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Ms. Sandra Paske  
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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
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Re: Application for the Approval of an Interconnection Agreement negotiated between Wisconsin Bell, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin and Verizon North Inc.

Dear Ms. Paske:

Wisconsin Bell, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin and Verizon North Inc. hereby request approval, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 252, of this Interconnection Agreement negotiated between Wisconsin Bell, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin and Verizon North Inc.

I have been authorized by Verizon North Inc. to submit for Commission approval, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. s 252(e), the enclosed agreement.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure

**OPERATOR SERVICES/DIRECTORY  
ASSISTANCE  
STAND-ALONE AGREEMENT**

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## OPERATOR SERVICES STANDALONE AGREEMENT

This Operator Services ("OS") Standalone Agreement is entered into by and between Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, and Verizon Services Corporation, a Delaware corporation, on behalf of itself and for the affiliated companies operating in the states listed in Exhibit B (individually or collectively "ILEC") and is effective upon both parties' signatures. AT&T and ILEC may also be referred to hereinafter individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties".

WHEREAS, the Parties conduct business as Local Exchange Carriers certificated by the respective state public utility commission in the states of California, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, this OS Standalone Agreement is intended to be a commercial agreement, negotiated voluntarily and without regard to the requirements of Sections 251, 252 or 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act, under which AT&T will provide wholesale OS services on behalf of the ILEC to certain of ILEC's end users.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

- 1.1 This Agreement sets forth the rates, terms and conditions under which AT&T shall provide Operator Services (OS) on behalf of the ILEC to the ILEC's end users in the states listed in Exhibit B.
- 1.2 ILEC shall be the Retail OS provider to its end users, and AT&T shall be the provider of OS operations to ILEC. AT&T shall answer on ILEC's behalf when ILEC's end users dial 0 or 0+ Telephone Number and provide the Operator Services described in Section 4 below.
- 1.3 ILEC is free to charge its end users whatever OS rates it wishes, and ILEC therefore acknowledges its responsibility (a) to obtain end user agreement to the OS retail rates (i.e. by tariff or contract), and (b) to obtain any necessary regulatory approvals for its OS retail rates.
- 1.4 In response to dialing end user inquiries about OS rates, AT&T Operators shall quote ILEC retail OS rates, as they are provided by ILEC (see Section 6 below). If further inquiries are made about rates, billing and/or other "business office" questions, AT&T's OS operators shall direct the calling party's inquiries to an ILEC-provided contact number (see Section 5 below).
- 1.5 AT&T shall charge ILEC monthly, and ILEC agrees to pay monthly, the OS rates found in the attached price schedule (see Exhibit A). The Parties agree that billing and payment details, including the assessment of late payment charges for unpaid balances, shall be subject to a late payment charge of one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month until paid or the highest rate permitted by law. ILEC shall be responsible for any costs of collection (including attorney's fees and costs) incurred by AT&T to collect unpaid amounts owed by ILEC to AT&T. AT&T will accumulate and provide to ILEC the data that will enable ILEC to bill its end users. Standard formatting will be used in the process of data exchange.
- 1.6 This Standalone OS Agreement and its rates, terms and conditions shall apply for a fixed term of three (3) years from the effective date as defined above.
  - 1.6.1 At the end of the fixed term set forth above, if neither Party has renewed, renegotiated, or served written notice of its intent to terminate this Standalone OS Agreement, then the Parties agree that the Standalone OS Agreement will continue on a month-to-month basis.
  - 1.6.2 If this Agreement continues on a month-to-month basis, all terms and conditions herein apply as written, except that AT&T shall be free to increase the per call or per second OS/DA rates shown on Exhibit A upon 30 days advance written notice, so long as the monthly total dollar amount of the rate increases does not exceed a 10% increase in month-over-month wholesale OS/DA monthly recurring charges to ILEC. If any rate increase is implemented, that rate will not be increased again for a minimum of 180 days. The Parties agree that the OS/DA Non-Recurring Charges (for loading call

greeting/branding, rates and reference numbers) shall not be included in the 10% month-over-month increase.

