose of facilitating CLEC's combining of unbundled network elements and ancillary services. Under ICDF Collocation, a CLEC need not collocate either transmission equipment or cross-connection equipment in the U S WEST Wire Center. With ICDF Collocation, CLEC will have access to the U S WEST Wire Center and an InterConnection Distribution Frame (ICDF) to combine UNEs and ancillary services. The ICDF connects through tie cables to various points within the Wire Center (*e.g.*, MDF, COSMIC or DSX, etc.) providing CLEC with access to UNEs and ancillary services.

8.1.1.4.1 The ICDF is a distribution frame shared by multiple providers. If CLEC desires a dedicated distribution frame for the purpose of facilitating CLEC's combination of UNEs and ancillary services, CLEC may do so through the placement of a CLEC-owned cross connection device collocated in the U S WEST Wire Center through either Caged or Cageless Physical Collocation.

8.2 Terms and Conditions

8.2.1 Terms and Conditions - All Collocation

8.2.1.1 With respect to any technical requirements or performance standards specified in this Section, U S WEST shall provide Collocation on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable and nondiscriminatory.

8.2.1.2 CLEC will only collocate basic transmission or cross-connection equipment. CLEC must identify what transmission and cross connection equipment will be installed and the vendor technical specifications of such equipment so that U S WEST may verify the appropriate power, floor loading, heat release, environmental particulate level, HVAC, and tie cables to CLEC-provided cross-connection device.

8.2.1.3 **Demarcation Points for Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) and Ancillary Services.** The demarcation point for unbundled network elements and ancillary services is that physical point where U S WEST shall terminate its unbundled network elements and ancillary services for access by CLEC. There are two standard demarcation points where unbundled network elements and ancillary services may be delivered to CLEC. CLEC shall specify its choice of standard demarcation points for its access to UNEs and ancillary services. One standard demarcation point is at a CLEC-provided cross connection equipment in CLEC's Physical or Virtual Collocation space. A second standard demarcation point is at an InterConnection Distribution Frame. Alternatively, the demarcation point may be established at a location jointly agreed to by CLEC and U S WEST. To the extent CLEC selects a demarcation point outside of its collocated space, such as an ICDF, CLEC shall be responsible for the tie cables from CLEC's collocated equipment to the demarcation point.

8.2.1.4 U S WEST will provide a connection between unbundled network elements and ancillary services and a demarcation point. Such connection is an Interconnection Tie Pair (ITP). The demarcation point shall be:

a) at CLEC-provided cross-connection equipment located in the CLEC's Virtual or Physical Collocation Space; or

b) if CLEC elects to use ICDF Collocation, at the InterConnection Distribution Frame (ICDF); or

c) if CLEC elects to use an ICDF in association with Virtual or Physical Collocation, at the ICDF; or

d) at another demarcation point mutually-agreed to by the parties.

8.2.1.5 CLEC may purchase U S WEST's finished Private Line or Switched Access services via applicable Tariff terms and conditions. These services will be terminated at the demarcation point.

8.2.1.6 For Caged and Cageless Physical Collocation and Virtual Collocation, CLEC must lease space for the placement of CLEC's transmission and cross-

connection equipment within U S WEST's Central Office. U S WEST will provide the structure that is necessary in support of Collocation including physical space, a cage (for Caged Physical Collocation), required cabling between equipment and other associated hardware.

8.2.1.7 All equipment placed shall meet NEBS standards and will be installed in accordance with U S WEST Technical Publications 77350, 77351, 77355, 77367, 77386 and 77390. U S WEST shall provide standard central office alarming pursuant to Technical Publication 77390.

8.2.1.8 Collocation is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests for Collocation may be denied due to the lack of sufficient space in a U S WEST Central Office for placement of CLEC's equipment. If U S WEST determines that the amount of space requested by CLEC for Caged Physical Collocation is not available, but a lesser amount of space is available, that lesser amount of space will be offered to CLEC for Caged Physical Collocation. Alternatively, CLEC will be offered Cageless Physical Collocation (bay at a time), or Virtual Collocation as an alternative to Caged Physical Collocation. In the event the original collocation request is not available due to lack of sufficient space, CLEC will be required to submit a new order for the CLEC's preferred alternative collocation arrangement. In the event that U S WEST requires additional Central Office space in order to satisfy its own business needs, additional space will be taken into consideration for Collocation as well.

8.2.1.9 If a request for Collocation is denied due to a lack of space in a U S WEST Central Office, CLEC may request U S WEST to provide a cost quote for the reclamation of space and/or equipment. Quotes will be developed within sixty (60) business days including the estimated time frames for the work that is required in order to satisfy the Collocation request. CLEC has thirty (30) business days to accept the quote. If CLEC accepts the quote, work will begin on receipt of 50% of the quoted charges and proof of insurance, with the balance due on completion.

8.2.1.10 Cancellation of Collocation Request. CLEC may cancel a collocation request prior to the completion of the request by U S WEST by submitting a written request by certified mail to the U S WEST Account Manager. CLEC shall be responsible for payment of all costs incurred by U S WEST.

8.2.1.11 Reclamation may include grooming and space reclamation. Grooming is the moving of circuits from working equipment to other equipment with similar functionality for the purpose of providing space for Interconnection. Space reclamation is the recovery of administrative space that can be reconditioned for the placement of transmission equipment or cross-connection equipment for the purposes of collocation. Requests for reclamation or grooming shall be in accordance with the ordering provisions of Section 8.4.

8.2.1.12 All equipment and installation shall meet earthquake rating requirements.

8.2.1.13 U S WEST will review the security requirements and hours of access with CLEC. This will include issuing keys, ID cards, and explaining the access control processes, including but not limited to the requirement that all CLEC approved

personnel are subject to trespass violations if outside of designated and approved areas or if found to be providing access to unauthorized individuals.

8.2.1.14 U S WEST shall provide access to existing eyewash stations, bathrooms, and drinking water within the Central Office on a twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week basis for CLEC personnel and its designated agents.

8.2.1.15 CLEC shall be restricted to corridors, stairways, and elevators that provide direct access to CLEC's space, or to the nearest restroom facility from CLEC's designated space, and such direct access will be outlined during CLEC's orientation meeting. Access shall not be permitted to any other portion of the building.

8.2.1.16 Nothing herein shall be construed to limit CLEC's ability to obtain more than one form of Collocation (*i.e.,* Virtual, Caged and Cageless Physical Collocation, or ICDF Collocation) in a single Central Office, provided space is available.

8.2.1.17 Conversions of the various Collocation arrangements (*e.g.,* virtual to physical) are available upon request and submission of a Quote Preparation Fee (QPF) by CLEC. CLEC must pay all associated conversion charges. Conversions shall be in accordance with U S WEST's standard Collocation provisioning processes. CLEC will submit separate service orders for rolling over CLEC's existing end user circuits to the new Collocation.

8.2.1.18 Termination of Collocation Arrangement. CLEC may terminate a completed collocation arrangement by submitting a written request via certified mail to the U S WEST Account Manager. U S WEST shall provide CLEC a quotation for the costs of removing CLEC's virtually collocated equipment, which will be paid by CLEC within 30 days of the removal of the equipment by U S WEST.

8.2.2 Terms and Conditions - Virtual Collocation

8.2.2.1 U S WEST is responsible for installing and maintaining Virtual Collocated equipment for the purpose of Interconnection or to access unbundled loops, ancillary and finished services.

8.2.2.2 CLEC will not have physical access to the Virtual Collocated equipment in the U S WEST Wire Center. However, CLEC will have physical access to the demarcation point in the U S WEST wire center.

8.2.2.3 CLEC will be responsible for obtaining and providing to U S WEST administrative codes (*e.g.,* common language codes) for all equipment provided by CLEC and installed in Wire Center buildings.

8.2.2.4 CLEC shall ensure that upon receipt of CLEC's Virtual Collocated equipment by U S WEST, all warranties and access to ongoing technical support are passed through to U S WEST at CLEC's expense. CLEC shall advise the manufacturer and seller of the virtually collocated equipment that CLEC's equipment will be possessed, installed and maintained by U S WEST.

8.2.2.5 CLEC's virtual collocated equipment must comply with the Bellcore Network Equipment Building System (NEBS) Generic Equipment Requirements TR-NWT-000063, U S WEST Wire Center environmental and transmission standards and any statutory (local, state or federal) and/or regulatory requirements in effect at the time of equipment installation or that subsequently become effective. CLEC shall provide U S WEST interface specifications (*e.g.,* electrical, functional, physical and software) of CLEC's virtual collocated equipment.

