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Re: Case No. QWE-T-04-9
Application for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement
AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc.

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Enclosed for filing with this Commission on behalf of Qwest Corporation is an original and three (3) copies of the Application for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement. Qwest respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the Commission Decision Meeting Agenda for expedited approval.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the enclosed. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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**APPLICATION OF QWEST
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF
AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. §252(e)**

CASE NO.: QWE-T-04-9

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENT TO THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") hereby files this Application for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement ("Amendment"), which was approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission on June 22, 2004 (the "Agreement"). The Amendment with AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. ("AT&T") is submitted herewith.

This Amendment was reached through voluntary negotiations without resort to mediation or arbitration and is submitted for approval pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act").

Section 252(e)(2) of the Act directs that a state Commission may reject an amendment reached through voluntary negotiations only if the Commission finds that: the amendment (or portion(s) thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to this agreement; or the implementation of such an amendment (or portion) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

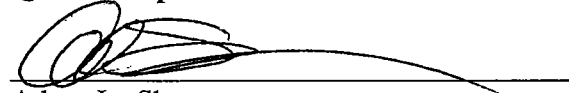
Qwest respectfully submits this Amendment provides no basis for either of these findings, and, therefore requests that the Commission approve this Amendment expeditiously. This Amendment is consistent with the public interest as identified in the pro-competitive policies of the State of Idaho, the Commission, the United States Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission. Expeditious approval of this Amendment will enable AT&T to

interconnect with Qwest facilities and to provide customers with increased choices among local telecommunications services.

Qwest further requests that the Commission approve this Amendment without a hearing. Because this Amendment was reached through voluntary negotiations, it does not raise issues requiring a hearing and does not concern other parties not a party to the negotiations. Expeditious approval would further the public interest.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of July, 2006.

Qwest Corporation

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Adam L. Sherr
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 24th day of July, 2006, I served the foregoing **APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT** upon all parties of record in this matter as follows:

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**Triennial Review Order and Triennial Review Remand Order
("TRO/TRRO") Amendment Number 4
to the Interconnection Agreement between
Qwest Corporation and
AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc.
for the State of
Idaho**

This is an Amendment ("Amendment") to incorporate the Triennial Review Order ("TRO") and the Triennial Review Remand Order ("TRRO") into the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), a Colorado corporation, and AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. ("CLEC"). CLEC and Qwest shall be known jointly as the "Parties".

RECITALS.

WHEREAS, CLEC and Qwest entered into an Interconnection Agreement (such Interconnection Agreement, as amended to date, being referred to herein as the "Agreement") which was approved by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") promulgated new rules and regulations pertaining to, among other things, the availability of unbundled network elements ("UNEs") pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") in its Report and Order *In the Matter of Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers; Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability*, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147, (effective October 2, 2003) ("TRO"); and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2005, the FCC released the *Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, Order on Remand* (Triennial Review Remand Order)(FCC 04-290) ("TRRO"), effective March 11, 2005, which further modified the rules governing Qwest's obligation to make certain UNEs available under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the TRO and TRRO Decision, individually and together ("Decisions") materially modify Qwest's obligations under the Act with respect to, among other things, Qwest's requirement to offer certain UNEs; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement to comply with the Decisions and hereby agree to do so under the terms and conditions contained herein.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

I. Amendment Terms.

To the extent applicable, the Agreement is hereby amended by deleting certain UNEs or by changing or adding terms and conditions for certain UNEs as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A to this Amendment, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

II. Limitations.

Nothing in this Amendment shall be deemed an admission by Qwest or CLEC concerning the interpretation or effect of the Decisions, nor rules, regulations, interpretations, and appeals thereof, including but not limited to state rules, regulations, and laws as they may be issued or promulgated regarding the same. Nothing in this Amendment shall preclude or estop Qwest or CLEC from taking any position in any forum concerning the proper interpretation or effect of the Decisions or concerning whether the Decisions should be changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified.

