

ATTACHMENT 6C

INTERCONNECTION BILLING AND RECORDING

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APPENDIX C

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1. GENERAL

THIS SECTION DESCRIBES THE MEET POINT BILLING AND RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE WHEN AT&T IS INTERCONNECTED TO GTE NETWORK FACILITIES.

2. MEET POINT BILLING

- 2.1 AT&T AND GTE WILL ESTABLISH MEET-POINT BILLING ("MPB") ARRANGEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEET POINT BILLING GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY AND CONTAINED IN THE OBF'S MECAB AND MECOD DOCUMENTS. BOTH PARTIES WILL USE THEIR BEST REASONABLE EFFORTS, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, TO MAINTAIN PROVISIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FEDERAL AND STATE ACCESS TARIFFS, AND/OR PROVISIONS WITHIN THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION ("NECA") TARIFF NO. 4, OR ANY SUCCESSOR TARIFF TO REFLECT THE MPB ARRANGEMENTS IDENTIFIED IN THIS AGREEMENT, IN MECAB AND IN MECOD.
- 2.2 AT&T AND GTE WILL IMPLEMENT THE "MULTIPLE BILL/MULTIPLE TARIFF" OPTION IN ORDER TO BILL ANY INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER ("IXC
- 2.3 GTE AND AT&T SHALL PROVIDE TO EACH OTHER THE BILLING NAME, BILLING ADDRESS, AND CARRIER IDENTIFICATION CODE ("CIC") OF THE IXCs THAT MAY UTILIZE ANY PORTION OF EACH OTHER'S NETWORK IN AN AT&T/ILEC MPB ARRANGEMENT IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE MPB NOTIFICATION PROCESS AS OUTLINED IN THE MECAB DOCUMENT. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EACH OTHER IN THE FORMAT AND VIA THE MEDIUM THAT THE PARTIES AGREE. IF EITHER PARTY DOES NOT INITIALLY RECORD SUFFICIENT BILL DETAIL FOR ANY IXC FOR WHOM EITHER PARTY MUST SUPPLY TO THE OTHER MPB BILLING INFORMATION, EACH PARTY AGREES THAT IT WILL ASSIST EACH OTHER IN RESOLVING THESE BILLING MATTERS BY PROVIDING SUFFICIENT BILLING DETAIL TO THE OTHER PARTY TO ALLOW THAT PARTY TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IXC. GTE AND AT&T SHALL REQUIRE ANY NEW IXC TO NOTIFY BOTH GTE AND AT&T USING THE EXISTING ASR PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MECOD ORDERING GUIDELINES.
- 2.4 GTE AND AT&T AGREE THAT IN A MPB ARRANGEMENT WHERE ONE PARTY PROVIDES LOCAL TRANSPORT AND THE OTHER PARTY PROVIDES THE END OFFICE SWITCHING, THE PARTY WHO PROVIDES THE END OFFICE SWITCHING IS ENTITLED TO BILL ANY RESIDUAL INTERCONNECTION CHARGES ("RIC") AND COMMON CARRIER LINE ("CCL") CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRAFFIC. THE PARTIES FURTHER AGREE

THAT IN THOSE MPB SITUATIONS WHERE ONE PARTY SUB-TENDS THE OTHER PARTY'S ACCESS TANDEM, THE PARTY PROVIDING THE ACCESS TANDEM IS ONLY ENTITLED TO BILL THE ACCESS TANDEM FEE AND ANY ASSOCIATED LOCAL TRANSPORT CHARGES. THE PARTIES ALSO AGREE THAT THE PARTY WHO PROVIDES THE END OFFICE SWITCHING IS ENTITLED TO BILL END OFFICE SWITCHING FEES, LOCAL TRANSPORT CHARGES, RIC AND CCL CHARGES, AS APPROPRIATE, AND SUCH OTHER APPLICABLE CHARGES.

