## **EXHIBIT A**

## 7.0 Wholesale Services

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## 7.1 Wholesale Service Order Processing:

A Wholesale Service Order charge applies to all providers of telecommunications services that assess a non-recurring charge on McLeodUSA for the processing of comparable orders submitted by McLeodUSA to initiate service using network elements leased from the incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC"). A Requesting Carrier may submit an LSR during regular business hours of McLeodUSA. One LSR must be submitted for each retail end user switching from McLeodUSA to the Requesting Carrier. McLeodUSA will process an LSR and return a firm order commitment (FOC) to the requesting carrier within 48 hours of receipt. A Wholesale Service Order Charge shall be charged for each LSR received, whether accepted as valid or rejected as invalid. LSRs may be rejected for inaccurate, incomplete, or repetitive LSRs. An additional Service Order Charge applies when the Requesting Carrier cancels an LSR request. A separate Service Order Supplemental Charge applies when a Requesting Carrier submits an LSR that modifies or supplements the initial LSR. A Requesting Carrier may request expedited processing of the LSR within 24 hours for an additional Expedite Fee. A Forced Expedite Fee applies if the Requesting Carrier converts a retail customer's service before the Firm Order Commitment Date that causes McLeodUSA to expedite its required activities. An additional charge also applies to an LSR Expedite Order that involves a loop disconnect. A full set of Business Rules is available from McLeodUSA.

## 7.1.1 Rates:

The Wholesale Service Order charge is equal to the Service Order Charge (or a comparable charge assessed upon receipt of an order) contained in the ICA between McLeodUSA and the incumbent local exchange carrier for the state in which the retail end user resides.

If the ICA does not set forth non-recurring charges identified as a Service Order Charge, Service Order Supplemental Charge, Expedite Fee, or Forced Expedite Fee charge, or comparable items, the following charges apply:

Wholesale Service Order	\$20
Service Order Supplemental Charge	\$15
Expedite Fee*	\$40
Forced Expedite Fee*	\$75

For Expedite or Forced Expedite Request involving Loop Disconnect, the applicable charge applies in addition to a pass through of any monthly recurring charges for an unbundled loop charged by the ILEC after Customer conversion to Requesting Carrier's service.

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