- 1.6.3 If this Standalone OS Agreement continues on a month-to-month basis, the Parties agree that no new physical direct trunk arrangements between ILEC's switches and AT&T's OS platforms will be permitted unless both Parties mutually agree.

Either Party may terminate this Agreement on sixty (60) days written notice to the other Party.

## **2. GENERAL AT&T OBLIGATIONS FOR OS SERVICE**

- 2.1 Dialing Parity. AT&T will provide OS to ILEC's end users with no unreasonable dialing delays and at dialing parity with AT&T retail OS services.
- 2.2 Usage Information
- 2.2.1 Where ILEC is direct trunked to an AT&T OS Switch, AT&T will record ILEC's OS usage. Call detail information in the usage file will be provided to the ILEC, in a mutually agreed upon standard format, that will enable the ILEC to bill its end users. Standard formatting will also be used in the data exchange process.
- 2.2.2 At a minimum, the usage file shall be in industry-standard Exchange Message Interface format and will be in compliance with the Ordering and Billing Forum guidelines.
- 2.2.3 When ILEC is operating its own switch-based service, AT&T will transmit similar usage recorded by the AT&T OS switch via a mutually agreed electronic interface for ILEC's switch.
- 2.3 AT&T will maintain a quality of service that will meet the standards, if any, established by the state regulatory commission having jurisdiction over the provision of such service. Reports are submitted to state regulatory commissions for viewing.

## **3. TRUNKING REQUIREMENTS**

To the extent that ILEC is serving its own switches and wishes to direct trunk to AT&T's OS switches, then the Parties' physical trunking requirements are described in this section. All OS trunking arrangements shall be subject to the mutual agreement of the Parties. Any unresolved differences in the OS trunking arrangements shall be handled pursuant to the Dispute Resolution provisions in Section 6.10 below.

- 3.1 The demarcation point for OS traffic between the Parties' networks at a minimum must be within the LATA in which the ILEC's OS traffic originates.
- 3.1.1 Because ILEC's switch may serve end users in more than one LATA, the Parties agree that, for purposes of this Agreement only, ILEC's OS traffic originates from the physical location of the end user dialing "0", and not the physical location of ILEC's switch.
- 3.1.2 To the extent ILEC is serving via circuit-switched wireless technology, the physical location of the end user dialing "0" shall be deemed the end user's physical billing address, regardless of whether the end user may be roaming at the time of placing the OS call.
- 3.2 The Parties' general preference would be to establish an OS demarcation point at the AT&T OS switch in that LATA, but the Parties recognize that the demarcation point for OS traffic between the Parties' networks could depend on a variety of engineering and location-specific factors which include, but are not limited to:
- 3.2.1 The size and type of facilities needed to carry ILEC's switch-based OS traffic.
- 3.2.2 Whether ILEC or ILEC's affiliate already has existing OS facilities in place to the AT&T OS platforms.
- 3.3 ILEC shall provide the necessary facilities to direct trunk traffic to AT&T's OS switch(es) at a mutually-agreeable demarcation point between the Parties' networks. ILEC may self-provision these OS facilities, lease them from third parties, or lease them from AT&T's intrastate Special Access Tariff. ILEC will be financially responsible for the OS facilities on its side of the demarcation point, and AT&T will be financially responsible for the OS facilities on its side of the demarcation point.

### 3.4 General OS Trunking Requirements

- 3.4.1 ILEC will initiate a request to the AT&T Account Manager for all OS trunk groups from its switch to the appropriate AT&T OS switches as a segregated one-way trunk group utilizing Multi-Frequency (MF) signaling.
- 3.4.2 ILEC will employ Exchange Access Operator Services Signaling (EAOSS) from its switches to the AT&T OS switches that are equipped to accept 10 Digit Signaling for Automatic Number Identification (ANI).
- 3.4.3 If EAOSS is not technically feasible, Modified Operator Services Signaling (MOSS) will be utilized, and a segregated one-way trunk group with MF signaling will be established from ILEC to each AT&T OS switch for each served NPA in the LATA.

