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Re: Case No. QWE-T-06-24
Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement and Amendment

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 Agreement for Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services and Resale of Telecommunications Services and Amendment for CLEC Consolidation. 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
THE INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT FOR THE STATE OF
IDAHO PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. §252(e)**

CASE NO.: QWE-T-06-24

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
AND AMENDMENT**

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") hereby files this Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement and CLEC Consolidation Amendment ("Agreement"). The Agreement with MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC ("MCImetro") is submitted herewith.

This Agreement 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").

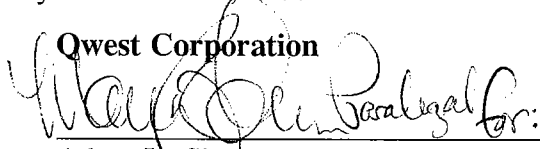
Section 252(e)(2) of the Act directs that a state Commission may reject an agreement reached through voluntary negotiations only if the Commission finds that: the agreement (or portion(s) thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to this agreement; or the implementation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

Qwest respectfully submits that this Agreement provides no basis for either of these findings, and, therefore requests that the Commission approve this Agreement expeditiously. This Agreement 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 Agreement will enable MCImetro to interconnect with Qwest facilities and to provide customers with increased choices among local telecommunications services.

Qwest further requests that the Commission approve this Agreement without a hearing. Because this Agreement 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 10 day of November 2006.

Qwest Corporation


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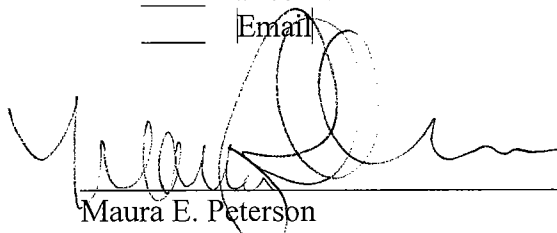
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**AGREEMENT FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INTERCONNECTION,
UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS, ANCILLARY SERVICES,
AND RESALE OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES**

BETWEEN

QWEST CORPORATION

AND

MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES LLC

IN THE STATE OF IDAHO

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Section 1.0 - GENERAL TERMS

1.1 This Agreement for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, ancillary services, and resale of Telecommunications Services is between and Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), a Colorado Corporation with offices at 1801 California Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC ("Surviving Entity" or "CLEC" or "MCI") for itself and as successor-in-interest to the CLEC business operations of its current and former affiliates (each, a "Merged Entity," collectively, the "Merged Entities" as listed in Exhibit N), pursuant to Section 252(a)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, effective as of the date of Commission approval ("Effective Date"). Qwest and MCI are each a Party and may be referred to as the Parties.

1.2 This Agreement (sometimes also referred to herein as the "Successor Agreement") sets forth the terms, conditions and pricing under which Qwest will provide to CLEC network Interconnection, access to Unbundled Network Elements, ancillary services, and Telecommunications Services available for resale within the geographical areas in which Qwest is providing local Exchange Service at that time, and for which Qwest is the incumbent Local Exchange Carrier within the state of Idaho, for purposes of providing local Telecommunications Services.

1.3 This Agreement replaces the following previous interconnection agreements (each, a "Prior Agreement") entered into between Qwest and MCI or one of the Merged Entities. Each and all of the Prior Agreements listed below shall be deemed to be terminated by mutual consent of the Parties as of the Effective Date of this Agreement.

- Statement Of Generally Available Terms and Conditions For Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, And Resale Of Telecommunication Services Provided By Qwest Corporation In The State Of Idaho, Third Revision, MCIMetro Access Transmission Services LLC, originally executed on October 24, 2002.

1.4 Notwithstanding Section 1.3 above, the following amendments to the Prior Agreement, each of which have been previously filed with and approved by the Commission, shall be incorporated into this Successor Agreement and remain in full force and effect pursuant to those terms and conditions.

- Expedites for Design Services Amendment, originally executed on February 3, 2005, as part of the Prior Agreement;
- Commercial Line-Sharing Amendment, originally executed on February 3, 2005, as part of the Prior Agreement;
- Collocation Available Inventory Amendment, originally executed on July 30, 2003, as part of the Prior Agreement;
- Interim Amendment For Certain Disputed Traffic, originally executed on November 16, 2004, as part of the Prior Agreement;
- Amendment to Interconnection Agreement for Elimination of UNE-P and Implementation of Batch Hot Cut Process and Discounts, originally executed on July 16, 2004, as part of the Prior Agreement.

For administrative ease, the Parties have not undertaken a complete rationalization of the remaining language in the body of this Agreement and in each of the Amendments. The Parties acknowledge and agree that certain inconsistencies or conflicts may exist between language in the Agreement, including without limitation the Exhibits to the Agreement, on the one hand, and language in the Amendments, on the other. In all cases, it is the Parties' intention that in the event of a conflict, inconsistency, ambiguity or other difference between the language in the body of the Agreement, including without limitation the Exhibits, and the Amendments, that the terms and provisions of the Amendments shall be deemed to amend, modify, and replace for the term of the Agreement (including without limitation any evergreen or renewal term) any conflicting, similar, inconsistent, contradictory or otherwise different term or provision in the body of the Agreement, including without limitation, the Exhibits.

1.5 Reservation of Rights.

As of the date of signature of this Successor Agreement, Qwest and MCI have disputes or are engaged in dispute resolution (either through business-to-business negotiations and escalations or through formal dispute-resolution proceedings) with respect to the following issues:

- Under the Prior Agreements, MCI and Qwest have an outstanding business dispute regarding the amount of money, if any, owed to MCI by Qwest for reciprocal compensation, including without limitation for calls to ISPs, from and after April 1, 2004, through the Effective Date of the Successor Agreement ("RC Dispute"). As of the date of signature of the Successor Agreement, Qwest and CLEC are engaged in formal dispute resolution of the RC Dispute. Those dispute resolution proceedings contemplate a potential award in arbitration adjudicating the amount of money, if any, owed to MCI by Qwest for reciprocal compensation including without limitation for calls to ISPs from and after April 1, 2004, through the Effective Date of the Successor Agreement. Nothing in this Successor Agreement is intended to resolve, settle, release, or otherwise affect in any way those dispute resolution proceedings or the RC Dispute for the period from April 1, 2004, through the Effective Date of the Successor Agreement.
- MCI and Qwest disagree regarding the compensation arrangements that should govern the exchange of ISP-bound traffic (including without limitation ISP-bound traffic originated on Qwest's network from a Local Calling Area ("LCA") to an NPA-NXX obtained by MCI and filed in the Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG") as being associated to a rate center within the LCA but terminating to an end user not located in that same LCA (which Qwest refers to as "VNXX Traffic")) from and after the Effective Date of the Successor Agreement. This dispute shall be referred to herein as the "ISP Traffic Compensation Dispute." With respect to the ISP Traffic Compensation Dispute, the language in this Agreement does not necessarily reflect a meeting of the minds of the Parties with respect to the proper outcome of that dispute. The Parties agree that this dispute shall be decided in accordance with applicable law.
- MCI and Qwest disagree concerning MCI's ability to establish and use a single Point of Interconnection ("POI") in a given LATA for the purpose of MCI receiving certain traffic originated on Qwest's network, and the financial arrangements between the Parties for such POIs, facilities, and traffic ("Disputed Traffic").

Disputed Traffic includes without limitation traffic originated on Qwest's network from a Local Calling Area ("LCA") to an NPA-NXX obtained by MCI and filed in the Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG") as being associated to a rate center within the LCA but terminating to an end user not located in that same LCA (which Qwest refers to as "VNXX Traffic"). MCI and Qwest have entered into an INTERIM AMENDMENT FOR CERTAIN DISPUTED TRAFFIC that reflects the interim arrangement with respect to this dispute. This dispute shall be referred to herein as the "SPOP Dispute."

Upon completion of dispute resolution proceedings (if any), or settlement, as applicable, for the ISP Traffic Compensation Dispute or the SPOP Dispute, again as applicable, MCI and Qwest shall promptly amend the Agreement to incorporate such terms and conditions to the extent such terms and conditions are intended to be prospective and are necessary to fully and completely implement the letter and spirit of the outcome of such dispute resolution, or settlement, with respect to such dispute.

