

APPENDIX HOSTING

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APPENDIX HOSTING**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Hosting Company will perform hosting responsibilities for a CLEC for data received from such CLECs for distribution to the appropriate billing and/or processing location or for data received from other Local Exchange Carriers/CLECs to be distributed to such CLEC via the Hosting company's in-region network or via the nationwide Centralized Message Distribution System (CMDS).
- 1.2 This Appendix sets forth the terms for the provision of 1) Message Distribution Services; 2) Intercompany Revenue Settlement Services; and (**SBC-AMERITECH** only) 3) In-Region Non-Intercompany Revenue Settlement Services ("Agreement").
- 1.2.1 Hosting out of region is only available to a CLEC that is a Full Status Revenue Accounting Office (RAO) company.
- 1.3 **SNET** - The hosting function described herein is facilitated via the LEC-LINK agreement if the CLEC chooses SNET as its CMDS HOST. The LEC-LINK service is de-regulated in SNET.
- 1.3.1 CLECs interested in CMDS Hosting by SNET may contact:
- SNET Diversified Group, Inc.
530 Preston Ave.
Meriden, CT 06450
Ls5275@ctmail.snet.com
205-634-6370
- 1.4 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, The Southern New England Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin.
- 1.5 As used herein, **SBC-7STATE** means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas.

- 1.6 As used herein, SBC-SWBT means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.
- 1.7 As used herein, SBC-AMERITECH means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 1.8 As used herein, SBC-IL means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Illinois.
- 1.9 As used herein, SBC-MI means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Michigan.
- 1.10 As used herein, PACIFIC means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in California.
- 1.11 As used herein, NEVADA means the applicable above listed ILEC(s) doing business in Nevada.
- 1.12 As used herein, SNET means the applicable above listed ILEC doing business in Connecticut.
- 1.13 The prices at which SBC-7STATE and SBC-AMERITECH agrees to provide CLEC Hosting responsibilities are contained in the applicable Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Commissioned ordered tariff where stated.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **“Bellcore Client Company Calling Card and Third Number Settlement (BCC CATS) System”** – Nationwide system used to produce information reports that are used in the settlement of Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) revenues originated by one BCC (or within the territory of that BCC) and billed to a customer of another BCC (or Local Exchange Carrier within the territory of that BCC) as described in accordance with the Telcordia Practice BR 981-200-110. The CATS Report cycle is the 26th of the current month through the 25th of the following month.
- 2.2 **“Centralized Message Distribution System” (CMDS)** – means the industry-wide data collection system located in Kansas City, Missouri which handles the daily exchange of toll message details between LECs that are Direct Participants of the systems.
- 2.3 **“Direct Participants” (DP)** -- the 24 pre-divestiture Bell Operating Companies that interface directly with CMDS. Following is a list of the Direct Participants:

- 2.3.1 New England Telephone Company
 - 2.3.2 New York Telephone Company
 - 2.3.3 Bell Atlantic, NJ
 - 2.3.4 Bell Atlantic, PA
 - 2.3.5 Bell Atlantic, DE
 - 2.3.6 Bell Atlantic, DC
 - 2.3.7 Bell Atlantic MD
 - 2.3.8 Bell Atlantic VA
 - 2.3.9 Bell Atlantic WV
 - 2.3.10 Southern Bell Telephone Company
 - 2.3.11 South Central Bell Telephone Company
 - 2.3.12 Ohio bell Telephone Company (Ameritech)
 - 2.3.13 Michigan Bell Telephone Company (Ameritech)
 - 2.3.14 Indiana Bell Telephone Company (Ameritech)
 - 2.3.15 Illinois Bell Telephone Company (Ameritech)
 - 2.3.16 Wisconsin Bell Telephone Company (Ameritech)
 - 2.3.17 Northwestern Bell Telephone Company
 - 2.3.18 Southwestern Bell Telephone company
 - 2.3.19 Mountain Bell Telephone Company
 - 2.3.20 Pacific Bell Telephone Company
 - 2.3.21 Nevada Bell Telephone Company
 - 2.3.22 Southern New England Telephone Company
 - 2.3.23 Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company
- 2.4 **“Exchange Message Interface (EMI)”** -the format used for the exchange of telecommunications message information. EMI format is contained in the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) document that defines industry guidelines for exchange message records.
- 2.5 **“Full Status Revenue Accounting Office (RAO)”** – CLEC that is provided a separate RAO code. Responsible for formatting EMI records, editing and packing of such detail records into files for distribution.
- 2.6 **“In Region Hosting” (SBC-SWBT only)** - The transport of 1) LEC transported data that originates in the region and are delivered by the CLEC to the Hosting Company to be sent another Local Exchange Carrier for billing; and 2) data received from CMDS or another LEC to be delivered to the CLEC for billing to its End User located within the five state territory of the Host Company.
- 2.7 **“Intercompany Settlements” (ICS)** - a revenue exchange process for messages that originate (earning company) by one Direct Participant (or LEC within the territory of that Direct Participant) and billed to a customer

