AGREEMENT FOR LOCAL WIRELINE NETWORK INTERCONNECTION AND SERVICE RESALE Between AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. and U S WEST Communications, Inc.

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[NOTE: In this Agreement, plain language corresponds to language agreed to by the Parties and **bold language** corresponds to language included to comply with the Commission's Order. In the footnotes, "Order" refers to the Arbitrator's Report and Decision issued November 27, 1996, "Recommendations" refers to the Arbitrator's Report and Recommendations issued June 6, 1997, and "Approval" refers to the Commission Order Modifying Arbitrator's Decision and Arbitrator's Recommendations and Approving Interconnection Agreement with Modifications issued July 11, 1997.]

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be designated by a common language location identifier (CLLI) code with (x)KD in positions 9, 10, 11, where (x) may by any alphanumeric A-Z or 0-9. The Routing Point need not be the same as the Rate Center Point, nor must it be located within the Rate Center Area, but must be in the same LATA as the NPA-NXX.

"ROW" (Right of Way) means the right to use the land or other property owned, leased, or controlled by another party to place poles, conduits, cables, other structures and equipment, or to provide passage to access such structures and equipment. A ROW may run under, on, or above public or private property (including air space above public or private property) and may include the right to use discrete space in buildings, building complexes or other locations.

"SAG" (Street Address Guide) is a database containing an alphabetical list of street names, high-low house number ranges, descriptive addresses, community names, tax codes, subscriber names, telephone numbers, NXXs, central office names, CLLI and other information maintained by U S WEST.

"SCP" (Service Control Point) is a specific type of Database Network Element functionality deployed in a Signaling System 7 (SS7) network that executes service application logic in response to SS7 queries sent to it by a switching system also connected to the SS7 network. SCPs also provide operational interfaces to allow for provisioning, administration and maintenance of subscriber data and service application data (e.g., a toll free database stores subscriber record data that provides information necessary to route toll free calls).

"SECAB" means the Small Exchange Carrier Access Billing document prepared by the Billing Committee of the OBF. The Small Exchange Carrier Access Billing document, published by Bellcore as Special Report SR OPT-001856, contains the recommended guidelines for the billing of access and other connectivity services.

"Selective Routing" is a service which automatically routes an E911 call to the PSAP that has jurisdictional responsibility for the service address of the telephone from which 911 is dialed, irrespective of telephone company exchange or wire center boundaries.

"STPs" (Signaling Transfer Points) provide functionality that enable the exchange of SS7 messages among and between switching elements, database elements and Signaling Transfer Points.

"Switch" -- See Central Office Switch.

"Switched Access", "Switched Access Service", "Switched Exchange Access Service" or "Switched Access Traffic" are as defined in the Parties' applicable tariffs.

"Tandem Office Switches" are Class 4 switches which are used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among End Office Switches and other tandems.

"Tariff Services" as used throughout this Agreement refers to the applicable Party's interstate tariffs and state tariffs, price lists, price schedules and catalogs.

"Technically Feasible" refers solely to technical or operational concerns, rather than economic, space, or site considerations, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the FCC and the Commission.

"Telecommunications" means the transmission, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user's choosing, without change in the form or content of the information as sent and received.

"Telecommunications Carrier" means any provider of Telecommunications Services, except that such term does not include aggregators of Telecommunications Services (as defined in Section 226 of the Act). A Telecommunications Carrier shall be treated as a common carrier under the Act only to the extent that it is engaged in providing Telecommunications Services, except that the Commission shall determine whether the provision of fixed and mobile satellite service shall be treated as common carriage.

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industry standards referenced in this Agreement. Due to the manner in which individual equipment manufacturers have chosen to implement industry standards into the design of their products, along with differing vintages of individual facility components and the presence of embedded technologies pre-dating current technical standards, some of the individual facility components deployed within U S WEST's network, including, without limitation, Network Elements and associated business processes and the standards associated with the equipment providing such Network Elements (collectively, "Network Components"), may not adhere to all the specifications set forth and described in the Bellcore, ANSI, ITU and other technical and performance standards outlined in this Agreement. Within forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date of this Agreement, the Parties will develop processes by which U S WEST will inform AT&T of deviations or planned deviations, and the implementation date of such planned deviations, from standards referenced in this Agreement for Network Components that may be ordered by AT&T. In addition, the Parties agree that those deviations from such standards documented by U S WEST to AT&T shall, to the extent permitted by FCC and Commission rules and regulations, supersede sections of this Agreement referencing technical standards otherwise applicable for the affected Network Elements.

- 1.3.2 U S WEST agrees that in no event shall it intentionally allow any Network Component provided by U S WEST to AT&T under this Agreement to perform below the standards or deviations therefrom reflected in Section 1.3.1, except where requested by AT&T. U S WEST shall minimize any degradation to its equipment relative to currently applicable service, where reasonable in view of industry adopted performance standards and technological developments. Written notice (the "Change Notice") of any planned changes in standards for any Network Component which could impact that Network Component will be provided at least ninety (90) days (or at the make/buy point) prior to the planned implementation. If AT&T notifies U S WEST of how the proposed change may adversely impact AT&T or its Customers within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of U S WEST's Change Notice, U S WEST and AT&T will schedule joint discussions to address and attempt to resolve the matter, including without limitation consideration of proposed alternatives. In addition, if U S WEST learns that any Network Component purchased by AT&T under this Agreement has been permitted (even if not intentionally) to fall materially below the level or specification in effect as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, U S WEST shall inform AT&T immediately.
- 1.3.3 The Parties recognize that providing a number of the services specified in this Agreement depends upon the "technical feasibility" of providing that service, as that term is defined under the Act and/or by FCC or Commission rules and decisions. If the Parties cannot agree on whether providing a service is technically feasible, the matter, including cost and expenses (if any), shall be resolved through good faith negotiation or the dispute resolution process outlined in this Agreement.

2. Most Favored Nation Terms and Treatment

2.1 Until such time as there is a final court determination interpreting Section 252(i) of the Act, U S WEST shall make available to AT&T the terms and conditions of any other agreement for Interconnection, unbundled Network Elements and resale services approved by the Commission under Section 252 of the Act, in that agreement's entirety. After there is a final court determination interpreting Section 252(i) of the Act, the Parties agree to revise this Section 2.1 to reflect such interpretation.

3. Payment

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