

**ARTICLE XIV**  
**DIALING PARITY -- SECTIONS 251(b)(3) and 271(e)(2)(B)**

**14.0 Dialing Parity – Section 251(b)(3) and 271(e)(2)(B).**

**14.1 Dialing Parity.** The Parties shall provide Dialing Parity to each other as required under Section 251(b)(3) of the Act. In addition, SBC-AMERITECH shall meet the requirements under Section 271(e)(2)(A), except as may be limited by Section 271(e)(2)(B) of the Act.

In order to meet its obligations under Section 251(b)(3) of the Act, SBC-AMERITECH shall ensure that all CLEC Customers experience the same dialing parity as similarly-situated customers of SBC-AMERITECH services, such that for all call types: (i) an CLEC customer is not required to dial any greater number of digits than a similarly situated SBC-AMERITECH customer, (ii) the dialing delay, post-dial delay (time elapsed between the last digit dialed and the first network response), call completion rate and transmission quality experienced by an CLEC customer is at least equal in quality to that experienced by a similarly situated SBC-AMERITECH customer, (iii) the CLEC Customer may retain its local telephone number, and (iv) any person seeking to call an CLEC Customer is not required to dial any greater number of digits than a person seeking to call a similarly situated SBC-AMERITECH customer.