

## **APPENDIX SS7**

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**APPENDIX FOR THE PROVISION OF SS7 SERVICE**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for non-discriminatory access to the Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) signaling network provided by the applicable SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) and SPRINT. CCS/SS7 is comprised of certain network elements, including Dedicated Signaling Links, Signaling Link Transport and Signaling Transfer Points (STP). In addition to such network elements, this Appendix provides for CCS/SS7 functionality and translations to support SS7 based services and applications.
- 1.2 Definitions of terms used in this Appendix are contained in the General Terms and Conditions, except as specifically identified herein. The following definitions from the General Terms and Conditions are legitimately related to this Appendix: SBC-13STATE, SBC-SWBT, PACIFIC, NEVADA, SNET, SBC-AMERITECH.

**2. SERVICE DESCRIPTION**

- 2.1 SNET does not offer access to the SS7 signaling network under this agreement. Rather, SS7 is available as described in DPUC ordered CT Access Service Tariff Section 18.2.8. SS7 interconnection arrangements between SNET and SPRINT will be on an individual case basis (ICB) due to the individual architectures of both SPRINT and SNET signaling networks and unique requirements of the individual parties.
- 2.2 SS7 Transport
- 2.2.1 SS7 as defined in this Appendix above, provides for the transporting of call setup (i.e. ISUP) signaling to each end-office subtended from the tandem in the LATA in which the interconnection occurs as outlined in this Agreement. SS7 Transport of SS7 Global Access or SS7 Access as defined in the SBC-12STATE below outlines the requirements by for interLATA signaling.
- 2.2.2 SS7 Transport provides for the routing and screening of SS7 messages from an SBC-7STATE pair of STPs (i.e., a mated pair) to another SBC-7STATE pair of STPs. In the SBC-AMERITECH, due to the fact that state gateway STPs are not interconnected, SS7 Transport provides for the routing and screening of SS7 messages from a SBC-AMERITECH pair of designated Gateway STPs (i.e., a mated pair) to another SBC-AMERITECH pair of STPs within the same state only. The screening of messages provides for SPRINT designation of signaling points associated with SPRINT and controls which messages may be allowed by the SBC-12STATE STP pairs.

The routing of messages provides for the transfer of a complete message between signaling links, and for a Global Title Translation (GTT) of the message address, if needed.

- 2.2.3 SS7 Transport provides routing of messages for all parts of the SS7 protocol. These messages may support other applications and services such as, for example, CLASS services, Message Waiting services, Toll Free Database services, Line Information Data Base (LIDB) Services, Calling Name (CNAM) Database services, Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) services and Telecommunications Industry Association Interim Standard-41 (IS-41) services. SS7 Transport will route messages to the global title address or to the signaling point code address of the message based on the translation information of **SBC-12STATE**'s STP.

### 2.3 Dedicated Signaling Links

- 2.3.1 Dedicated Signaling Links provide interconnection to **SBC-12STATE**'s signaling network. Each signaling link is a set of dedicated 56Kbps (or higher speed) transmission paths between CLEC STPs or switches and the **SBC-12STATE** STP mated pair. The **SPRINT** designated Signaling Points of Interconnection (SPOI) are at **SBC-7STATE**'s STP, an **SBC-7STATE** serving wire center or are collocated in an **SBC-12STATE** wire center. In the **SBC-AMERITECH** the SPOI is always collocated in the **SBC-AMERITECH** STP serving office. This means of collocation is required in the **SBC-AMERITECH** for access to the **SBC-AMERITECH** STP. The links are fully dedicated to the use of **SPRINT** and provide the screening and routing usage for the **SBC-12STATE** STP to which the link is connected. Dedicated Signaling Links are available to **SPRINT**s for their use in furnishing SS7-based services or applications to their end users or other users of SS7 signaling information.

### 2.4 Dedicated Signaling Links include the following elements:

#### 2.4.1 SS7 Link Cross Connect

- 2.4.1.1 The SS7 Link Cross Connect provides a DS-0 or DS1 connection in the **SBC-12STATE** STP building and connects the STP Port Termination to the **SPRINT** SPOI.