of another Direct Participant (or LEC within the territory of the other Direct participant). ICS consists of third number billed and calling card revenues.

- 2.8 “**Local Exchange Carriers (LECs)** or “**Exchange Carriers (ECs)** ” - facilities-based providers of local telecommunication services.
- 2.9 “**Message Distribution (Transmission)**” is a collection of data designated to be delivered to the CLEC. Message distribution includes collection of data from the CLEC designated to be delivered to other LECs.
- 2.10 “**Non-Intercompany Settlement (NICS)**” (SBC-AMERITECH only) is a revenue exchange process for messages which originate from CLEC and bill to SBC-AMERITECH and message which originate from SBC-AMERITECH and bill to CLEC. NICS messages must originate and bill within the same SBC-AMERITECH Company.
- 2.11 “**Non-Full Status Revenue Accounting Office (RAO)**” - Contracting Company that has assigned responsibility to the Hosting Company for editing, sorting and placing billing message record detail and/or access usage record detail into packs for distribution.

3. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES**

- 3.1 All data forwarded from the CLEC must be in the industry standard format in accordance with the ATIS EMI document. The CLEC is responsible to ensure all appropriate settlement plan indicators are included in the message detail, i.e., the Bellcore Client Company Calling Card and Third Number Settlement (BCC CATS) System. The CLEC acknowledges that the only message records subject to this Hosting Agreement are those that arise from Local Exchange Carrier transported data.
- 3.2 (SBC-7STATE) - When CLEC delivers messages to the Hosting Company which must be forwarded to another location for billing purposes, the Hosting Company will accept data from the CLEC, perform edits required to ensure the records are consistent with CMDS specifications, and use its in region data network to forward this data to the appropriate billing company or to access the national CMDS network in order to deliver this data to the appropriate billing and/or processing company.
- 3.3 If CLEC is non- Full Status RAO Company, the Hosting Company will also sort billable message detail and access usage record detail by Revenue Accounting Office, Operating Company Number or Service Bureau and split data into packs for invoicing prior to using its in region network to forward this data to the appropriate billing company or to access the national CMDS network in order to deliver such data to the appropriate billing company.

- 3.4 (SBC-7STATE only) For billable message data and/or access usage data received by the Hosting Company for delivery to a CLEC location, the Hosting Company will use its in region data network to receive this data from other Local Exchange Carriers or from CMDS in order to deliver such billable message data and/or access usage data to the agreed upon billing Contract Company location.