### 3.5 Specific OS Trunk Groups, and their Requirements

- 3.5.1 Operator Service (OS) Trunks: ILEC shall establish a one-way trunk group from ILEC's switch to the AT&T Operator Services switch serving OS end users in that LATA. An OS only trunk group will be designated with the appropriate OS traffic use code and modifier.
- 3.5.2 Busy Line Verification/Emergency Interrupt (BLV/EI) Trunks. When ILEC wishes AT&T to perform Busy Line Verification or Emergency Interrupt for ILEC end users, AT&T will need a segregated one-way BLV trunk group with MF signaling from AT&T's Operator Services switch to ILEC's switch serving end users in that LATA. ILEC will have administrative control for the purpose of issuing a request to the AT&T Account Manager on this one-way trunk group. The BLV trunk group will be designated with the appropriate traffic use code and modifier.

## 4. SPECIFICS OF OS OFFERINGS AND RECURRING CHARGES

- 4.1 Operator Services Rate Structure. AT&T will assess its Operator Services charges based upon whether the ILEC's end user is receiving (a) manual Operator Services (i.e., provided a live Operator), for which a per work second charge will apply, or (b) automated Operator Services (i.e., an OS switch equipment voice recognition feature, functioning without live Operators), where a flat rate per call charge will apply. See the attached price schedule (Exhibit A) for the full set of OS recurring and nonrecurring rates.
- 4.2 Operator Services Call Processing. Whether manual or automated, AT&T will provide the following services on behalf of the ILEC when processing a 0-dialed call from an ILEC's end user's line, regardless of whether Directory Assistance is also requested. AT&T will not release zero minus calls for completion without LIDB validation.
  - 4.2.1 General Operator Assistance – The ILEC's end user dialing 0 may ask the OS Operator to provide local and intraLATA dialing assistance for the purposes of completing calls or requesting information on how to place calls; handling emergency calls, handling credits and handling person-to-person calls. AT&T shall not connect the call to Directory Assistance.
  - 4.2.2 Calling Card - The ILEC's end user dialing 0 may provide the OS Operator with a Calling Card number for billing purposes, and seek assistance in completing local or intraLATA call.
  - 4.2.3 Collect – The ILEC's end user dialing 0 may ask the OS Operator to bill the charges associated with the local or intraLATA call to the called number, provided such billing is accepted by the called number.
  - 4.2.4 Third Number Billed - The ILEC's end user dialing 0 may ask the OS Operator to bill the local or intraLATA call to a different number than the calling or called number.
  - 4.2.5 Busy Line Verification - A service in which the ILEC's end user dialing 0 will ask the OS Operator to check the requested line for conversation in progress and advise the caller of the status.
  - 4.2.6 Busy Line Interrupt - A service in which the ILEC's end user dialing 0 asks the Operator to interrupt a conversation in progress, to determine if one of the parties is willing to speak to the caller requesting the interrupt.

## 5. SPECIFICS OF DA OFFERING AND RECURRING CHARGE

- 5.1 Verizon agrees if any direct dialed DA calls are handled by AT&T operator after March 31, 2007 current pricing will apply to DA calls as provided in exhibit A. If direct dialed directory assistance calls are received after May 01, 2007 Verizon agrees to sign a new DA Agreement with AT&T within 60 days.

## 6. OS NON-RECURRING CHARGES FOR LOADING AUTOMATED CALL GREETING (I.E. BRAND ANNOUNCEMENT), RATES AND REFERENCE INFORMATION