#### 2.4.2 STP Port Termination

- 2.4.2.1 The STP Port Termination is the physical termination of the signaling link (i.e. 56 kbps circuit) at an **SBC-12STATE** STP. A STP Port Termination is used for each 56 kbps SS7 Link Cross Connect terminated at a **SBC-12STATE** STP.

### 2.4.3 STP Access Link

2.4.3.1 The STP Access Link provides a 56-kilobit per second digital facility when **SPRINT** requires an interoffice facility to connect from the **SPRINT** SPOI to the STP building location.

- 2.5 **SPRINT** shall provide the portion of the signaling link from the **SPRINT** premises within the LATA to the **SBC-12STATE** STP location or the **SPRINT** SPOI. **SPRINT** shall identify the DS1 or channel of a DS1 that will be used for the signaling link.
- 2.6 **SPRINT** shall identify to **SBC-12STATE** the facility and channel to which the SS7 Link Cross Connect shall connect. If the facility does not terminate in the STP location **SBC-12STATE** shall provide a transport facility referred to as the STP Access Link. The STP Access Link will connect to the DS-0 cross connect at the STP location.
- 2.7 When **SPRINT** uses an alternative DS1 facility or arranges, or agrees to allow, a physical degree of diversity or performance that is not in accordance with the specifications of Telcordia technical publication, GR-905-CORE, **SPRINT** acknowledges that the performance and reliability of the SS7 protocol may be affected and the performance and reliability standards described in GR-905-CORE may be disqualified.
- 2.8 Dedicated Signaling Links are subject to **SBC-12STATE** compatibility testing and certification requirements pursuant to the Network Operations Forum Reference Document, GR-905-CORE and **SBC-12STATE** Technical Publication, TP76638. In the **SBC-AMERITECH** Technical Publication AM-TR-OAT-000069 will apply in addition to the documents referenced above. In **SBC-2STATE** PUB L-780023-**SBC-2STATE** may be substituted for TP76638 and first interconnections to **PACIFIC**'s signaling network per **SPRINT** and per signaling point type of equipment will require completion of **PACIFIC**'s CCS/SS7 interconnection questionnaire. Each individual set of links from **SPRINT** switch to **SBC-12STATE** STP will require a pre ordering meeting to exchange information and schedule testing for certification by **SBC-12STATE**.
- 2.9 Dedicated Signaling Links Technical Requirements
- 2.9.1 Unbundled Dedicated Signaling Links will perform in the following two ways:
- 2.9.1.1 as an "A-link", which is a connection between a switch and a home signaling transfer point (STP) mated pair; and

- 2.9.1.2 as a “B-link” or “D-link,” which is an interconnection between STPs in different signaling networks.
- 2.9.2 When **SPRINT** provides its own switch or STP, **SPRINT** will provide DS1 (1.544 Mbps) interfaces at the **SPRINT**-designated SPOIs. DS1 transport to the SPOI can be provided for, as previously indicated, via existing transport facilities or through **SPRINT** purchase of an **SBC-12STATE** dedicated transport facility, previously referred to as the “Access Connection”. Each 56 Kbps transmission path will appear as a DS0 channel on the DS1 interface.
- 2.9.3 In each LATA in which **SPRINT** desires Dedicated Signaling Links for interconnection to the **SBC-12STATE** SS7 Signaling Network, **SPRINT** must purchase dedicated signaling links to each STP of a mated pair of STPs.
- 2.9.4 **SPRINT** assumes the responsibility to ensure diverse routing of **SPRINT** signaling links from **SPRINT** switch to **SPRINT** SPOI. **SBC-13STATE****SBC-12STATE** will provide the same amount of diversity as it provides to itself in terms of diverse routing of interoffice facilities, should such facilities be necessary.
- 2.9.5 When **SPRINT** requests that **SBC-12STATE** add a Signaling Point Code (SPC), **SPRINT** will identify to **SBC-12STATE** the SPCs associated with the **SPRINT** set of links and will pay a non-recurring charge per STP pair at the rates set forth in Appendix PRICING UNE – Schedule of Prices, “Point Code Addition”. This rate element will not apply in **SBC-2STATE**.
- 2.9.6 **SPRINT** will notify **SBC-12STATE** in writing thirty (30) days in advance of any material change in **SPRINT**'s use of such SS7 signaling network, including but not limited to any change in **SPRINT** SS7 Dedicated Signaling Links, SS7 Transport and/or STP.
- 2.10 **Signaling Transfer Points (STPs)**
- 2.10.1 The STP element is a signaling network function that includes all of the capabilities provided by the STP switches which enable the exchange of SS7 messages between switching elements, database elements and signaling transfer point switches via associated signaling links. STP includes the associated link interfaces.
- 2.10.2 Use of the STP routes signaling traffic generated by action of **SPRINT** to the destination defined by **PACIFIC**'s signaling network, excluding messages to and from an **SBC-7STATE** local switching unbundled network element. Integrated services digital network user (ISUP) and Translational Capabilities

Application Part (TCAP) signaling traffic addressed to SPs associated with **SPRINT** set of links will be routed to **SPRINT**.

2.10.3 SS7 Transport will apply to SS7 messages transported on behalf of **SPRINT** from a **SBC-12STATE** designated STP pair to a **SBC-12STATE** STP pair located in a different LATA. In the **SBC-AMERITECH** this arrangement will only be provided for STPs located in the same state. In the **SBC-7STATE**, the rate, per octet, will apply to octets comprising ISUP and TCAP messages. In the **SBC-AMERITECH** the Signal Switching and Signal Transport rates will apply to ISUP and TCAP messages. In the **SBC-2STATE**, SS7 transport is not available. However, transit signaling provides the ability for an interconnecting network (ICN) to pass signaling information through the **SBC-2STATE** network to a third party without requiring a trunking connection by a third party with **SBC-2STATE**.

2.10.4 In such instance as **SPRINT** utilizes **SBC-12STATE**'s Local Switching Network Element, **SPRINT** does not separately order SS7 signaling under this method. **SPRINT** will be charged for the use of the **SBC-12STATE** SS7 signaling on a per call basis.

## 2.11 STP Technical Requirements

2.11.1 STPs will provide signaling connectivity to the following network elements connected to the **SBC-12STATE** SS7 network: **SBC-12STATE** Local Switching or Tandem Switching; **SBC-12STATE** Service Control Points/Call Related Databases; Third-Party local or tandem switching systems; and Third-party-provided STPs.

2.11.2 The Parties will indicate to each other the signaling point codes and other screening parameters associated with each Link Set ordered by **SPRINT** at the **SBC-12STATE** STPs, and where technically feasible, each Party will provision such link set in accordance with these parameters. **SPRINT** may specify screening parameters so as to allow transient messages to cross the **SBC-12STATE** SS7 Network. The Parties will identify to each other the GTT type information for message routing. **SPRINT** will pay a non-recurring charge when **SPRINT** requests **SBC-12STATE** add GTT type information for message routing, in connection with its use of unbundled signaling.

## 2.12 Interface Requirements

2.12.1 **SBC-12STATE** will provide STP interfaces to terminate A-links, B-links, and D-links.

2.12.2 **SPRINT** will designate the SPOI for each link. CLEC will provide a DS1 or higher rate transport interface at each SPOI. **SBC-12STATE** will provide

intraoffice diversity to the same extent it provides itself such diversity between the SPOIs and the **SBC-12STATE** STPs.

2.12.3 **SBC-12STATE** will provide intraoffice diversity to the same extent it provides itself such diversity between the SPOIs and the **SBC-SWBT** STPs.

### 3. MANNER OF PROVISIONING

3.1 The following describes the manner of provisioning for SS7 services. Each Party will work cooperatively with the other Party and will each provide knowledgeable personnel in order to provision, test and install SS7 Service in a timely fashion.

#### 3.2 SS7 Transport

3.2.1 **SPRINT** shall use SS7 Transport subject to the screening and routing information of the **SBC-12STATE** STPs. **SBC-12STATE** shall provide information to **SPRINT** on the routes and signaling point codes served by the **SBC-12STATE** STPs. SS7 Transport shall route ISUP messages for the purpose of establishing trunk voice paths between switching machines.

3.2.2 SS7 Transport shall route TCAP queries when feasible pursuant to the SS7 Protocol to the **SBC-12STATE** “regional” STP pair that directly serves the database of TCAP message. SS7 Transport shall route TCAP responses from a **SBC-12STATE** “regional” STP pair to another **SBC-12STATE** STP pair.

3.2.3 SS7 Transport provides a signaling route for messages only to signaling points to which **SBC-12STATE** has a route. SS7 Transport does not include the provision of a signaling route to every possible signaling point. When **SBC-12STATE** does establish a route to a signaling point in a mated pair of STPs, the route may not be available to other **SBC-12STATE** pairs of STPs, until ordered. When **SBC-12STATE** or CLEC, pursuant to a service order, arranges to establish a route to a signaling point, such route to the other signaling point or other signaling network will be used by all signaling points within, and connected to, the **SBC-12STATE** signaling network pursuant to the standard requirements of the SS7 protocol.

3.3 Disputes concerning the association of a signaling point among specific link sets associated with a **SBC-12STATE** mated STP will be resolved by consultation with the signaling point owner, as defined in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG), Section 1, assignment of SPC.

#### 3.4 Dedicated Signaling Links

- 3.4.1 **SPRINT** shall designate the signaling points and signaling point codes associated with **SPRINT**. **SPRINT** shall provide such information to **SBC-12STATE** to allow **SBC-12STATE** to translate **SBC-12STATE** STPs. The information shall define the screening and routing information for the signaling point codes of **SPRINT** and may include global title address, translation type and subsystem designations as needed.
- 3.4.2 Signaling links from **SBC-12STATE** mated pairs of STPs shall connect to **SPRINT** premises (including collocation locations) within the same LATA. A set of links can be either:
- 3.4.2.1 "A" Link Sets from **SPRINT**'s Signaling Point (SP)/Service Switching Point (SSP). A minimum of two links will be required, one from the SP/SSP to each STP; or,
- 3.4.2.2 "B" Link Sets from **SPRINT**'s STPs that are connected to **SBC-12STATE**'s mated pair of STPs. A minimum of four links will be required (i.e. a "quad") between the two pairs of STPs. (This same arrangement is sometimes referred to as a set of "D" links.)
- 3.4.3 A STP Port Termination and SS7 Link Cross Connect is required for each 56-kbps access link utilized for the Service. STP locations are set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) Tariff FCC No. 4.
- 3.4.4 A pre-order meeting will define the **SBC-12STATE** facility availability and the degree of diversity in both the **SBC-12STATE** physical network and the **SPRINT** physical network from signaling point to signaling point for the link.
- 3.4.5 When **SPRINT** requires a STP Access Link, **SPRINT** and **SBC-12STATE** shall jointly negotiate the degree of diversity provided among and between multiple dedicated signaling links. The negotiation shall consider the requirements of the SS7 standard protocol, the degree of diversity available in each network and the possible alternatives.
- 3.4.6 All applicable signaling point codes for each signaling link must be installed at each of **SBC-12STATE**'s interconnecting STPs.
- 3.4.7 Call set-up times may be adversely affected when **SPRINT**, using SS7 signaling, employs Intermediate Access Tandems (IATs) in its network. **SBC-12STATE** makes no warranties with respect to call set-up times when multiple STP pairs are involved or when the signaling traffic is exchanged between two non-**SBC-12STATE** signaling points.

3.4.8 Provisioning of the SS7 Service is in accordance with SBC-7STATE TP76638 SBC-AMERITECH AM-TR-OAT-000069 and GR-905-CORE, as amended or SBC-2STATE PUB L780023-SBC-2STATE

### 3.5 Use of the STP

3.5.1 When SPRINT orders SBC-12STATE unbundled Local Switching, the use of the STP shall apply. No order or provisioning by SPRINT is needed. The SBC-12STATE Local Switch will use the SBC-12STATE SS7 signaling network.

## 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SBC-12STATE

4.1 SBC-12STATE shall manage the network and, at its sole discretion, apply protective controls. Protective controls include actions taken to control or minimize the effect of network failures or occurrences, which include, but are not limited to, failure or overload of SBC-12STATE or SPRINT facilities, natural disasters, mass calling or national security demands.