4. DESCRIPTION OF BILLING SERVICES

4.1 (SBC-AMERITECH) Monthly Billing

- 4.1.1 Each month, SBC-AMERITECH shall calculate the total amount due. This calculation will include:
- 4.1.1.1 Transmission fee
 - 4.1.1.2 ICS settlement processing fee
 - 4.1.1.3 ICS revenue, originated by Ameritech and ICS revenue originated by CLEC
 - 4.1.1.4 NICS revenue, originated by Carrier and NICS revenue originated by Ameritech
- 4.1.2 CATS and NICS reports include a payment by the originating company to the billing company for compensation of Billing and Collecting (B&C).
- 4.1.3 SBC-AMERITECH shall provide collection and distribution of messages that are designated to be delivered to the CLEC.
- 4.1.4 SBC-AMERITECH shall provide collection and distribution of messages that originate with the CLEC and are designated to be delivered to other LECs.
- 4.1.5 CLEC must provide SBC-AMERITECH a Non-Hosted Nationwide Revenue Accounting Office (RAO) code which has been assigned by Telcordia Technologies (previously Bellcore). SBC-AMERITECH advise Telcordia Technologies to convert the RAO code.
- 4.1.6 CLEC subscribing to Hosting services with SBC-AMERITECH prior to the effective date of this agreement and sharing an SBC-AMERITECH RAO may continue this service using

SBC-AMERITECH RAO. One exception is when the CLEC is providing Hosting service using **SBC-AMERITECH** as an intermediary. In this situation, a Full Status RAO is required.

- 4.1.7 If access records are received from the CMDS system, **SBC-AMERITECH** shall collect these records and distribute to the CLEC. Such records may be either detail or summary access records.
- 4.1.8 All data will be forwarded on a daily basis to the CLEC or their designated billing agent. Both **SBC-AMERITECH** and CLEC shall send/receive data in EMI format. **SBC-AMERITECH** and CLEC shall be responsible for packing the data and shall be subject to Telcordia Technologies CMDS packing and editing requirements.
- 4.1.9 CLEC may return to **SBC-AMERITECH** any messages which are unbillable provided that such returns are made within ninety (90) days of message date. All such returned unbillable messages shall be accepted by **SBC-AMERITECH** and the charges therefore deducted for reimbursement amount owing to **SBC-AMERITECH**. CLEC shall be responsible for packing such unbillable messages subject to Telcordia Technologies CMDS packing and editing requirements.

4.2 **(SBC-AMERITECH)** INTERCOMPANY SETTLEMENT (ICS)

- 4.2.1 **SBC-AMERITECH** will provide Intercompany Settlement (ICS) for alternately billed (third number billed and calling card) messages. Using the following criteria:
- 4.2.1.1 The call must be transported by a LEC.
- 4.2.1.2 The message must be billed in a DP's territory different from the DP's territory where the call originated.
- 4.2.1.3 ICS does not extend to the 900 or 976 calls or to other pay per call services.
- 4.2.1.4 The Telcordia Technologies CATS report is the source for revenue to be settled between **SBC-AMERITECH** and CLEC. ICS settlement will be incorporated into the CLEC's monthly invoice.

4.3 **(SBC-AMERITECH)** NON-INTERCOMPANY SETTLEMENT (NICS)

- 4.3.1 Non-Intercompany Settlement (NICS) shall apply only to alternately billed messages (calling card, third number billed and collect calls) originated by **SBC-AMERITECH** and billed by the CLEC, or messages originated by the CLEC and billed by **SBC-AMERITECH** within the same **SBC-AMERITECH** State. For example, an alternately billed call originating within **AM-IL** territory and billed to a CLEC within **AM-IL** would be covered by this section; a call originating within **AM-MI** but billing outside of **AM-MI** would not be NICS.
- 4.3.2 NICS does not extend to 900 or 976 calls or to other pay per call services.
- 4.3.3 The Telcordia Technologies NICS report is the source for revenue to be settled between **SBC-AMERITECH** and CLEC. NICS settlement will be incorporated into the CLEC's monthly invoice.
- 4.3.4 CLECs subscribing to Hosting services with **SBC-AMERITECH** prior to the effective date of this agreement and sharing an **SBC-AMERITECH** RAO, may continue this service using **SBC-AMERITECH**'s RAO. One exception is when the CLEC is providing Hosting service using **SBC-AMERITECH** as an intermediary. In this situation, a Full Status RAO is required.
- 4.3.5 For calls originating and billing within a non- **SBC-AMERITECH** state, CLEC should obtain NICS agreements with the LECs in that state.