1.6 Nothing in the Agreement shall be deemed a waiver of Qwest's position that the Qwest Master Services Agreement for Qwest Platform Plus service, entered into between the Parties on July 16, 2004, and the Terms and Conditions for Commercial Line Sharing Arrangements entered into between the Parties on February 3, 2005, are not subject to the filing requirements of Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act, 47 U.S.C. 252(e), or of MCI's position that those agreements may be subject to such requirements.

1.7 Once this Agreement is approved, any amendment to the Agreement by the Parties will be accomplished through Section 252 of the Act. This Agreement can only be amended in writing, executed by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either Party may request an amendment to this Agreement at any time by providing to the other Party in writing information about the desired amendment and proposed language changes. If the Parties have not reached agreement on the requested amendment within sixty (60) calendar Days after receipt of the request, either Party may pursue resolution of the amendment through the Dispute Resolution provisions of this Agreement.

1.7.1 Notwithstanding the above, if the Commission orders, or Qwest chooses to offer and CLEC desires to purchase, new Interconnection services, access to additional Unbundled Network Elements, additional ancillary services or Telecommunications Services available for resale which are not contained in this Agreement or a Tariff, Qwest will notify CLEC of the availability of these new services through the product notification process through the Change Management Process (CMP). CLEC must first complete the relevant section(s) of the New Product Questionnaire to establish ordering and Billing processes. In addition, the Parties shall amend this Agreement under one (1) of the following two (2) options:

1.7.1.1 If CLEC is prepared to accept Qwest's terms and conditions for such new product, CLEC shall execute a form Advice Adoption Letter (the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit L), to be furnished by Qwest, and include as an attachment, the discreet terms and conditions available on Qwest's wholesale web site, that Qwest has identified as pertaining to the new product. CLEC shall submit the Advice Adoption Letter to the Commission for its approval. CLEC shall also provide the Advice Adoption Letter to Qwest pursuant to the notice provisions in this Agreement and may begin ordering the new product pursuant to the terms of this Agreement as amended by such Advice Adoption

Letter.

1.7.1.2 If CLEC wishes to negotiate an amendment with different terms and conditions than defined by Qwest for such new product, CLEC agrees to abide by those terms and conditions on an interim basis by executing the Interim Advice Adoption Letter (the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit M) based upon the terms and conditions available on Qwest's wholesale web site that Qwest has identified as pertaining to the new product. The Interim Advice Adoption Letter will terminate when the final amendment is approved. The rates and to the extent practicable, other terms and conditions contained in the final amendment will relate back to the date the Interim Advice Adoption Letter was executed. No new product offering or accompanying Interim Advice Adoption Letter will be construed to limit or add to any rates, terms or conditions existing in this Agreement.

1.8 The Parties shall comply with Section 252(i) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 51.809 of the FCC's rules when amending their Interconnection Agreement. However, nothing in this provision precludes CLEC from seeking an amendment to its Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Section 1.7 of this Agreement, including seeking an amendment to include terms and conditions contained within Qwest's current SGAT, subject to Qwest's agreement. CLEC may not amend its Interconnection Agreement to include terms and conditions that may be contained within Qwest's current SGAT that have been affected by a change in applicable law. With respect to the terms and provisions of this Agreement, Qwest has negotiated the Agreement in its entirety, and the inclusion of any particular provision, or rate, term and condition, is not evidence of the reasonableness thereof when considered apart from all other provisions of the Agreement.

Section 2.0 - INTERPRETATION AND CONSTRUCTION

2.1 This Agreement includes this Agreement and all Exhibits appended hereto and each Amendment referenced in Section 1.4, above, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this Agreement and made a part hereof. All references to Sections and Exhibits shall be deemed to be references to Sections of, and Exhibits to, this Agreement unless the context shall otherwise require. The headings and numbering of Sections and Exhibits used in this Agreement are for convenience only and will not be construed to define or limit any of the terms in this Agreement or affect the meaning and interpretation of this Agreement. Unless the context shall otherwise require, any reference to any statute, regulation, rule, Tariff, technical reference, technical publication, or any publication of Telecommunications industry administrative or technical standards, shall be deemed to be a reference to the most recent version or edition (including any amendments, supplements, addenda, or successors) of that statute, regulation, rule, Tariff, technical reference, technical publication, or any publication of Telecommunications industry administrative or technical standards that is in effect. Provided however, that nothing in this Section 2.1 shall be deemed or considered to limit or amend the provisions of Section 2.2. In the event a change in a law, rule, regulation or interpretation thereof would materially change this Agreement, the terms of Section 2.2 shall prevail over the terms of this Section 2.1. In the case of any material change, any reference in this Agreement to such law, rule, regulation or interpretation thereof will be to such law, rule, regulation or interpretation thereof in effect immediately prior to such change until the processes set forth in Section 2.2 are implemented. The existing configuration of either Party's network may not be in compliance with the latest release of technical references, technical publications, or publications of Telecommunications industry administrative or technical standards.

2.2 The provisions in this Agreement are intended to be in compliance with and based on the existing state of the law, rules, regulations and interpretations thereof, including but not limited to state rules, regulations, and laws, as of August 1, 2003 (the Existing Rules). Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed an admission by Qwest or CLEC concerning the interpretation or effect of the Existing Rules or an admission by Qwest or CLEC that the Existing Rules should not be changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude or estop Qwest or CLEC from taking any position in any forum concerning the proper interpretation or effect of the Existing Rules or concerning whether the Existing Rules should be changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified. To the extent that the Existing Rules are or were vacated, dismissed, stayed or materially changed or modified at any point on or after August 1, 2003, then this Agreement shall be amended at the request of either Party to reflect such legally binding modification or change of the Existing Rules. Where such request of either Party is issued within thirty (30) Days of the effective date of an order issuing a legally binding change, any resulting amendment shall be deemed effective on the effective date of the legally binding change or modification of the Existing Rules for related rates, and to the extent practicable for other terms and conditions, unless otherwise ordered. In the event neither Party requests an amendment within thirty (30) Days, the effective date of the legally binding change shall be the effective date of the subsequent amendment or such other date as the to which the Parties may agree. During the pendency of any negotiation for an amendment pursuant to this Section 2.2 the Parties shall continue to perform their obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Where the Parties fail to agree upon such an amendment within sixty (60) Days after notification from a Party seeking amendment due to a modification or change of the Existing Rules or if any time during such sixty (60) Day period the Parties shall have ceased to negotiate such new terms for a continuous period of fifteen (15) Days, it shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution provision of this Agreement. It is expressly understood that this Agreement will be

corrected, or if requested by CLEC amended as set forth in this Section 2.2, to reflect the outcome of generic proceedings by the Commission for pricing, service standards, or other matters covered by this Agreement. With respect to changes to the Rates in Exhibit A, such rates will be automatically updated by Qwest to reflect legally binding decisions of the Commission and shall be applied on a prospective basis from the effective date of the legally binding Commission decision, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. For purposes of this section, "legally binding" means that the legal ruling has not been stayed, no request for a stay is pending, and any deadline for requesting a stay designated by statute or regulation, has passed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties agree that this Agreement does not reflect changes in law wrought by the FCC's Report And Order On Remand And Further Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Dockets No. 01-338, 96-98, and 98-147 released on August 21, 2003 ("Triennial Review Order"); the FCC's Order on Remand in WC Docket No. 04-313 and CC Docket No. 01-338 released on February 4, 2005 ("TRRO"); and the FCC's Order in WC Docket 03-171 released on October 18, 2004 ("Core Forbearance Order"); and that each Party shall be entitled to an appropriate amendment implementing the changes wrought in those orders in accordance with the procedures outlined in this Agreement and the Parties agree that the effectiveness of any such amendment shall be implemented retroactively to the Effective Date of this Agreement.

2.3 Unless otherwise specifically determined by the Commission, in cases of conflict between this Agreement on the one hand, and Qwest's Tariffs, PCAT, methods and procedures, technical publications, policies, product notifications or other Qwest documentation, on the other, relating to Qwest's or CLEC's rights or obligations, then the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail. To the extent another document purports to abridge or expand the rights or obligations of either Party under this Agreement, the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail.

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Section 3.0 - CLEC INFORMATION

3.1 Except as otherwise required by law, Qwest will not provide or establish Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, ancillary services and/or resale of Telecommunications Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement prior to CLEC's execution of this Agreement. The Parties shall complete Qwest's "New Customer Questionnaire," as it applies to CLEC's obtaining of Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, ancillary services, and/or resale of Telecommunications Services hereunder.