- 6.1 The incoming OS call is automatically answered by a pre-recorded greeting loaded into the OS switch itself, prior to being handled by automated equipment or a live operator. It is not technically feasible to avoid the automatic pre-recorded announcement function in these OS switches, therefore ILEC agrees that it shall establish a pre-recorded greeting to play for every OS call dialed by ILEC's end user, and this greeting is mandatory, not optional, when AT&T is the OS provider (See Exhibit A).
- 6.1.1 ILEC will provide announcement phrase information, via OSTQ, to AT&T in conformity with the format, length, and other requirements specified for all ILECs on the AT&T ILEC website <http://webdevsl5/indmktadmin/ILEC/Index.cfm>. ILEC must brand with name it is doing business under and in conformance with any regulatory or legal requirements.
- 6.1.2 AT&T will then perform all of the loading and testing of the announcement for each applicable OS switch prior to live traffic. ILEC may also change its pre-recorded announcement at any time by providing a new announcement phrase in the same manner, for subsequent loading and testing charges.
- 6.2 If ILEC does not wish to brand the OS calls, ILEC may also have their end user hear silence upon connecting with the OS switch by having AT&T load a recording of silence into the automatic, pre-recorded announcement slot, set for the shortest possible duration allowed by the switch, to then be routed to automated or live operators as with all other OS calls, for which brand loading charges will still apply.
- 6.2.1 ILEC understands that silent announcements may not be perceived by dialing end users as ordinary mechanical handling of OS calls.
- 6.2.2 ILEC agrees that if it does not brand the call, ILEC shall indemnify and hold AT&T harmless from any regulatory violation, consumer complaint, or other sanction for failing to identify the OS provider to the dialing end user.
- 6.2.3 AT&T will use its best efforts to make the silent recording play for the shortest possible duration technically feasible for each applicable OS switch, but otherwise has no responsibility if a silent announcement is chosen by ILEC.
- 6.3 AT&T will be responsible for loading the ILEC-provided recording or the silent announcement into all applicable OS and/or DA switches prior to live traffic, testing the announcement for sound quality at parity with that provided to AT&T retail end users. ILEC will be responsible for paying the initial recording or silent announcement loading charges, as well as any subsequent loading charges if new recordings or silent announcements are provided as specified above (See Exhibit A).
- 6.4 Branding/Silent Announcement load charges are assessed per loaded recording, per OCN, per switch. (For example, an ILEC may choose to brand under a different name than its facility-based operations provided the ILEC is doing business under that brand, and therefore two separate recordings could be loaded into each switch, each incurring the Branding/Silent Announcement charge). These charges are mandatory, nonrecurring, and are found in the attached price schedule (See Exhibit A).
- 6.5 Converting End Users from Prior Branded Service to ILEC or Silent-Branded Service.
- 6.5.1 To the extent that ILEC has already established the Branding/Silent Announcement recording in AT&T OS switches, then no Non-Recurring Charges apply to the conversion of end users from prior OS wholesale service under this new facilities-based OS service.

- 6.5.2 To the extent that ILEC has not established the Branding/Silent Announcement recording in AT&T OS switches for facilities-based service, then Non-Recurring Charges apply to set up the OS call for the new type of service, as is described in section 5 above, and at the rates set forth in the attached price schedule (See Exhibit A).
- 6.6 In all current AT&T OS switches, the applicable ILEC-charged retail OS rates and a ILEC-provided contact number (e.g., reference to a ILEC business office or repair call center) are loaded into the system utilized by the OS Operator.
- 6.7 AT&T will be responsible for loading the ILEC-provided OS retail rates and the ILEC-provided contact number(s) into the OS switches. ILEC will be responsible for paying the initial reference and rate loading charges (See Exhibit A).
- 6.8 Rate/Reference load charges are assessed per loaded set of rates/references, per OCN, per state. (For example, an ILEC may change its rates/references during the life of the contract, and therefore separate sets of rates/references could be loaded for each OCN, per state, each loading incurring the Rate/Reference charge). These charges are mandatory, nonrecurring and are found in the attached price schedule (See Exhibit A).