III. Conflicts.

In the event of a conflict between this Amendment and the terms and conditions of the Agreement, this Amendment shall control, provided, however, that the fact that a term or provision appears in this Amendment but not in the Agreement shall not by itself be interpreted as, or deemed a grounds for finding, a conflict for purposes of this Section III.

IV. Scope.

This Amendment shall amend, modify and revise the Agreement only to the extent the UNEs listed in Attachment 1 are included in the Agreement and, except as modified hereby, the terms and provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect after the execution date.

V. Effective Date.

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval by the Commission, except where the change of law provision in CLEC's Interconnection Agreement specifies a different effective date. Any provision in this Amendment intended to have an effective date earlier than the execution date of this Amendment shall be specifically identified, including the applicable effective date, in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A to this Amendment. The Parties agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution ("execution date").

VI. Further Amendments.

The provisions of this Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Amendment may not be given without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representative. No waiver by any Party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

VII. Entire Agreement.

The Agreement as amended (including Attachment 1 and Exhibit A referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subjects of the Agreement as amended and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subjects of the Agreement as amended.

The Parties intending to be legally bound have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**AT&T Communications of the
Mountain States, Inc.**

Cynthia Batchelder
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1.0 Definitions

"Business Line" means a Qwest-owned switched access line used to serve a business customer, whether by Qwest itself or by a CLEC that leases the line from Qwest. The number of Business Lines in a Wire Center shall equal the sum of all Qwest business switched access lines, plus the sum of all UNE loops connected to that Wire Center, including UNE loops provisioned in combination with other unbundled elements. Among these requirements, Business Line tallies (1) shall include only those access lines connecting End User Customers with Qwest end-offices for switched services; (2) shall not include non-switched special access lines; and (3) shall account for ISDN and other digital access lines by counting each 64 kbps-equivalent as one line. For example, a DS1 line corresponds to twenty-four (24) 64 kbps-equivalents, and therefore to twenty-four (24) Business Lines.

"Commingling" means the connecting, attaching, or otherwise linking of an Unbundled Network Element, or a Combination of Unbundled Network Elements, to one or more facilities or services that a requesting Telecommunications Carrier has obtained at wholesale from Qwest, or the combining of an Unbundled Network Element, or a Combination of Unbundled Network Elements, with one or more such facilities or services.

"Commingle" means the act of Commingling.

"Dark Fiber" is fiber within an existing fiber optic cable that has not yet been activated through optronics to render it capable of carrying communications services.

"Dedicated Transport" is Qwest transmission facilities between wire centers or switches owned by Qwest, or between wire centers or switches owned by Qwest and switches owned by requesting telecommunications carriers, including, but not limited to, DS1-, DS3-, and OCn-capacity level services, as well as dark fiber, dedicated to a particular customer or carrier. In the Agreement Dedicated Transport is referred to as Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT) and/or Extended Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (EUDIT).

"Enhanced Extended Link (or Loop) (EEL)" An enhanced extended link or EEL consists of a combination of an unbundled loop and unbundled dedicated transport, together with any facilities, equipment, or functions necessary to combine those network elements. The foregoing hereby modifies the definition of EEL contained in Section 9.23.3.7 of the Agreement.

"Fiber-based Collocator" means any carrier, unaffiliated with Qwest, that maintains a Collocation arrangement in a Qwest Wire Center, with active electrical power supply, and operates a fiber-optic cable or comparable transmission facility that (1) terminates at a Collocation arrangement within the Wire Center; (2) leaves the Qwest Wire Center premises; and (3) is owned by a party other than Qwest or any affiliate of Qwest, except as set forth in this paragraph. Dark fiber obtained from Qwest on an indefeasible right of use basis shall be treated as non-Qwest fiber-optic cable. Two (2) or more affiliated Fiber-based Collocators in a single Wire Center shall collectively be counted as a single Fiber-based Collocator. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "affiliate" is defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(1) and any relevant interpretation in this Title.

