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SUBJECT: Re: Line Splitting Policy

Set forth below is the policy of the Verizon Operating Telephone Companies with respect to line splitting arrangements. This policy, which will be reflected in all future draft interconnection agreements issued by the Verizon Wholesale Markets Organization, is to be considered immediately in effect and binding upon the Verizon Operating Telephone Companies. Competitive Local Exchange Carriers that wish to have this policy statement included in their existing interconnection agreements or in draft agreements currently under negotiation should contact their assigned Account Manager or Contract Negotiator, who will ensure that an appropriate document reflecting this policy is forwarded for your review and signature.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

CLECs may provide integrated voice and data services over the same Loop by engaging in "line splitting" as set forth in paragraph 18 of the FCC's Line Sharing Reconsideration Order (CC Dkt. Nos. 98-147, 96-98), released January 19, 2001. Any line splitting between two CLECs shall be accomplished by prior negotiated arrangement between those CLECs. To achieve a line splitting capability, CLECs may utilize existing supporting OSS to order and combine in a line splitting configuration an unbundled xDSL capable Loop terminated to a collocated splitter and DSLAM equipment provided by a participating CLEC, unbundled switching combined with shared transport, collocator-to-collocator connections, and available cross-connects, under the terms and conditions set forth in their Interconnection Agreement(s). The participating CLECs shall provide any splitters used in a line splitting configuration. CLECs seeking to migrate existing UNE platform configurations to a line splitting configuration using the same unbundled elements utilized in the pre-existing platform arrangement may do so consistent with such implementation schedules, terms, conditions and guidelines as are agreed upon for such migrations in the ongoing DSL Collaborative in the State of New York, NY PSC Case 00-C-0127, allowing for local jurisdictional and OSS differences.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your account manager.

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