4.2 SBC-12STATE shall determine the GTT route for messages routed to GTT, which are associated with SBC-12STATE signaling points.

4.3 SBC-12STATE shall define regional functions and local functions of its STPs. SBC-12STATE will route ISUP messages within the SBC-12STATE signaling network, subject to technical feasibility. Capacity limitations shall define a temporary technical infeasibility until the capacity limit can be resolved.

4.4 SBC-12STATE shall route messages generated by the action of SPRINT throughout the SBC-12STATE signaling network as specified within this Appendix. The content of the messages is for the use of signaling points of origination and destination. SBC-12STATE will not use any information within messages for any purpose not required by or related to the use of the SBC-12STATE signaling network. SBC-12STATE will not divulge any message or any part of messages generated by SPRINT to any other party, except as required to manage the SBC-12STATE signaling network or as may be required by law.

## 5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPRINT

5.1 SPRINT shall provision the signaling links at SPRINT's premises and from SPRINT's premises to SBC-7STATE's STP location in a diverse, reliable and technically feasible manner. SPRINT shall identify to SBC-12STATE the SPC(s) associated with the SPRINT set of links.

5.2 SPRINT shall identify to SBC-12STATE the GTT information for messages that route to SPRINT.

- 5.3 When routing messages addressed to an SBC-12STATE Subsystem Number (SSN), SPRINT shall use the SBC-12STATE defined SSN designation of the SBC-12STATE mated STP pair to which the message is routed.
- 5.4 SPRINT shall transfer Calling Party Number Parameter information unchanged, including the "privacy indicator" information, when ISUP Initial Address Messages are interchanged with the SBC-12STATE signaling network.
- 5.5 SPRINT shall furnish to SBC-12STATE, at the time the SS7 Service is ordered and annually thereafter, an updated three (3) year forecast of usage of the SS7 Signaling network. The forecast shall include total annual volume and busy hour busy month volume. SBC-12STATE shall utilize the forecast in its own efforts to project further facility requirements.
- 5.6 SPRINT shall inform SBC-12STATE in writing thirty (30) days in advance of any change in SPRINT's use of such SS7 Service which alters by ten percent (10%) for any thirty (30) day period the volume of signaling transactions by individual SS7 service that are planned by SPRINT to be forwarded to SBC-12STATE's network. SPRINT shall provide in said notice the reason, by individual SS7 service, for the volume change.

## 6. **BONAFIDE REQUEST PROCESS**

- 6.1 Any request for SS7 service not addressed within this Appendix may be submitted to SBC-12STATE via the Bonafide Request ("BFR") process set forth in Appendix UNE.

## 7. **DESCRIPTION OF RATE ELEMENTS SBC-AMERITECH**

- 7.1 There are three types of charges that apply for SS7 Access. They are recurring, usage and nonrecurring charges. Recurring and nonrecurring charges apply for each port that is established on a STP. Usage charges apply for each Initial Address Message (IAM) or TCAP (excluding LIDB Access Service, 800 Access Service TCAP messages and LNP Database Access Query TCAP messages) message that is switched by the local STP and transported to an SBC-AMERITECH end office or for each IAM and TCAP message that is switched by the local STP in a hubbing arrangement.
- 7.2 Nonrecurring charges apply for the establishment of Originating Point Codes (OPC) and Global Title Address (GTA) Translations. An OPC charge applies for each OPC established, as well as each OPC added or changed subsequent to the establishment of STP Access. The OPC charge applies on a per service basis. A GTA Translation charge applies for each service or application (excluding LIDB Access Service and 800 Carrier-ID-Only Service) that utilizes TCAP messages. A GTA Translation charge also applies for each service (excluding LIDB Access Service and 800

Carrier-ID-Only Service) added or changed subsequent to the initial establishment of STP Access.

### 7.3 Signal Formulation

7.3.1 An IAM Formulation usage charge will be assessed for each IAM message formulated at the **SBC-AMERITECH** tandem for **SPRINT** to **SBC-AMERITECH** terminated calls.