"Interexchange Service" means telecommunications service between stations in different exchange areas. Cf. Modification of Final Judgment, § IV(K), *reprinted in United States v. Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.*, 552 F. Supp. 131, 229 (D.D.C. 1982) (defining "interexchange

telecommunications” as “telecommunications between a point or points located in one exchange telecommunications area and a point or points located in one or more other exchange areas or a point outside an exchange area”).

“Long Distance Service” has the same meaning as “Interexchange Service”.

“M-UDIT” (or “M-UDF”) is dedicated transport where the Parties’ facilities physically meet between a CLEC collocation in a Qwest Wire Center and a different non-Qwest Wire Center. M-UDIT and M-UDF do not connect a pair of Qwest Wire Centers.

“Mobile Wireless Service” means all mobile wireless telecommunications services, including commercial mobile radio service (CMRS). CMRS includes paging, air-ground radio telephone service and offshore radiotelephone services, as well as mobile telephony services, such as the vice offerings of carriers using cellular radiotelephone, broadband PCS and SMR licenses.

“MTE Subloop” - The subloop for access to multiunit premises wiring is defined as any portion of the loop that it is technically feasible to access at a terminal in the incumbent LEC’s outside plant at or near a multiunit premises. One category of this subloop is inside wire, which is defined for purposes of this section as all loop plant owned or controlled by the incumbent LEC at a multiunit customer premises between the minimum point of entry as defined in § 68.105 of 47 CFR Chapter I and the point of demarcation of the incumbent LEC’s network as defined in § 68.3 of 47 CFR Chapter I.

“Non-impaired Wire Center” – With regard to unbundled high capacity Loops, a Non-impaired Wire Center is a Wire Center that meets the loop thresholds identified in CFR 47 §51.319(a)(4)(i) for DS1 Loops and §51.319(a)(5)(i) for DS3 Loops. With regard to unbundled high capacity Dedicated Transport, non-impaired Wire Centers are Tier 1 and Tier 2 Wire Centers as defined in §51.319(e)(3) and subject to the limitations of §51.319(e)(2)(ii)(A) for DS1 Dedicated Transport, §51.319(e)(2)(iii)(A) for DS3 Dedicated Transport and §51.319(e)(2)(iv)(A) for Dark Fiber Transport.

“Route” is a transmission path between one of Qwest’s Wire Centers or switches and another of Qwest’s Wire Centers or Switches. A Route between two (2) points (e.g., Wire Center or Switch “A” and Wire Center or Switch “Z”) may pass through one (1) or more intermediate Wire Centers or Switches (e.g., Wire Center or Switch “X”). Transmission paths between identical end points (e.g., Wire Center or Switch “A” and Wire Center or Switch “Z”) are the same “route,” irrespective of whether they pass through the same intermediate Wire Centers or Switches, if any.

“Triennial Review Remand Order” The Triennial Review Remand Order is the Commission’s Order on Remand in CC Docket Nos. 01-338 and 04-313, FCC 04-290 (released February 4, 2005).

“Unbundled Network Element” (UNE) is a Network Element that has been defined by Applicable Law as a Network Element to which Qwest is obligated under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act to provide unbundled access or for which unbundled access is provided under CLEC’s Agreement and under this Amendment.

“Wire center” A wire center is the location of a Qwest local Switching facility containing one or more central offices, as defined in the Appendix to Part 36 of Chapter I of Title 47 of the Code of

Federal Regulations. The wire center boundaries define the area in which all customers served by a given wire center are located.

“Tier 1 Wire Centers” means those Qwest Wire Centers that contain at least four Fiber-based Collocators, at least 38,000 Business Lines, or both. Tier 1 Wire Centers also are those Qwest tandem Switching locations that have no line-side Switching facilities, but nevertheless serve as a point of traffic aggregation accessible by CLECs. Once a Wire Center is determined to be a Tier 1 Wire Center, that Wire Center is not subject to later reclassification as a Tier 2 or Tier 3 Wire Center.

“Tier 2 Wire Centers” means those Qwest Wire Centers that are not Tier 1 Wire Centers, but contain at least 3 Fiber-based Collocators, at least 24,000 Business Lines, or both. Once a Wire Center is determined to be a Tier 2 Wire Center, that Wire Center is not subject to later reclassification as a Tier 3 Wire Center.

