

•ATTACHMENT 6A

LOCAL SERVICES RESALE, BILLING AND RECORDING

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APPENDIX A

LOCAL SERVICE RESALE BILLING AND RECORDING

I. General

This Section describes the specific requirements for GTE to bill and record all charges AT&T incurs for purchasing wholesale Local Services for resale.

I. Billable Information And Charges

- A. GTE will bill and record in accordance with this Agreement those charges AT&T incurs as a result of AT&T purchasing from GTE wholesale Local Services, as set forth in this Agreement (hereinafter "Local Service Charges"). Each Local Service, purchased by AT&T shall be assigned a separate and unique billing code in the form agreed to by the Parties and such code shall be provided to AT&T on each Local Service Bill in which charges for such Elements, Combinations, or Local Services appear. Each such billing code shall enable AT&T to identify the Local Services ordered or utilized by AT&T in which Local Service Charges apply pursuant to this Agreement. Each Local Service Bill shall set forth the quantity and description of each such Local Service provided and billed to AT&T. All Local Service Charges billed to AT&T must indicate the state from which such charges were incurred.
- B. GTE shall provide AT&T a monthly Local Service Bill that includes all Local Service Charges incurred by and credits and/or adjustments due to AT&T for those Local Services ordered, established, utilized, discontinued or performed pursuant to this Agreement. Each Local Service Bill provided by GTE to AT&T shall include: (1) all non-usage sensitive charges incurred for the period beginning with the current bill date and extending to, but not including, the next bill date, (2) any known unbilled non-usage sensitive charges for prior periods, (3) unbilled usage sensitive charges for the period beginning with the day after the last bill date and extending up to, and including, the current bill date, (4) any known unbilled usage sensitive charges for prior periods, and (5) any known unbilled adjustments. The Local Service Bill shall also include all charges for Primary Interchange Carrier (PIC) changes as a separate item

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defined by billing telephone number and any associated working telephone number.

- C. The Bill Date must be present on each bill transmitted by GTE to AT&T. Local Service Bills shall not be rendered for any Local Service Charges which are incurred under this Agreement on or before one (1) year preceding the Bill Date except for charges resulting from resolution of an audit conducted pursuant to Section 2.1.4 of Attachment 6. In addition, on each bill where "Jurisdiction" is identified, Local Traffic charges ~~local and local toll charges~~ shall be identified as "Local" and local toll charges identified as ~~not as interstate, interstate/interLATA, intrastate, or intrastate/intraLATA~~.
- D. GTE shall bill AT&T for any wholesale Local Service, supplied by GTE to AT&T pursuant to this Agreement at the rates set forth in this Agreement. GTE will bill AT&T based on the actual Local Service Charges incurred, provided, however, for those usage based Local Service Charges where actual charge information is not determinable by GTE because the jurisdiction (i.e., interstate, interstate/interLATA, intrastate, intrastate/intraLATA, local) of the traffic is unidentifiable, the Parties will jointly develop a process to determine the appropriate charges. Measurement of usage-based Local Service Charges shall be actual conversation in tenths of seconds. The total conversation seconds per chargeable traffic types will be totalled for the entire monthly bill cycle and then rounded to the next whole minute.
- E. Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, each Party shall be responsible for (1) all costs and expenses it incurs in complying with its obligations under this Agreement and (2) the development, modification, technical installation and maintenance of any systems or other infrastructure which it requires to comply with and to continue complying with its responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement.
- F. Each Party shall provide the other Party at no additional charge a contact person or center for the handling of any Local Service Billing questions or problems that may arise during the implementation and performance of the terms and conditions of this Attachment.

II. **Issuance of Local Service Bills - General**

- A. GTE and AT&T shall issue Local Service Bills as follows:

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1. Until July 1, 1998, GTE and AT&T shall issue Local Service Bills via Electronic Data Exchange ("EDI").
 2. GTE and AT&T will jointly work together such that on or as soon after July 1, 1998 as possible, GTE and AT&T shall issue all Local Service Bills in accordance with CABS Version 26.0, or such later versions of CABS that are as-published by Bellcore, or its successor, and the requirements of this Appendix such other version of CABS which becomes industry standard.
- B. GTE and AT&T will establish monthly billing dates ("Bill Date") for each Billing Account Number ("BAN"), and, when appropriate, as further defined in the CABS document, which Bill Date shall be the same day month to month. Each BAN shall remain constant from month to month, unless changed as agreed to by the Parties. Each Party shall provide the other Party at least thirty (30) calendar days written notice prior to changing, adding or deleting a BAN. The Parties will provide one Local Service Billing invoice associated with each BAN. Each invoice must contain an invoice number (which will vary from month to month). On each bill associated with a BAN, the appropriate invoice number and the charges contained on such invoice must be reflected. All Local Service Bills must be received by the other Party no later than ten (10) calendar days from Bill Date and at least twenty (20) calendar days prior to the payment due date (as described in this Attachment), whichever is earlier. Any Local Service Bill received on a Saturday, Sunday or a day designated as a holiday by the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York (or such other bank as AT&T shall specify) will be deemed received the next business day. If either Party fails to receive Local Service Billing data and information within the time period specified above, the payment due date will be extended by the number of days the Local Service Bill is late.
- A.—Each Party will provide the other Party written notice of which Local Service Bills are to be deemed the official bills. If either Party requests an additional copy(ies) of a bill, such Party shall pay the other Party a reasonable fee per additional bill copy, unless such copy was requested due to errors, omissions, or corrections or the failure of the transmission to comply with the specifications set forth in this Agreement.
- B. To avoid transmission failures or the receipt of Local Service Billing information that cannot be processed, the Parties shall provide each other with their