## 7. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 7.1 Billing and Payment

- 7.1.1 AT&T shall include all charges for services rendered under this Agreement on a monthly bill(s) rendered to ILEC (hereinafter "invoice"). The invoice shall be sent to the billing address established by ILEC.
- 7.1.2 ILEC shall pay all charges under this Agreement within forty-five (45) days of the invoice date, but may raise a good faith billing dispute as set forth in section 7.10 below. Should the subsequent dispute be found in the ILEC's favor, AT&T shall pay interest on the paid dispute amount at the lower of one and one-half (1 ½%) per month or the highest interest rate permitted by applicable law. In the event of late payments, ILEC shall pay AT&T interest on the unpaid balance at the lower of one and one-half (1 ½%) percent per month or the highest interest rate permitted by applicable law.
- 7.1.3 A good faith billing dispute under this Agreement requires ILEC to provide a written claim to AT&T to permit AT&T to investigate the merits of the dispute. Such claim must identify the following within ten (10) business days from the date AT&T is notified of the dispute: (a) the account number under which the invoice has been rendered; (b) the specific charge that ILEC believes was billed in error; (c) the date of the invoice; and (d) a brief description of the reason or grounds for the dispute. ILEC billing inquiries and/or claims of over billing shall be referred to AT&T for investigation within six (6) months of the charge(s) first appearance on the invoice to ILEC. Absent a claim and/or dispute by ILEC as to a charge within six (6) months from its first appearance on an invoice to ILEC, such charge shall be deemed to be correct.
- 7.1.4 If the Parties determine that ILEC was billed incorrectly for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, within 12 months after rendering the services, a billing adjustment shall be calculated. If a refund is due, an adjustment shall be made for the overcharges.
- 7.1.5 AT&T shall have no financial responsibility for any intercompany compensation payments due for the local or intraLATA calls processed on behalf of the ILEC under this Agreement. ILEC agrees that it shall indemnify and hold AT&T harmless from any claims for intercompany compensation payments on the traffic processed under this Agreement.

### 7.2 Publicity and Use of Trademarks or Service Marks

- 7.2.1 Neither Party nor its subcontractors or agents shall use in any advertising or sales promotion, press releases, or other publicity matters any endorsements, direct or indirect quotes, or pictures that imply endorsement by the other Party or any of its employees without such first Party's prior written approval.

7.2.2 Nothing in this Standalone OS Agreement shall grant, suggest, or imply any authority for one Party to use the name, trademarks, service marks, logos, proprietary trade dress or trade names of the other Party in any announcements, recordings, advertising, press releases, publicity matters, marketing and/or promotional materials, or for any other commercial purpose without prior written approval from such other Party.

### 7.3 Disclaimer of Representations and Warranties

7.3.1 EXCEPT AS MAY BE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED HEREIN, AT&T MAKES NO WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THE FUNCTIONS, FACILITIES, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IT PROVIDES UNDER OR IS CONTEMPLATED TO PROVIDE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, AND AT&T DISCLAIMS THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND/OR OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. ADDITIONALLY, AT&T ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY WITH REGARD TO THE CORRECTNESS OF DATA OR INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY ANY OTHER PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT WHEN SUCH DATA OR INFORMATION IS ACCESSED AND USED BY A THIRD PARTY.

### 7.4 Limitation of Liability

7.4.1 Except as may be expressly provided herein, each Party's liability to the other Party for any loss relating to or arising out of such Party's performance under this Agreement, including any negligent act or omission (whether willful or inadvertent), whether in contract, tort or otherwise, including alleged breaches of this Agreement (including any statutory causes of action alleged to arise from such a breach of this Agreement, such as violation of state or federal telecommunications acts), shall not exceed in total the amount AT&T has charged ILEC under this Standalone OS Agreement.

7.4.2 Neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for any consequential damages suffered by the other Party, regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, warranty, strict liability, tort or otherwise, including negligence of any kind, whether active or passive (and including alleged breaches of this Agreement, and all statutory causes of action alleged to arise from such breach of this Agreement), and regardless of whether the Parties knew or had been advised of the possibility that such consequential damages could result in connection with or arising from anything said, omitted, or done hereunder or related hereto, including willful acts or omissions.

7.4.3 A Party may, in its sole discretion, provide in its tariffs and contracts with its end users or third parties that relate to any functions, facilities, products and services provided or contemplated under this Agreement that, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, such Party shall not be liable to such end user or third party for (i) any loss relating to or arising out of this Agreement, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, that exceeds the amount such Party would have charged the end user and (ii) any consequential damages.

### 7.5 Indemnity

7.5.1 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, each Party shall be responsible only for the functions, facilities, products and services which are provided by that Party, its authorized agents or subcontractors, and neither Party shall bear any responsibility for the functions, facilities, products and services provided by the other Party, its agents or subcontractors.

7.5.2 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, and to the extent not prohibited by applicable law and not otherwise controlled by tariff, ILEC (the "Indemnifying Party") shall release, defend and indemnify AT&T (the "Indemnified Party") and hold such Indemnified Party harmless against any loss to a third party arising out of ILEC's use of AT&T's Operator Service and/or Directory Assistance Services, except where AT&T acted with gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

7.5.3 In the case of any loss alleged or claimed by an ILEC end user, ILEC whose end user alleged shall defend and indemnify AT&T (the "Indemnified Party") against any and all such Claims or Losses by its End User regardless of whether the underlying product or service giving rise to such Claim or Loss was provided or provisioned by AT&T, unless the Claim or Loss was caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of AT&T.

## 7.6 Relationship of the Parties / Independent Contractors

- 7.6.1 Each Party is an independent contractor, and has and hereby retains the right to exercise full control of and supervision over its own performance of its obligations under this Agreement and retains full control over the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of its employees assisting in the performance of such obligations. Each Party and each Party's contractor(s) shall be solely responsible for all matters relating to payment of such employees, including the withholding or payment of all applicable federal, state and local income taxes, social security taxes and other payroll taxes with respect to its employees, as well as any taxes, contributions or other obligations imposed by applicable state unemployment or workers' compensation acts and all other regulations governing such matters. Each Party has sole authority and responsibility to hire, fire and otherwise control its employees.
- 7.6.2 Nothing contained herein shall constitute the Parties as joint ventures, partners, employees or agents of one another, and neither Party shall have the right or power to bind or obligate the other. Nothing herein will be construed as making either Party responsible or liable for the obligations and undertakings of the other Party. Except for provisions herein expressly authorizing a Party to act for another, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a Party as a legal representative or agent of the other Party, nor shall a Party have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind, express or implied, against or in the name or on behalf of the other Party unless otherwise expressly permitted by such other Party. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no Party undertakes to perform any obligation of the other Party, whether regulatory or contractual, or to assume any responsibility for the management of the other Party's business.
- 7.6.3 NonExclusivity - This Agreement does not establish any exclusive arrangement between the Parties and this Agreement shall apply only to such end user calls and geographic areas within a state as ILEC in its sole discretion may designate. AT&T may provide operator services to any other entities and ILEC may at any time elect to self-provision or obtain operator services, in whole or in part, from any other entity.

## 7.7 No Third Party Beneficiaries; Disclaimer of Agency

- 7.7.1 This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties and their permitted assigns, and nothing herein expressed or implied shall create or be construed to create any Third Party beneficiary rights hereunder. This Agreement shall not provide any Person not a party hereto with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action, or other right in excess of those existing without reference hereto.

## 7.8 Force Majeure

- 7.8.1 No Party shall be responsible for delays or failures in performance of any part of this Agreement (other than an obligation to make money payments) resulting from acts or occurrences beyond the reasonable control of such Party, including acts of nature, acts of civil or military authority, any law, order, regulation, ordinance of any Governmental Authority, embargoes, epidemics, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, hurricanes, floods, work stoppages, equipment failures, cable cuts, power blackouts, volcanic action, other major environmental disturbances, unusually severe weather conditions, inability to secure products or services of other persons or transportation facilities or acts or omissions of transportation carriers (individually or collectively, a "Force Majeure Event") or any Delaying Event caused by the other Party or any other circumstances beyond the Party's reasonable control. If a Force Majeure Event shall occur, the Party affected shall give prompt notice to the other Party of such Force Majeure Event specifying the nature, date of inception and expected duration of such Force Majeure Event, whereupon such obligation or performance shall be suspended to the extent such Party is affected by such Force Majeure Event during the continuance thereof or be excused from such performance depending on the nature, severity and duration of such Force Majeure Event (and the other Party shall likewise be excused from performance of its obligations to the extent such Party's obligations relate to the performance so interfered with). The affected Party shall use its reasonable efforts to avoid or remove the cause of

nonperformance and the Parties shall give like notice and proceed to perform with dispatch once the causes are removed or cease.

