

INTERCONNECTION

6. Establishing POIs

Each Co-Carrier shall designate points of interconnection at the Company's Local Switching Center; any reasonable point on the Company's network; and/or some other reasonable mutually agreed upon point. Co-Providers may establish co-location in order to interconnect. In addition, nothing in this language will prevent Co-Providers, upon mutual agreement with the Company, from establishing additional mutually agreed upon POIs. If Co-Providers are unable to reach agreement on the location of the point of interconnection, the party aggrieved may seek redress from the Commission.

Each Co-Provider is responsible for providing its own facilities to route calls to the POI. Each party shall bear their own costs related to installation at the POI.

The Co-Provider will compensate the Company for terminating local traffic which the Co-Provider delivers at the POI for termination on the Company's network in accordance with Section 8, below. No other rate elements will apply to terminating local traffic, except that if the POI is not located within the local calling area of the terminating exchange access line, the Co-Provider must order either IntraLATA long-distance direct transport or IntraLATA long-distance tandem switched transport between the serving wire center of the POI and serving wire center of the terminating exchange access line.

The Co-Provider wishing to terminate traffic can terminate that traffic in one of two ways: 1) separate trunks for local and non-local; or 2) on combined trunks, provided the Commission has approved and implemented an auditable PLU mechanism.

The POI may (optionally) be used for the interconnection of other types of services, such as toll and ancillary services, subject to the applicable rates for such interconnection as set forth in other tariffs.

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