- 2.5 GTE AND AT&T WILL RECORD AND TRANSMIT MPB INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS AND IN THE FORMAT SET FORTH IN THIS ATTACHMENT. GTE AND AT&T WILL COORDINATE AND EXCHANGE THE BILLING ACCOUNT REFERENCE ("BAR") AND BILLING ACCOUNT CROSS REFERENCE ("BACR") NUMBERS FOR THE MPB ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED IN THIS ATTACHMENT. EACH PARTY WILL NOTIFY THE OTHER IF THE LEVEL OF BILLING OR OTHER BAR/BACR ELEMENTS CHANGE, RESULTING IN A NEW BAR/BACR NUMBER.
- 2.6 IF MPB DATA IS NOT PROCESSED AND DELIVERED BY EITHER GTE OR AT&T AND IN TURN SUCH PARTY IS UNABLE TO BILL THE IXC FOR THE APPROPRIATE CHARGES, THE PARTY WHO FAILED TO DELIVER THE DATA WILL BE HELD LIABLE FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE UNBILLABLE CHARGES.
- 2.7 IF MPB DATA IS NOT SUBMITTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF THEIR RECORDING OR IS NOT IN THE PROPER FORMAT AS SET FORTH IN THIS ATTACHMENT, AND IF AS A RESULT THE OTHER PARTY IS DELAYED IN BILLING THE IXC FOR THE APPROPRIATE CHARGES IT INCURS, THE DELAYING PARTY SHALL PAY THE OTHER PARTY A LATE MPB DATA DELIVERY CHARGE WHICH WILL BE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE DELAYED CHARGES TIMES THE HIGHEST INTEREST RATE (IN DECIMAL VALUE) WHICH MAY BE LEVIED BY LAW FOR COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS, COMPOUNDED DAILY FOR THE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM THE DATE THE MPB CHARGES SHOULD HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TO AND INCLUDING THE DATE THE MPB CHARGE INFORMATION IS ACTUALLY RECEIVED.
- 2.8 ERRORS IN MPB DATA EXCHANGED BY THE PARTIES MAY BE DISCOVERED BY AT&T, GTE OR THE BILLABLE IXC. BOTH AT&T AND GTE AGREE TO PROVIDE THE OTHER PARTY WITH NOTIFICATION OF ANY DISCOVERED ERRORS WITHIN TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS OF THE DISCOVERY. THE OTHER PARTY SHALL CORRECT THE ERROR WITHIN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS OF NOTIFICATION AND RESUBMIT THE DATA. IN THE EVENT THE ERRORS CANNOT BE CORRECTED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED ABOVE, THE ERRONEOUS DATA SHALL BE CONSIDERED LOST. IF MPB DATA IS LOST DUE TO INCORRECTABLE ERRORS OR OTHERWISE, THE PARTIES SHALL FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE CUSTOMER BILLING DATA ATTACHMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT AND COMPENSATE THE OTHER FOR THE LOST MPB BILLING DATA.
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2.10 NEITHER AT&T NOR GTE WILL CHARGE THE OTHER FOR SERVICES RENDERED, OR FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR COLLOCATION AS SET FORTH IN THIS ATTACHMENT EXCEPT THOSE MPB CHARGES SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH HEREIN. BOTH PARTIES WILL PROVIDE THE OTHER A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT TO HANDLE ANY MPB QUESTIONS.

3. RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION

3.1 THE PARTIES SHALL BILL EACH OTHER RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT FOR TRAFFIC TERMINATED TO THE OTHER PARTY'S CUSTOMER, WHERE BOTH SUCH CUSTOMERS BEAR NPA-NXX DESIGNATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SAME LATA OR OTHER AUTHORIZED AREA (E.G., EXTENDED AREA SERVICE ZONES IN ADJACENT LATAs), INCLUDING THOSE TRAFFIC TYPES THAT HAVE BEEN TRADITIONALLY REFERRED TO AS "LOCAL CALLING", AS "EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (EAS)", AND AS "INTRALATA TOLL". WHERE GTE IS THE RECORDING COMPANY, SUCH TRAFFIC SHALL BE RECORDED AND TRANSMITTED TO AT&T IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ATTACHMENT. FURTHER, THE TRAFFIC EXCHANGED PURSUANT TO THIS ATTACHMENT SHALL BE MEASURED IN BILLING MINUTES OF USE AND SHALL BE IN ACTUAL CONVERSATION SECONDS. THE TOTAL CONVERSATION SECONDS PER CHARGEABLE TRAFFIC TYPE WILL BE TOTALED FOR THE ENTIRE MONTHLY BILLING CYCLE AND THEN ROUNDED TO THE NEXT WHOLE CONVERSATION MINUTE. RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION FOR THE TERMINATION OF THIS TRAFFIC SHALL BE CHARGED AT RATES SPECIFIED IN PART V AND ATTACHMENT 14.

3.2 IN LIEU OF THE RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT DESCRIBED ABOVE AND WHERE PERMITTED BY STATE LAW OR COMMISSION REGULATION OR ORDER, THE PARTIES MAY ELECT IN WRITING TO ADOPT A BILL AND KEEP COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT OR SUCH OTHER MUTUALLY AGREED UPON COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT.

4. ISSUANCE OF MEET POINT BILLING DATA AND MUTUAL BILLING DATA

4.1 GTE AND AT&T SHALL ISSUE THE DATA REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT SECTION 2 OF THIS APPENDIX (I.E. MEET POINT BILLING DATA) AND SECTION 3 OF THIS APPENDIX (I.E. RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION) AS PROVIDED IN EMR FORMAT VIA CONNECT:DIRECT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2.5 OF THIS ATTACHMENT.

5. TESTING REQUIREMENTS

THE PARTIES SHALL ADHERE TO THE SAME TESTING REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR TRANSMITTING MEET POINT BILLING DATA AND RECIPROCAL

COMPENSATION DATA AS APPLICABLE TO THE RECORDING OF CALL INFORMATION AS
SET FORTH IN SECTION 2.5 OF THIS ATTACHMENT.