## 7.9 Notices

7.9.1 Any notice or other written communication required or permitted to be given by a Party under this Agreement must be addressed to the attention of the other Party's representative identified in this Section and will be deemed delivered: (i) five (5) business days after the notice has been mailed by certified mail, if applicable, or (ii) the next business day after receipted delivery to a recognized overnight courier.

NOTICE CONTACT	ILEC	AT&T CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Patti Froneberger Specialist-Business Operations Support	Contract Management ATTN: Notices Manager
STREET ADDRESS	MC: HQRS2C09 7979 North Bellline Rd	311 S. Akard, 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor Four AT&T Plaza
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Irving, Texas 75063	Dallas, TX 75202-5398
FACSIMILE NUMBER	972-399-4465	214-464-2006

7.9.2 Either Party may unilaterally change its designated contact, address, telephone number and/or facsimile number for the receipt of notices by giving written notice to the other Party in compliance with this Section. Any notice to change the designated contact, address, telephone and/or facsimile number, or (ii) the next business day after receipted delivery to a recognized overnight courier.

## 7.10 Dispute Resolution

7.10.1 The Parties desire to resolve disputes arising out of this Agreement without litigation. Accordingly, the Parties agree to use the following Dispute Resolution procedures with respect to any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach.

7.10.2 In the event of a dispute between the Parties arising from or relating to the performance of this Agreement, either party may serve written notice of the dispute to the contract Notice Designee above. Upon receipt of such written notice, each Party will appoint a knowledgeable, responsible representative to meet and negotiate in good faith to resolve any dispute arising under this Agreement. The location, form, frequency, duration, and conclusion of these discussions will be left to the discretion of the representatives. Upon agreement, the representatives may utilize other alternative Dispute Resolution procedures such as mediation to assist in the negotiations. Discussions and the correspondence among the representatives for purposes of settlement are exempt from discovery and production and will not be admissible in the arbitration described below or in any lawsuit without the concurrence of both Parties. Documents identified in or provided with such communications that were not prepared for purposes of the negotiations are not so exempted, and, if otherwise admissible, may be admitted in evidence in the arbitration or lawsuit.

7.10.3 If after 60 days the dispute is not resolved through the company representatives above, it is agreed that such disputes shall be settled by binding arbitration in accordance with the American Arbitration Association - Arbitration Rules and Procedures as amended by this Agreement. The costs of arbitration, including the fees and expenses of the arbitrator, shall be shared equally by the Parties unless the arbitration award provides otherwise. Each Party shall bear the cost of preparing and presenting its case. The Parties agree that this provision and the Arbitrator's authority to grant relief shall be subject to the United States Arbitration Act, 9. U.S.C. 1-16 et seq. ("USAA"), the provisions of this Agreement, and the ABA-AAA Code of Ethics for Arbitrators in Commercial Disputes. The Parties agree that the arbitrator shall have no power or authority to make awards or issue orders of any kind except as expressly permitted by this Agreement, and in no event shall the arbitrator have the authority to make an award that provides for punitive or exemplary damages. The Arbitrator's decision shall follow the plain meaning of the relevant documents, and shall be final and binding. The award may be confirmed and enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction. All post-award proceedings shall be

governed by the USAA. This provision should not be construed so as to prohibit either Party from seeking preliminary or permanent injunctive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction.