8.2.2.6 CLEC must specify all software options and associated plug-ins for its virtually collocated equipment.

8.2.2.7 CLEC will be responsible for payment of U S WEST Direct Training Charges associated with training U S WEST employees for the maintenance, operation and installation of CLEC's Virtual Collocated equipment when such equipment is different than the standard equipment used by U S WEST in that Central Office. This includes per diem charges (*i.e.,* expenses based upon effective U S WEST labor agreements), travel and lodging incurred by U S WEST employees attending a vendor-provided training course.

8.2.2.8 CLEC will be responsible for payment of charges incurred in the maintenance and/or repair of CLEC's virtual collocated equipment.

8.2.3 Terms and Conditions - Caged and Cageless Physical Collocation

8.2.3.1 U S WEST shall provide Caged and Cageless Physical Collocation to CLEC for access to UNEs and ancillary services and Interconnection, except that U S WEST may provide Virtual Collocation if U S WEST demonstrates to the Commission that Physical Collocation is not practical for technical reasons or because of space limitations, as provided in Section 251(c)(6) of the Act.

8.2.3.2 Physical Collocation is offered in Wire Centers on a space-available, first come, first-served basis.

8.2.3.3 The minimum standard leasable amount of floor space for Caged Physical Collocation is 100 square feet and the maximum is 400 square feet. Requests greater than 400 square feet may be submitted through the Bona Fide Request process. CLEC must efficiently use the leased space; no more than 50% of the floor space may be used for storage cabinets and work surfaces.

8.2.3.4 U S WEST will design the floor space within each Wire Center that will constitute CLEC's leased space. CLEC will, in accordance with the other terms and conditions of this section, have access to its leased space.

8.2.3.5 When U S WEST constructs the Collocated space, U S WEST will ensure that the necessary construction work (*e.g.*, racking, ducting and caging for Caged Physical Collocation) is performed pursuant to Technical Publication 77350, including all construction of CLEC's leased physical space and the riser from the vault to the leased physical space.

8.2.3.6 CLEC owns and is responsible for the installation, maintenance and repair of its transmission equipment located within the physically collocated space leased from U S WEST.

8.2.3.7 CLEC must use leased space promptly and may not warehouse space for later use or sublease to another CLEC.

8.2.3.8 Upon completion of the construction of the Collocation project, U S WEST will work cooperatively with CLEC in matters of joint testing and maintenance.

8.2.3.9 If, during installation, U S WEST determines CLEC activities or equipment do not comply with the NEBS standards listed in this Section or are otherwise unsafe, non-standard or in violation of any applicable laws or regulations, U S WEST has the right to stop all Collocation work until the situation is remedied. If such conditions pose an immediate threat to the safety of U S WEST employees, interfere with the performance of U S WEST's service obligations, or pose an immediate threat to the physical integrity of the conduit system, cable facilities or other equipment in the Central Office, U S WEST may perform such work and/or take action as is necessary to correct the condition at CLEC's expense.

8.2.3.10 All equipment placed will be subject to random audits conducted by U S WEST. These audits will determine whether the equipment meets the standards required by this SGAT. CLEC will be notified of the results of this audit. If, at any time, pursuant to a random audit or otherwise, U S WEST determines that the equipment or the installation does not meet U S WEST technical requirements, CLEC will be responsible for the costs associated with the removal, modification to, or installation of the equipment to bring it into compliance. If CLEC fails to correct any non-compliance within fifteen (15) calendar days of written notice of non-compliance, U S WEST may have the equipment removed or the condition corrected at CLEC's expense.

8.2.3.11 U S WEST shall provide basic telephone service with a connection jack at the request of CLEC for Caged or Cageless Physical Collocated space. Upon CLEC's request, this service shall be available per standard U S WEST business service provisioning processes.

8.2.3.12 For Caged Physical Collocation, CLEC's leased floor space will be separated from other CLECs and U S WEST space through a cage enclosure. U S WEST will construct the cage enclosure or CLEC may choose from U S WEST approved contractors to construct the cage in accordance with the technical publications listed below. All CLEC equipment placed will meet NEBS standards, will be installed in accordance with U S WEST Technical Publications 77390 and 77367, and will comply with any local, state, or federal regulatory requirements in effect at the time of equipment installation or that subsequently become effective. These two Technical Publications must be in the possession of CLEC and its agents at the site during all work activities.

8.2.3.13 For Cageless Physical Collocation, the minimum square footage is 9 square feet per bay. Requests for multiple bay space will be provided in adjacent bays