“Tier 3 Wire Centers” means those Qwest Wire Centers that do not meet the criteria for Tier 1 or Tier 2 Wire Centers.

2.0 Unbundled Network Elements (UNE) General

2.1 CLEC's Agreement may include terms and conditions for certain Network Elements that Qwest is no longer required to offer on an unbundled basis pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Act. The FCC determined in its Decisions, that certain Unbundled Network Elements no longer satisfy the FCC's impairment test and, as a result, Qwest is no longer obligated to offer to CLEC those Network Elements on an unbundled basis pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Act. The FCC also modified certain Terms and Conditions for other Unbundled Network Elements.

2.2 As of the execution date of this Amendment, CLEC shall not order, and Qwest will not provide, the following Network Elements on an unbundled basis pursuant to Section 251(c)(3) of the Act:

2.2.1 Unbundled Loops

- a) Certain DS1 Loops, except as identified in Section 3.0;
- b) Certain DS3 Loops, except as identified in Section 3.0;
- c) OCn Loops;
- d) FTTH & FTTC Loops, except as identified in Section 3.1.6;
- e) Dark Fiber Loops, except as identified in Section 3.1.5;
- f) Hybrid Loops (non-copper distribution Loops) except as identified in Section 3.1.7;
- g) Line Sharing;
- h) Feeder-Sub-Loop as a standalone UNE.

2.2.2 Transport

- a) Unbundled Dedicated Transport from a CLEC's switch or wire center to a Qwest Wire Center whether referred to as UDIT or E-UDIT in the Agreement;
- b) E-UDF (Extended Unbundled Dark Fiber), which is Unbundled Dark Fiber Transport from a CLEC's switch or wire center to a Qwest Wire Center;
- c) M-UDIT and UDF;
- d) Certain DS1 Transport (UDIT), except as identified in Section 4.0;
- e) Certain DS3 Transport (UDIT), except as identified in Section 4.0;
- f) Certain Dark Fiber Transport (UDF-IOF), except as identified in Section 4.1.10;

- g) Multiplexing associated with UDIT and Loop/Mux Combo, except as identified in Section 7.2;
- h) OCn Transport.

2.2.3 Unbundled Switching

- a) Packet Switching;
- b) Tandem Switching;
- c) Mass Market Switching, and Enterprise Local Switching, including UNE-P and related services pursuant to the terms of the Amendment to the Agreement "For the Elimination of UNE and Implementation of Batch Hot Cut Process";
- d) Signaling Networks (stand alone).

2.2.3.1 Related services

- a) Customized Routing;
- b) Signaling;
- c) AIN Database Services;
- d) Line Information Database (LIDB);
- e) 8XX Database Services;
- f) InterNetwork Calling Name (ICNAM);
- g) Local Number Portability (LNP) Database;
- h) Shared Transport pursuant to the terms of the Amendment to the Agreement "For the Elimination of UNE and Implementation of Batch Hot Cut Process".

2.2.4 Transition

2.2.4.1 Transition time frames for embedded Network Elements identified in the above lists are identified in the following sections. The parties shall cooperate in the transition and or disconnection, where permitted below, of such elements.

2.3 After execution of this Amendment, Qwest shall back bill the FCC ordered transition period rate increases to March 11, 2005, for existing Non-Impaired DS1 Loop and Transport, DS3 Loop and Transport, Dark Fiber Loop and Transport pursuant to Transition rate increases identified in Sections 3.1.1.2, 3.1.2.2, 3.1.5.1, 4.1.1.2, 4.1.2.2, and 4.1.7.1.2. Such back billing shall not be subject to billing measurements and penalties. Late payment charges may be applied only after the backbilling is submitted on a bill. Late payment charges may be applied to backbilling (after it is billed) pursuant to the terms and conditions of the late payment section in the Agreement.

