

7.1.2 Methods of Interconnection

CLEC shall establish at least one Physical Point of Interconnection in Qwest territory in each LATA CLEC has local customers. The Parties shall establish, through negotiations, at least one of the following Interconnection arrangements, at any technically feasible point: (1) a DS1 or DS3 Qwest provided facility; (2) Collocation; (3) negotiated Mid-Span Meet POI facilities; (4) Other technically feasible methods of Interconnection.

7.1.2.1 Qwest-provided Facility. Interconnection may be accomplished through the provision of a DS1 or DS3 entrance facility. An entrance facility extends from the Qwest Serving Wire Center to CLEC's switch location or POI determined by CLEC. **Entrance facilities may not extend beyond the area served by the Qwest Serving Wire Center.** The rates for entrance facilities are provided in Exhibit A. Qwest's Private Line Transport service is available as an alternative to entrance facilities, when CLEC uses such Private Line Transport service for multiple services. Entrance facilities may be used for Interconnection with Unbundled Network Elements.

7.2.2.8.6 LIS Forecasting Deposits:

Three (3) weeks after a forecasting cycle, Qwest will provide CLEC feedback regarding CLEC's forecast, in the form of a potentially lower forecast. Qwest may only forecast lower than a CLEC's forecast to account for specific existing CLEC trunk groups reflected in CLEC's forecast that are underutilized. For purposes of this Section 7.2.2.8.6, a trunk group is underutilized if in each of the preceding eighteen (18) months, trunks required is less than fifty percent (50%) of trunks in service each month for such trunk group that has not been appropriately augmented during the period. Ancillary trunk groups, such as mass calling and 911, are excluded from the consideration.

7.2.2.8.6.1 In the event Qwest's forecast is lower than CLEC's forecast, Qwest will make capacity available in accordance with the CLEC's higher forecast if CLEC provides Qwest with a deposit relating to trunks forecasted for the underutilized trunk groups according to the following terms. As to the difference between the lower and higher forecast, Qwest reserves the right to require, prior to construction, a refundable deposit of up to one hundred percent (100%) of the trunk-group-specific estimated cost to provision the new trunks in the underutilized trunk groups.

7.2.2.8.6.1.1 Qwest will return the full deposit for each trunk group where CLEC's trunk-group specific busy-hour average trunks required to trunks in-service (utilization) ratio meets or exceeds fifty percent (50%) for any one of the six (6) months after the end of the forecasting period to which the deposit applies. Qwest shall provide CLEC with a refund of half of the deposit for each trunk group where CLEC's trunks required to trunks in service (utilization) ratio for such trunk group(s) is at least twenty-five percent (25%) for any one of the six months after the end of the forecasting period to which the deposit applies.

7.2.2.8.6.1.2 For each trunk group that does not achieve the fifty percent (50%) utilization within six (6) months, Qwest may retain the portion of the deposit attributable to such trunk groups to cover Qwest's capital cost of provisioning the trunks in such groups.

7.2.2.8.6.1.3 Qwest hereby guarantees the timely availability, of forecasted trunks for which CLEC paid a deposit. In the event Qwest does not have available facilities to provision Interconnection trunking orders that CLEC forecasted and for which CLEC provided a deposit, Qwest will immediately refund to CLEC all deposit amounts paid to Qwest in connection with the forecast under which such unavailable facilities were forecasted.

7.2.2.8.13 If a trunk group is consistently utilized (trunks required over trunks in service) at less than fifty percent (50%) of rated busy hour capacity each month of any consecutive three (3) month period, Qwest will notify CLEC of Qwest's desire to resize the trunk group. Such notification shall include Qwest's information on current utilization levels. If CLEC does not submit an ASR to resize the trunk group or provide Qwest with its reasons for maintaining excess capacity within thirty (30) calendar days of the written notification, Qwest may reclaim the unused facilities and rearrange the trunk group. When reclamation does occur, Qwest shall not leave the CLEC-assigned trunk group with

less than twenty five percent (25%) excess capacity.
Ancillary trunk groups are excluded from this treatment.