

Level 3/BELL ATLANTIC Interconnection Agreement for Massachusetts

6.0 TRANSMISSION AND ROUTING OF EXCHANGE ACCESS TRAFFIC PURSUANT TO 251(c)(2)

6.1 Scope of Traffic

Section 6 prescribes parameters for certain trunks to be established over the Interconnections specified in Section 4 for the transmission and routing of traffic between Level 3 Telephone Exchange Service Customers and Interexchange Carriers ("Access Toll Connecting Trunks"), in any case where Level 3 elects to have its End Office Switch subtend a BA Tandem. This includes casually-dialed (1010XXX and 101XXXX) traffic.

6.2 Access Toll Connecting Trunk Group Architecture

6.2.1 If Level 3 chooses to subtend a BA access tandem then Level 3's NPA/NXX must be assigned by Level 3 to subtend the same BA access tandem that a BA NPA/NXX serving the same Rate Center subtends as identified in the LERG.

6.2.2 Level 3 shall establish Access Toll Connecting Trunks pursuant to applicable access Tariffs by which it will provide tandem-transported Switched Exchange Access Services to Interexchange Carriers to enable such Interexchange Carriers to originate and terminate traffic to and from Level 3's Customers.

6.2.3 Access Toll Connecting Trunks shall be used solely for the transmission and routing of Exchange Access to allow Level 3's Customers to connect to or be connected to the interexchange trunks of any Interexchange Carrier which is connected to a BA Tandem. If Level 3 collocates at a BA access tandem, applicable Tariff rates and charges shall apply for transport and switching.

6.2.4 The Access Toll Connecting Trunks shall be two-way trunks. Such trunks shall connect the End Office or Tandem Switch Level 3 utilizes to provide Telephone Exchange Service and Switched Exchange Access to its customers in a given LATA to the Tandem(s) BA utilizes to provide Exchange Access in such LATA.

6.3 Meet-Point Billing Arrangements

6.3.1 Level 3 and BA will establish Meet-Point Billing ("MPB") arrangements in order to provide a common transport option to Switched Access Services Customers via a Tandem Switch in accordance with the Meet-Point Billing guidelines contained in the OBF's MECAB and MECOD documents, except as modified herein, and in BA's applicable Switched Access Service Tariffs. The arrangements described in this Section 6 are intended to be used to provide Switched Exchange Access Service that originates and/or terminates with a Telephone Exchange Service Customer of either Party that is provided by either Party, where the transport component of the Switched Exchange Access Service is routed through a Tandem Switch that is provided by BA.

Section 6.0 prescribes parameters for certain trunk groups ("Access Toll Connecting Trunks") to be established over the Interconnections specified in Section 4.0 for the transmission and routing of Exchange Access traffic between AT&T Broadband's Telephone Exchange Service Customers and Interexchange Carriers ("IXC's"). This includes casually dialed (10XXX and 101XXXX) traffic.

6.2 Access Toll Connecting Trunk Group Architecture

6.2.1 If AT&T Broadband chooses to subtend a Verizon access tandem then AT&T Broadband's NPA/NXX must be assigned by AT&T Broadband to subtend the same Verizon access tandem that a Verizon NPA/NXX serving the same Rate Center subtends as identified in the LERG.

6.2.2 AT&T Broadband shall establish Access Toll Connecting Trunks pursuant to applicable access Tariffs and any applicable Joint Grooming process established pursuant to Section 10 of this Agreement by which it will provide tandem-transported Switched Exchange Access Services to Interexchange Carriers to enable such Interexchange Carriers to originate and terminate traffic to and from AT&T Broadband's Customers.

6.2.3 Access Toll Connecting Trunks shall be used solely for the transmission and routing of Exchange Access to allow AT&T Broadband's Customers to connect to or be connected to the interexchange trunks of any Interexchange Carrier which is connected to a Verizon Tandem. If AT&T Broadband collocates at a Verizon access tandem, applicable Tariff rates and charges shall apply for transport and switching.

6.2.4 The Access Toll Connecting Trunks shall be two-way trunks. Such trunks shall connect the End Office or Tandem Switch AT&T Broadband utilizes to provide Telephone Exchange Service and Switched Exchange Access to its customers in a given LATA to the Tandem(s) Verizon utilizes to provide Exchange Access in such LATA.

6.3 Meet-Point Billing Arrangements

6.3.1 AT&T Broadband and Verizon will establish Meet-Point Billing ("MPB") arrangements in order to provide a common transport option to Switched Access Services Customers via a Tandem Switch in accordance with the Meet-Point Billing guidelines contained in the OBF's MECAB and MECOD documents, except as modified herein, and in Verizon's applicable Switched Access Service Tariffs. The arrangements described in this Section 6 are intended to be used to provide Switched Exchange Access Service that originates and/or terminates with a Telephone Exchange Service Customer of either Party that is provided by either Party, where the transport component of the Switched Exchange Access Service is routed through a Tandem Switch that is provided by Verizon. At Verizon's sole option, AT&T Broadband shall provide a Meet-Point Billing Arrangement for Switched Exchange Access Service jointly provided by the Parties to a Telephone Exchange Service Customer of either Party routed through a Tandem Switch that is provided by AT&T Broadband subject to the same terms and conditions noted herein.