3.2 Prior to placing any orders for services under this Agreement, the Parties will jointly complete the following sections of Qwest's "New Customer Questionnaire":

General Information

Billing and Collection (Section 1)

Credit Information

Billing Information

Summary Billing

OSS and Network Outage Notification Contact Information

System Administration Contact Information

Ordering Information for LIS Trunks, Collocation, and Associated Products (if CLEC plans to order these services)

Design Layout Request – LIS Trunking and Unbundled Loop (if CLEC plans to order these services)

3.2.1 The remainder of this questionnaire must be completed within two (2) weeks of completing the initial portion of the questionnaire. This questionnaire will be used to:

Determine geographical requirements;

Identify CLEC identification codes;

Determine Qwest system requirements to support CLEC's specific activity;

Collect credit information;

Obtain Billing information;

Create summary bills;

Establish input and output requirements;

Create and distribute Qwest and CLEC contact lists; and

Identify CLEC hours and holidays.

3.2.2 CLECs that have previously completed a Questionnaire need not fill out a new New Customer Questionnaire; however, CLEC will update its New Customer Questionnaire with any changes in the required information that have occurred and communicate those changes to Qwest. Before placing an order for a new product, CLEC will need to complete the relevant new product questionnaire and amend this Agreement, which may include an amendment pursuant to Section 1.7.1.

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Section 4.0 - DEFINITIONS

"Access Service Request" or "ASR" means the industry guideline forms and supporting documentation used for ordering Access Services. The ASR will be used to order trunking and facilities between CLEC and Qwest for Local Interconnection Service.

"Access Services" refers to the interstate and intrastate switched access and private line transport services offered for the origination and/or termination of interexchange traffic.

"Access Tandem Switch" is a Switch used to connect End Office Switches to interexchange Carrier switches. Qwest's Access Tandem Switches are also used to connect and switch traffic between and among Central Office Switches within the same LATA and may be used for the exchange of local traffic.

"Act" means the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et. seq.), as amended, and as from time to time interpreted in the duly authorized rules and regulations of the FCC or the Commission.

"Advanced Intelligent Network" or "AIN" is a Telecommunications network architecture in which call processing, call routing and network management are provided by means of centralized databases.

"Advanced Services" refers to high speed, switched, broadband, wireline Telecommunications capability that enables users to originate and receive high-quality, voice, data, graphics or video Telecommunications using any technology.

"Affiliate" means a Person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another Person. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'own' means to own an equity interest (or the equivalent thereof) of more than 10 percent.

"AMI T1" is a transmission system sometimes used on loops to transmit DS1 signals (1.544 Mbps) using Alternate Mark Inversion (AMI) line code.

"Applicable Law" means all laws, statutes, common law, ordinances, codes, rules, guidelines, orders, permits and approval of any governmental regulations, including, but not limited to, the Act, the regulations, rules, and final orders of the FCC and the Commission, and any final orders and decisions of a court of competent jurisdiction reviewing the regulations, rules, or orders of the FCC or the Commission.

"Application Date" or "APP" means the date CLEC provides Qwest an application for service containing required information as set forth in this Agreement.

"ATIS" or "Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions" is a North American telecommunication industry standards forum which, through its committees and working groups, creates, and publishes standards and guidelines designed to enable interoperability and Interconnection for Telecommunications products and services. ATIS Standards and Guidelines, as well as the standards of other industry fora, are referenced herein.

"Automated Message Accounting" or "AMA" is the structure inherent in Switch technology that initially records telecommunication message information. AMA format is contained in the AMA

document, published by Telcordia Technologies, or its successors, as GR-1100-CORE which defines the industry standard for message recording.

"Automatic Location Identification" or "ALI" is the automatic display at the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) of the caller's telephone number, the address/location of the telephone and supplementary emergency services information for Enhanced 911 (E911).

"Automatic Location Identification/Database Management System" or "ALI/DBMS" is an Enhanced 911/(E911) database containing End User Customer location information (including name, service address, telephone number, and sometimes special information from the local service provider) used to determine to which Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to route the call and used by the PSAP for emergency call handling (i.e., dispatch of emergency aid).