#### 7.11 Subcontracting

- 7.11.1 If either Party retains or engages any subcontractor to perform any of that Party's obligations under this Agreement, each Party will remain fully responsible for the performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, including any obligations either Party performs through subcontractors. The subcontracting party is required to notify the other parties sixty days prior to subcontractor implementation.
- 7.11.2 Each Party will be solely responsible for payments due that Party's subcontractors.
- 7.11.3 No subcontractor will be deemed a third party beneficiary for any purposes under this Agreement.
- 7.11.4 No contract, subcontract or other agreement entered into by or between either Party with any third party in connection with the provision of functions and services hereunder will provide for any indemnity, guarantee or assumption of liability by the other Party to this Agreement with respect to such arrangement, except as consented to in writing by the other Party.
- 7.11.5 Any subcontractor that gains access to CPNI or Proprietary Information covered by this Agreement shall be required by the subcontracting Party to protect such CPNI or Proprietary Information to the same extent the subcontracting Party is required to protect such CPNI or Proprietary Information under the terms of this Agreement and Exhibits attached hereto.

#### 7.12 Miscellaneous Term and Conditions

- 7.12.1 This document contains the complete agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior written contracts, oral agreements, understandings, negotiations and discussions between the Parties pertaining to OS traffic for the period of this Agreement.
- 7.12.2 This Agreement may be modified only by a written document signed by the Parties. No waiver of this Agreement or of any of the promises, obligations, terms, or conditions herein shall be valid unless it is written and signed by the Party against whom the waiver is to be enforced.
- 7.12.3 This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto, their predecessors, successors, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, assigns, agents, directors, officers, employees, and shareholders.
- 7.12.4 If any part or any provision of this Agreement shall be finally determined to be invalid or unenforceable under applicable law by a court of competent jurisdiction, that part or provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability only, without in any way affecting the remaining parts of said provision or the remaining provisions of said Agreement.
- 7.12.5 If the ILEC decides to terminate this agreement in less than 36 months without providing 60 days notice, ILEC agrees to pay an early termination fee which shall be equal to fifty percent (50%) of the ILEC's average monthly expenditure for Services provided under this Agreement multiplied by the remaining months of the Agreement. The termination fee will not be assessed if ILEC provides 60 days notice of termination and ILEC terminates its use of AT&T's OS/DA Services 60 days from or after ILEC's notice of termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused this Standalone OS/DA Agreement to be duly executed as of the date hereof.

Verizon Services Corp.

Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California by AT&T Operations, Inc., its authorized agent

Signature: Alan Beaudry

Printed: Alan Beaudry

Title: Senior Staff Consultant

Date: 11-29-07

Signature: Eddie A. Reed, Jr.

Printed: Eddie A. Reed, Jr.

Title: Dir. - Interconnection Agreements

Date: 1.4.08

## EXHIBIT A

### OS/DA Wholesale Rates

	Recurring	Non-Recurring
<b>Directory Assistance</b>		
Local Directory Assistance	\$0.40	NA
National DA, per call	\$0.65	NA
Reverse DA, per call	\$0.65	NA
Business Category Search (where available), per call	\$0.65	NA
Directory Assistance Call Completion (DACC), per call	\$0.15	NA
<b>Operator Services</b>		
Operator Assisted Call Processing -- All Types (including Busy Line Verify (BLV) and BLV/Emergency Interrupt), per work second	\$0.03	NA
Fully Automated OS Call Processing, per call	\$0.15	NA
<b>OS/DA Automated Call Greeting and References / Rates</b>		
Call Greeting Initial/Subsequent Load, per switch, per OCN	NA	\$ 1,800.00
Reference / Rate - Initial Load per OCN, per state	NA	\$ 5,000.00
Reference / Rate - Subsequent Load, per OCN, per state	NA	\$ 1,500.00

**EXHIBIT B**  
**VERIZON ILEC**

ILEC	State	OCN
Verizon West Coast Inc.	CA	2344
Verizon California Inc.	CA	4420
Verizon North Inc.	IL	1000
	IL	1015
	IN	0772
	MI	0681
	MI	0695
	OH	0615
	WI	0886
GTE Southwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Southwest	TX	2154
	TX	4344