2.4 UNEs shall be obtained for the provision of Telecommunications Services and only to the extent allowed by law. Telecommunications Services are offered on a common carrier basis and which do not include self provision of services.

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2.6 CLEC may not access UNEs for the exclusive provision of Mobile Wireless Services or Interexchange Services.

2.7 If CLEC accesses and uses a UNE consistent with Sections 2.4 and 2.6, CLEC may provide any Telecommunications Services over the same UNE.

2.8 As of March 11, 2005, to submit an order to obtain a high-capacity loop or transport UNE, CLEC must undertake a reasonably diligent inquiry and, based on that inquiry, self-certify that, to the best of its knowledge, its request is consistent with the requirements discussed in parts IV, V, and VI of the Triennial Review Remand Order and that it is therefore entitled to unbundled access to the particular network elements sought pursuant to section 251(c)(3). As part of such reasonably diligent inquiry, CLEC shall ensure that a requested unbundled DS1 or DS3 loop is not in a Wire Center identified on the list provided by Qwest of Wire Centers that meet the applicable non-impairment thresholds specified in Sections 3.1.1 and 3.1.2, and that a requested unbundled DS1, DS3 or dark fiber transport circuit is not between Wire Centers identified on the list of Wire Centers that meet the applicable non-impairment thresholds specified in Sections 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.7.1.1. CLEC shall provide a letter or other mutually agreed upon form to document its compliance. CLEC will maintain appropriate records that document what CLEC relied upon to support its certification.

2.8.1 Upon receiving a request for access to a dedicated transport or high-capacity loop UNE that indicates that the UNE meets the relevant factual criteria discussed in sections V and VI of the Triennial Review Remand Order, Qwest must immediately process the request, if the UNE is in a location that does not meet the applicable non-impairment thresholds referred to in Section 2.8. To the extent that Qwest seeks to challenge any other such UNEs, it subsequently can raise that issue through the dispute resolution procedures provided for in the Agreement.

2.8.2 If it is determined by CLEC and Qwest that CLEC's access to or use of UNEs was inconsistent with Existing Rules when originally ordered (excludes instances where such inconsistency was due to change in law) CLEC has thirty (30) calendar days to correct the inconsistency and order the appropriate alternate service arrangements and CLEC is subject to back billing for the difference between rates for the UNEs and rates for the Qwest alternate service arrangements. CLEC is also responsible for all non-recurring charges associated with such correction.

2.8.3 If a dispute resolution process under the Agreement finds that the Qwest Wire Center list(s) is in error, the Wire Center list shall be modified consistent with those findings, within a reasonable period of time.

2.8.4 Additional Non-Impaired Wire Centers. If additional Qwest Wire Centers are found to meet the relevant factual criteria discussed in Sections V and VI of the FCC's Triennial Review Remand Order under which Qwest is no longer required to offer Unbundled DS1 or DS3 Loops, and/or if additional Qwest Wire Centers are reclassified as Tiers 1 or 2, thus impacting the availability of Unbundled DS1, DS3, or Dark Fiber transport, Qwest shall provide written notice to CLEC. Thirty (30) Days after written notification from Qwest, CLEC will no longer order impacted high capacity or Dark Fiber UNEs in or between those additional Wire Centers, in accordance with the requirements set forth in Sections 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.7.1.1,

as applicable. CLEC will have ninety (90) Days after written notification to transition existing DS1 and DS3 UNE Loops and dedicated transport (except Dark Fiber transport) no longer available as UNEs under this Amendment as a result of such Wire Center designations to an alternative service. CLEC will have one hundred eighty (180) Days after written notification to transition Dark Fiber transport no longer available as UNEs under this Amendment as a result of such Wire Center designations to an alternative service. Qwest and CLEC will work together to identify those circuits impacted by such change. Absent CLEC transition of impacted UNEs within the transition periods above, Qwest will convert DS1 and DS3 Loops and dedicated transport (except Dark Fiber transport) facilities to month-to-month service arrangements in Qwest's Special Access Tariff or begin the disconnect process of Dark Fiber transport facilities. CLEC is subject to back billing for the difference between the UNE and Tariff recurring rates beginning on the ninety-first (91st) Day as well as for all applicable nonrecurring charges associated with such conversions, provided that Qwest shall not impose any untariffed termination charges, or any disconnect fees, re-connect fees, or charges associated with establishing a service for the first time, in connection with any such conversion. Should Qwest add Wire Centers to its list of non-impaired Wire Centers during the 12-month or 18-month transition periods set forth in the TRRO, the transition period under this Section 2.8.4 shall be the longer of (i) the ninety (90) or one hundred eighty (180) days, as applicable, provided in this Section 2.8.4 and (ii) the time until the end of the applicable FCC-ordered transition periods in the TRRO.