respective process specifications and edit requirements. AT&T shall comply with GTE's processing specifications when AT&T transmits Local Service Billing data to GTE. GTE shall comply with AT&T's processing specifications when GTE transmits Local Service Billing data to AT&T. AT&T and GTE shall provide each other reasonable notice if a Local Service Billing transmission is received that does not meet such Party's specifications or that such Party cannot process. Such transmission shall be corrected and resubmitted to the other Party, at the resubmitting Party's sole expense, in a form that can be processed. The payment due date for such resubmitted transmissions will be twenty (20) days from the date that the transmission is received in a form that can be processed and that meets the specifications set forth in this Attachment.

I. **Electronic Transmissions of Local Services Bills**

- A. GTE and AT&T agree that after July 1, 1998 following implementation of CABS pursuant to Section 3.1.2 of this Appendix A, each Party will transmit Billing information and data in the appropriate CABS format electronically via Connect: Direct (formerly known as Network Data Mover) to the other Party at the location specified by the Party. The Parties agree that a T1.5 or 56kb circuit to Gateway for Connect: Direct is required. AT&T data centers will be responsible for originating the calls for data transmission via switched 56kb or T1.5 lines. If GTE has an established Connect: Direct link with AT&T, that link can be used for data transmission if the location and applications are the same for the existing link. Otherwise, a new link for data transmission must be established. GTE must provide AT&T/Alpharetta its Connect: Direct Node ID and corresponding VTAM APPL ID before the first transmission of data via Connect:Direct. AT&T's Connect: Direct Node ID is "NDMATTA4" and VTAM APPL ID is "NDMATTA4" and must be included in LEC's Connect:Direct software. AT&T will supply to GTE its RACF ID and password before the first transmission of data via Connect:Direct. Any changes to either Party's Connect: Direct Node ID must be sent to the other Party no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days before the changes take effect.
- B.
- C. The following dataset format shall be used as applicable for those Charges transmitted via Connect:Direct in CABS format:

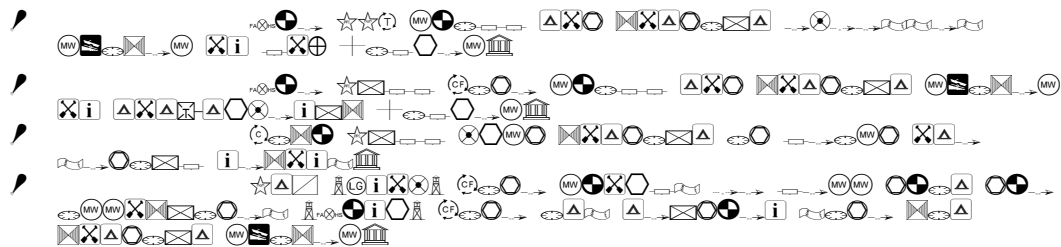
Production Dataset

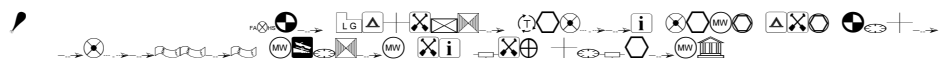
AF25.AXXXXYYY.AZZZ.DDDEE	Production Dataset Name
AF25=	Job Naming Convention
AXXX=	Numeric Company Code
YYY=	LEC Remote
AZZZ=	RAO (Revenue Accounting Office)
DDD=	BDT (Billing Data Tape with or without CSR) Or CSR (Customer Service Record)
EE=	01 thru 31 (Bill Period) (optional) Or GA (US Postal-State Code)

Test Dataset

AF25.ATEST.AXXXX.DDD	Test Dataset Name
AF25.ATEST=	Job Naming Convention
AXXX=	Numeric Company Code
DDD=	BDT (Billing Data Tape with or without CSR) Or CSR (Customer Service Record)

- GTE agrees that if it transmits data to AT&T in a mechanized format utilizing CABS, GTE will also comply with the following specifications which are not contained in CABS guidelines but which are necessary for AT&T to process Billing information and data:





I. Testing Requirements

- A. The Parties will jointly develop a test procedure prior to sending mechanized bills or data to ensure to the satisfaction of each Party that bills may be processed as required in this Agreement.
- B. GTE shall provide to AT&T's Company Manager, located at 500 North Point Parkway, FLOC B1104B, Alpharetta, Georgia 30302, GTE's originating or state level company code so that it may be added to AT&T's internal tables at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to testing or prior to a change in GTE's originating or state level company code.
- C. During the testing period, GTE shall transmit to AT&T any Billing data and information via paper transmission. Test tapes shall be sent to AT&T at the following location:

