

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, TESTING AND REPAIR**

**8.1 Operation and Maintenance.** Each Party shall be solely responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance of equipment and facilities provided by it for Interconnection. The parties shall conduct compatibility and cooperative testing, and trunk utilization monitoring (including overflow, call volume and blocking) and the specific operation and maintenance provisions for equipment and facilities used to provide Interconnection in a manner that is mutually agreeable to the parties. Operation and maintenance of equipment in Virtual Collocation shall be in accordance with the provisions of **Article XII**.

**8.2 Installation, Maintenance, Testing and Repair.** The intervals for installations, maintenance, joint testing, and repair of its facilities and services associated with or used in conjunction with Interconnection will be determined in accordance with the requirements of **Article XXXII** (Performance Measurements).

**8.3 Cooperative Testing.** Within twenty-four (24) hours of CLEC's request, SBC-AMERITECH will perform cooperative testing with CLEC (including trouble shooting to isolate any problems) to test Network Elements or Combinations purchased by CLEC in order to identify any performance problems.