2.9 Service Eligibility Criteria

2.9.1 The following Service Eligibility Criteria apply to combinations and/or Commingling of high capacity (DS1 and DS3) Loops and Dedicated Transport (high capacity EELs). This includes new UNE EELs, EEL conversions (including commingled EEL conversions), or new commingled EELs (e.g., high capacity loops attached to special access transport).

2.9.1.1 Except as otherwise provided in this Section 2.9.1.1, which shall be consistent with the FCC's rules, Qwest shall provide access to Unbundled Network Elements and Combinations of Unbundled Network Elements without regard to whether CLEC seeks access to the Unbundled Network Elements to establish a new circuit or to convert an existing circuit from a service to Unbundled Network Elements.

2.9.1.2 CLEC must certify that the following Service Eligibility Criteria are satisfied to: (1) convert a Special Access Circuit to a high capacity EEL, (2) to obtain a new high capacity EEL; or (3) to obtain at UNE pricing any portion of a Commingled circuit that includes a high capacity Loop and Dedicated Transport facility or service. Such certification shall be in accordance with all of the following Sections.

2.9.1.2.1 State Certification. CLEC has received state certification to provide local voice service in the area being served or, in the absence of a state certification requirement, has complied with registration, tariffing, filing fee, or other regulatory requirements applicable to the provision of local voice service in that area.

2.9.1.2.2 Per Circuit Criteria. The following criteria are satisfied for each combined circuit, including each DS1 circuit, each DS1 EEL, and each DS1-equivalent circuit on a DS3 EEL:

2.9.1.2.3 Telephone Number Assignment. Each circuit to be provided to each End User Customer will be assigned a local telephone number prior to the provision of service over that circuit. This requires that each DS1 circuit must have at least one (1) local telephone number and each DS3 circuit has at least twenty-eight (28) local telephone numbers. The origination and termination of local voice traffic on each local telephone number assigned to a circuit shall not include a toll charge and shall not require dialing special digits beyond those normally required for a local voice call. CLEC may satisfy this requirement to initiate the ordering process for a new EEL circuit by certifying that it will not begin to provide service until a local number is assigned.

2.9.1.2.4 911 or E911. Each circuit to be provided to each End User Customer will have 911 or E911 capability prior to the provision of service over that circuit. CLEC may satisfy this requirement to initiate the ordering process for a new EEL circuit by certifying that it will not begin to provide service until 911 or E911 capability is provided.

2.9.1.2.5 Collocation. CLEC certifies that each circuit terminates in a Collocation arrangement by providing the associated CFA. In addition:

2.9.1.2.5.1 Each circuit (whether multiplexed or not) to be provided to each End User Customer will terminate in a Collocation arrangement that is established pursuant to Section 251(c)(6) of the Act and located at Qwest's Premises within the same LATA as the End User Customer's premises, when Qwest is not the collocator, and cannot be at an Interexchange Carrier POP or ISP POP; and

2.9.1.2.5.2 Each circuit to be provided to each End User Customer will terminate in a Collocation arrangement that is located at a third party's premises within the same LATA as the End User Customer's premises, when Qwest is the collocator.

2.9.1.2.6 Interconnection Trunking. CLEC must arrange for the meaningful exchange of traffic which must include hand-offs of local voice calls that flow in both directions. Where CLEC does not arrange for a meaningful exchange of traffic, those arrangements cannot be attributed towards satisfaction of this criteria. At a minimum, each DS1 EEL circuit must be served by an interconnection trunk in the same LATA as the End User Customer premises served by the EEL. For each twenty-four (24) DS1 EELs or the equivalent, CLEC must maintain at least one (1) active DS1 interconnection trunk for the exchange of local voice traffic.

2.9.1.2.6.1 Calling Party Number. Each circuit to be provided

to each End User Customer will be served by an Interconnection trunk over which CLEC will transmit the Calling Party Number in connection with calls exchanged over the trunk. For each twenty-four (24) DS1 EELs or other facilities having equivalent capacity, CLEC will have at least one (1) active DS1 local service interconnection trunk over which CLEC will transmit the Calling Party Number in connection with calls exchanged over the trunk. If the Calling Party Number is not exchanged over an Interconnection trunk, that trunk shall not be counted towards meeting this criteria.

2.9.1.2.7 End Office Switch. Each circuit to be provided to each End User Customer will be served by an End Office Switch capable of Switching local voice traffic. CLEC must certify that the Switching equipment is either registered in the LERG as a Class 5 Switch or that it can switch local voice traffic.

2.9.1.3 CLEC must provide certification through a certification letter, or other mutually agreed upon communication, that each individual high capacity loop in combination, or Commingled, with a Qwest-provided high capacity transport facility or service, meets the Service Eligibility Criteria set forth above before Qwest will provision or convert the high capacity facility in combination or Commingled. CLEC may provide a single certification to cover all orders of high capacity EELs and need not identify particular facilities in such certification.

2.9.1.4 CLEC's high capacity combination or Commingled facility Service Eligibility shall remain valid only so long as CLEC continues to meet the Service Eligibility Criteria set forth above. If CLEC's Service Eligibility on a given high capacity combination or Commingled facility is no longer valid, CLEC must submit a service order converting the facility to the appropriate Private Line/Special Access service within thirty (30) Days.

2.9.1.5 Service Eligibility Audits. In order to confirm reasonable compliance with these requirements, Qwest may perform Service Eligibility Audits of CLEC's records. Service Eligibility Audits shall be performed in accordance with the following guidelines:

2.9.1.5.1 Qwest may, upon thirty (30) Days written notice to CLEC that has purchased high capacity combination and Commingled facilities, conduct a Service Eligibility Audit to ascertain whether those high capacity facilities were eligible for UNE treatment at the time of Provisioning or conversion and on an ongoing basis thereafter.

2.9.1.5.2 CLEC shall make reasonable efforts to cooperate with any Service Eligibility Audit by Qwest and shall maintain and provide Qwest with relevant records (e.g., network and circuit configuration data, local telephone numbers) which demonstrate that CLEC's high capacity combination and Commingled facilities meet the Service Eligibility Criteria.

2.9.1.5.3 An independent auditor hired and paid for by Qwest shall perform any Service Eligibility Audits, provided, however, that if a Service Eligibility Audit reveals that CLEC's high capacity combination and Commingled facility circuit(s) do not meet or have not met the Service Eligibility Criteria, then CLEC shall reimburse Qwest for the cost of the independent auditor. To the extent the independent auditor's report concludes that CLEC complied in all material respects with the Service Eligibility Criteria, Qwest shall reimburse CLEC for its costs associated with the Service Eligibility Audit.

2.9.1.5.4 An independent auditor must perform its evaluation in accordance with the standards established by the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and during normal business hours, unless there is a mutual agreement otherwise. The auditor shall perform an "examination engagement" and issue an opinion regarding CLEC's compliance with the service eligibility criteria.

2.9.1.5.5 Qwest shall not exercise its Service Eligibility Audit rights with respect to CLEC (excluding Affiliates), more than once in any calendar year, unless an audit finds non-compliance. If a Service Eligibility Audit does find non-compliance, Qwest shall not exercise its Service Eligibility Audit rights for one hundred eighty (180) Days following that audit, and if any subsequent Service Eligibility Audit does not find non-compliance, then Qwest shall not exercise its Service Eligibility Audit rights for the remainder of the calendar year and shall be entitled to only one audit in the subsequent calendar year.