5. BASIS OF COMPENSATION

- 5.1 In **SBC-SWBT**, CLEC agrees to pay Hosting Company a per record charge for billable message records an/or access usage records that are received from the CLEC and destined for delivery to another location for billing, at the rates listed in Appendix Pricing.
- 5.1.1 As part of this per record charge, the Hosting Company will provide Confirmation and /or Error Reports and any Intercompany Settlement (ICS) Reports, such as the Bellcore Client Company Calling Card and Third Number Settlement System (BCC CATS).
- 5.1.2 CLEC also agrees to pay Hosting Company a per record charge for billable message records an/or access usage records in those situations where the Hosting Company, performing a transfer service, provides this message data received from other Local

Exchange Carriers or from CMDS on a magnetic tape or data file for delivery to the CLEC.

- 5.2 (**SBC-AMERITECH** only)- CLEC shall pay a one-time set-up charge, half (½) due at contract signing and half (½) due with first billing and for services as set forth in Appendix Pricing.
- 5.3 (**SBC-AMERITECH** only) CLEC shall be issued a monthly invoice that may be amended by Hosting Company from time to time at its sole discretion. Monthly charges shall be billed as set forth in Appendix Pricing. Payments shall be due within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice. A late payment charge of one and one half percent (1 1/2%) per month, or the highest amount allowed by law, whichever is greater, shall apply to past due amounts.

6. **TERM OF AGREEMENT**

- 6.1 Unless sooner terminated as herein provided, this Agreement will continue in force for a period of one (1) year from the effective date hereof and thereafter until terminated by sixty (60) days prior notice in writing form either party to the other.

7. **APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 7.1 Every interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder, shall be subject to all rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement which are legitimately related to such interconnection, service or network element. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to be legitimately related to, and to be applicable to, each interconnection, service and network element provided hereunder: definitions, interpretation, construction and severability; notice of changes; general responsibilities of the Parties; effective date, term and termination; fraud; deposits; billing and payment of charges; non-payment and procedures for disconnection; dispute resolution; audits; disclaimer of representations and warranties; limitation of liability; indemnification; remedies; intellectual property; publicity and use of trademarks or service marks; no license; confidentiality; intervening law; governing law; regulatory approval; changes in End User local exchange service provider selection; compliance and certification; law enforcement; no third party beneficiaries; disclaimer of agency; relationship of the Parties/independent contractor; subcontracting; assignment; responsibility for environmental contamination; force majeure; taxes; non-waiver; network maintenance and management; signaling; transmission of traffic to

third parties; customer inquiries; expenses; conflicts of interest; survival; scope of agreement; amendments and modifications; and entire agreement.

Exhibit A
Change Request by Carrier

SBC-AMERITECH

1. For purposes of this Exhibit, Interfacing Company shall mean Ameritech.
2. When CLEC requests modifications to existing Interfacing Company systems or procedures, CLEC will provide complete written specifications for the requested change. The time and cost request should be directed to the CLEC's Account Manager.
3. Change Requests:
 - Both parties must agree that the specification accurately describes the work to be performed. CLEC will authorize the specifications in writing.
 - The authorized specifications will be distributed within the Interfacing Company to develop an estimate of the work effort involved to implement the change.
 - CLEC will have up to sixty (60) workdays from receipt of the time and cost to authorize implementation. If implementation is to proceed, CLEC will provide written authorization to the Interfacing Company.
 - Any changes to the approved specifications will be subject to re-evaluation by the Interfacing Company and CLEC.
4. General:
 - Interfacing Company will notify CLEC if it fails to implement a change on the agreed effective date. This notification will take place as soon as the Interfacing Company is aware of the problem.
 - CLEC will compensate Interfacing Company for changes only to the extent such changes have been authorized by Carrier in writing.
 - For cancelled requests, CLEC will compensate Interfacing Company for expense incurred up to the point of cancellation.

5. System Embargo:

- Interfacing Company will notify CLEC in advance when Interfacing Company will be involved in a major project resulting in a billing system embargo for a period of time. Such embargo will not affect any existing request pending before Interfacing Company for which written authorization has been received. Change requests received during an embargo will be handled on an individual case basis.