"Automatic Location Identification Gateway" or "ALI Gateway" is a computer facility into which CLEC delivers Automatic Location Identification (ALI) data for CLEC Customers. Access to the ALI Gateway will be via a dial-up modem using a common protocol.

"Automatic Number Identification" or "ANI" is the Billing telephone number associated with the access line from which a call originates. ANI and Calling Party Number (CPN) usually are the same number.

"Automatic Route Selection" or "ARS" is a service feature that provides for automatic selection of the least expensive or most appropriate transmission facility for each call based on criteria programmed into a circuit Switch routing table or system.

"Basic Exchange Telecommunications Service" means, unless otherwise defined in Commission rules and then it shall have the meaning set forth therein, a service offered to End User Customers which provides the End User Customer with a telephonic connection to, and a unique local telephone number address on, the public switched telecommunications network, and which enables such End User Customer to generally place calls to, or receive calls from, other stations on the public switched telecommunications network. Basic residence and business line services are Basic Exchange Telecommunications Services. As used solely in the context of this Agreement and unless otherwise agreed, Basic Exchange Telecommunications Service includes access to ancillary services such as 911, Directory Assistance and operator services.

"Bill Date" means the date on which a Billing period ends, as identified on the bill.

"Billing" involves the provision of appropriate usage data by one Telecommunications Carrier to another to facilitate Customer Billing with attendant acknowledgments and status reports. It also involves the exchange of information between Telecommunications Carriers to process claims and adjustments.

"Binder Groups" means the sub-units of a cable, usually in groups of 25, 50 or 100 color-coded twisted pairs wrapped in colored tape within a cable.

"Bona Fide Request" or "BFR" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 17.

"Bridged Tap" means the unused sections of a twisted pair subtending the loop between the End User Customer and the Serving Wire Center or extending beyond the End User Customer's location.

"Busy Line Verify/Busy Line Interrupt" or "BLV/BLI Traffic" means a call to an operator service in which the caller inquires as to the busy status of or requests an interruption of a call on another End User Customer's Basic Exchange Telecommunications Service line.

"Calling Party Number" or "CPN" is a Common Channel Signaling (CCS) parameter which refers to the ten digit number transmitted through a network identifying the calling party. Reference Qwest Technical Publication 77342.

"Carrier" or "Common Carrier" See Telecommunications Carrier.

"Carrier Liaison Committee" or "CLC" is under the auspices of ATIS and is the executive oversight committee that provides direction as well as an appeals process to its subtending fora, the Network Interconnection Interoperability Forum (NIIF), the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF), the Industry Numbering Committee (INC), and the Toll Fraud Prevention Committee (TFPC). On occasion, the CLC commissions ad hoc committees when issues do not have a logical home in one of the subtending forums. OBF and NIMC publish business process rules for their respective areas of concern.

"Central Office" means a building or a space within a building where transmission facilities or circuits are connected or switched.

"Central Office Switch" means a Switch used to provide Telecommunications Services, including, but not limited to:

"End Office Switches" which are used to terminate End User Customer station loops, or equivalent, for the purpose of interconnecting to each other and to trunks; and

"Tandem Office Switches" - CLEC Switch(es) shall be considered Tandem Office Switch(es) to the extent such Switch(es) serve(s) a comparable geographic area as Qwest's Tandem Office Switch. A fact based consideration of geography, when approved by the Commission or mutually agreed to by the Parties, should be used to classify any Switch on a prospective basis. Qwest "Tandem Office Switches" are used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among other End Office Switches. Access tandems typically provide connections for exchange access and toll traffic, and Jointly Provided Switched Access traffic while local tandems provide connections for Exchange Service (EAS/Local) traffic. CLECs may also utilize a Qwest Access Tandem for the exchange of local traffic as set forth in this Agreement.

"Centralized Automatic Message Accounting" or "CAMA" trunks are trunks using MF signaling protocol used to record Billing data.

"Centralized Message Distribution System" or "CMDS" means the operation system that Local Exchange Carriers use to exchange outcollect and IABS access messages among each other and other parties connected to CMDS.

"Charge Number" is a Common Channel Signaling parameter, which refers to the number, transmitted through the network identifying the Billing number of the calling party. Charge Number frequently is not the Calling Party Number (CPN).

"Centrex" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.2.2.9.