2.9.1.5.6 At the same time that Qwest provides notice of a Service Eligibility Audit to CLEC under this paragraph, Qwest shall send a copy of the notice to the Federal Communications Commission.

2.9.1.5.7 Service Eligibility Audits conducted by Qwest for the purpose of determining compliance with Service Eligibility Criteria shall not effect or in any way limit any audit or Dispute Resolution rights that Qwest may have pursuant to other provisions of this Agreement.

2.9.1.5.8 Qwest shall not use any other audit rights it may have under this Agreement to audit for compliance with the Service Eligibility Criteria of this Section. Qwest shall not require a Service Eligibility Audit as a prior prerequisite to Provisioning combination and Commingled facilities.

2.9.1.5.9 CLEC shall maintain appropriate records to support its Service Eligibility Criteria. However, CLEC has no obligation to keep any records that it does not keep in the ordinary course of its business.

2.9.1.5.10 If a Service Eligibility Audit demonstrates that a high capacity combination and Commingled facilities do not meet the Service Eligibility Criteria above, the CLEC must convert all non-compliant circuits

to Private Line/Special Access circuits. CLEC must true-up any difference in payments within thirty (30) days.

3.0 Unbundled Loop

3.1 Unbundled Loops are available pursuant to CLEC's Agreement and the following terms and conditions.

3.1.1 DS1 Unbundled Loops. Subject to the cap described in Section 3.1.1.1, Qwest shall provide CLEC with non-discriminatory access to a DS1 loop on an unbundled basis to any building not served by a Wire Center with at least 60,000 Business Lines and at least four (4) Fiber-based Collocators. Once a Wire Center exceeds both of these thresholds, no future DS1 loop unbundling will be required in that Wire Center.

3.1.1.1 Cap on Unbundled DS1 Loop Circuits. CLEC may obtain a maximum of ten (10) unbundled DS1 Loops to any single building in which DS1 Loops are available as Unbundled Loops.

3.1.1.2 Transition period for DS1 loop circuits. For a twelve (12) month period beginning on March 11, 2005, any DS1 loop UNEs that CLEC leases from Qwest as of that date, but which Qwest is not obligated to unbundle pursuant to Sections 3.1.1 or 3.1.1.1, shall be available for lease from Qwest at a rate equal to the higher of (1) 115% of the rate CLEC paid for the loop element on June 15, 2004, or (2) 115% of the rate the state commission has established or establishes, if any, between June 16, 2004, and March 11, 2005, for that Loop element. Where Qwest is not required to provide unbundled DS1 loops pursuant to Sections 3.1.1 or 3.1.1.1, CLEC may not obtain new DS1 loops as unbundled network elements. Qwest and CLEC will work together to identify those circuits impacted in Non-Impaired Wire Centers.

3.1.1.3 Billing. The 15% transitional rate increment will be applied to CLECs bill as a manual adjustment on the following bill cycle. The first bill adjustment will be applied to each account based on the Billing Telephone Number (BTN) and/or Circuit (CKT) per Billing Account Number (BAN) with an effective bill date of March 11, 2005 on the first or second bill cycle following the execution date of this Amendment. Late payment charges on such billing shall be limited as set forth in Section 2.3 above.

3.1.2 DS3 Unbundled Loops. Subject to the cap described in Section 3.1.2.1, Qwest shall provide CLEC with non-discriminatory access to a DS3 loop on an unbundled basis to any building not served by a Wire Center with at least 38,000 Business Lines and at least four (4) Fiber-based Collocators. If a Wire Center exceeds both of these thresholds, no future DS3 Loop unbundling is required in that Wire Center.

3.1.2.1 Cap on Unbundled DS3 Loop Circuits. CLEC may obtain a maximum of a single unbundled DS3 Loop to any single building in which DS3 Loops are available as unbundled loops.