### 7.4 Signal Transport

7.4.1 An IAM Signal Transport usage charge will also be assessed for each IAM message that is transported from the local STP to the **SBC-AMERITECH** end office for terminating traffic. A TCAP Signal Transport usage charge will be assessed for each TCAP message that is transported from the local STP to the **SBC-AMERITECH** end office (excluding LIDB and 800 Access Service).

### 7.5 Signal Switching

7.5.1 An IAM Signal Switching usage charge will be assessed for each IAM message that is switched by the local STP for each IAM messages that is switched for direct routed terminating traffic. A TCAP Signal Switching usage charge will be assessed for each TCAP message that is switched by the local STP termination of non-call associated signaling messages (excluding LIDB and 800 Access Service).

### 7.6 Signal Tandem Switching

7.6.1 An IAM Signal Tandem Switching usage charge will be assessed for an IAM message that is switched by an **SBC-AMERITECH** STP and transported to an end office for tandem routed terminating traffic. When Signal Tandem Switching usage charges are assessed, Signal Switching and Signal Transport charges do not apply, except for SS7 Transport.

## 8. **DESCRIPTION OF RATE ELEMENTS SBC-7STATE**

8.1 The following rate elements apply to **SBC-7STATE** SS7 Service:

## 8.2 SS7 Transport

8.2.1 SS7 Transport shall be measured per octet of information screened and routed.

8.3.1 **SPRINT** shall pay SS7 Transport Per Octet rate element for the screening and routing of messages by each additional **SBC-7STATE** STP pair. A usage rate applies per octet generated by action of **SPRINT**.

8.2.3 SS7 Transport is not available in the **SBC-2STATE**.

## 8.3 Dedicated Signaling Links

### 8.3.1 SS7 Link Cross Connect

8.3.1.1 **SPRINT** shall pay the DS-0 or DS-1 rate for the SS7 Link Cross Connect at the STP location for each Dedicated Signaling Link. Rates are per DS-0 and DS-1 bandwidth and per connection to unbundled dedicated facility or connection to a collocation cage. Rates are per month and nonrecurring installation per first or additional cross connects ordered and shall apply on a per order basis.

### 8.3.2 STP Port Termination

8.3.2.1 **SPRINT** shall pay the STP Port Termination rate element for each termination of the SS7 Link Cross Connect at the **SBC-7STATE** STP. One STP Port Termination must be installed at **SBC-7STATE**'s interconnecting STP for each Dedicated Signaling Link.

8.3.2.2 There are two charges that apply to the STP Port Termination, i.e., a fixed recurring monthly rate per port termination and a nonrecurring installation charge per port.

### 8.3.3 STP Access Link

**SPRINT** shall pay the STP Access Link rate element for each STP Access Link when the STP Access Link is provided. The charge includes a fixed rate per month plus a rate per mile per month.

#### 8.4 Signaling Point Code Addition

8.4.1 **SPRINT** shall pay the Signaling Point Code Addition rate element for the establishment and translation of each applicable CCS network signaling point code at a **SBC-7STATE** STP. **SPRINT** shall pay a nonrecurring charge per SPC established at each STP.

#### 8.5 Global Title Translation (GTT) Addition

8.5.1 **SPRINT** shall pay the GTT Addition rate element for the establishment of **SPRINT**'s GTA, translation type or subsystem information in the **SBC-7STATE** STP translations. **SPRINT** shall pay a nonrecurring charge per GTT established at each STP.

#### 8.6 Use of the STP Per Call

8.6.1 **SPRINT** shall pay the Use of the STP Per Call rate element for Use of the **SBC-7STATE** STP. The rate shall apply for each call originated by **SPRINT** subscribers using the **SBC-7STATE** Local Switching Network Element. The rate is based on an assumed mean quantity of 200 octets of signaling used for each originated call times the STP Transport rate element.

8.6.2 The Use of the STP Per Call is a surrogate for STP Transport and Dedicated Signaling Links when **SPRINT** uses the **SBC-7STATE** Local Switching network element.

### 9. **APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

9.1 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 as provided in Section 2.9 of General Terms and Conditions.