

1. Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs)**1.1 Description**

1.1.1	General
A.	Network Elements are a facility or equipment used in the provision of a telecommunications service. Network elements also include features, functions, and capabilities that are provided by means of such facility or equipment, including subscriber numbers, databases, signaling systems, and information sufficient for billing and collection or used in the transmission, routing, or other provisioning of a telecommunications service.
1.	Notwithstanding any other provision of this tariff, the Telephone Company shall be obligated to provide access to UNEs, combinations of UNEs ("Combinations"), or UNEs commingled with wholesale services ("Commingling") under the terms of this tariff in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3) and 47 C.F.R. Part 51. In accordance with U.S.C. Section 251(c)(3) and 47 C.F.R. Part 51, the Telephone Company will allow the commingling of a UNE or a combination of UNEs obtained under this tariff with wholesale service obtained under a Telephone Company access tariff or separate non-Section 251 agreement, ("Qualifying Wholesale Services"), where the provision of such UNE (or combination of UNEs) is required. "Qualifying Wholesale Services" shall include, but are not limited to, any network elements that a TC obtains from the Telephone Company pursuant to Section 271 of the Act; provided, however, that the Telephone Company may price Section 271 elements at market-based rates that are not subject to the requirements of Section 252 of the Act, and in no event shall the Telephone Company be required to provide a non-Section 251 element at TELRIC rates. Moreover, in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3) and 47 C.F.R. Part 51, the Telephone Company shall, upon request of the TC, perform the functions necessary to commingle or combine UNEs with wholesale services. The rates, terms and conditions of the applicable access tariff or separate non-251 agreement will apply to the wholesale services, and the rates, terms and conditions of this tariff, as applicable, will apply to the UNEs; provided, however, that a nonrecurring charge will apply for each UNE circuit that is part of a commingled arrangement, as described in Part A, Section 3.3.2 and set forth in Part M of this tariff. This charge is intended to offset the Telephone Company's costs of implementing and managing commingled arrangements. "Ratcheting," as that term is defined by the FCC, shall not be required. UNEs that are commingled with wholesale services are not included in the shared use provisions of the applicable tariff.
2.	In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3) and 47 C.F.R. Part 51, the Telephone Company shall make such routine network modifications as are necessary to permit access by a TC to the loop, dedicated transport, or dark fiber transport facilities where such facilities have already been constructed. Routine network modifications, may include, but are not limited to: rearranging of in-place cable at existing splice points; adding an apparatus case; adding a range extender; placing a new channel unit; line and station transfers; activating dead copper cable; clearing a defective pair; deploying a new multiplexer or reconfiguring an existing multiplexer; removal of bridged taps; and removal of load coils. When such network modifications are required, it is the TC's obligation to cancel the service order if it does not wish to proceed and pay for such modifications. Routine network modifications do not include the construction of a new loop, trenching or the installation of new aerial or buried cable, except as provided for in Part B, Section 5.1.1.B.4.a. of this tariff. The Telephone Company will make such routine network modifications at the rates and charges set forth in Part M, which are described in Part A, Section 3.3.2.

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B.	The Telephone Company provides non-discriminatory access to UNEs to the extent technically feasible such that a requesting TC will be able to lease and interconnect to whichever of the network elements to provide telecommunications services. This enables the TC to provide local exchange and local exchange access to the public. The following Telephone Company provided UNEs are described in the following sections of Part B.
1.	Interoffice Transmission Facilities
2.	Multiplexer
3.	Tandem Switching
4.	Links (Local Loops)
5.	Local Switching
6.	Signaling Systems and Call-Related Databases
7.	Operations Support System
8.	Network Interface Device (NID) and house and riser cable
9.	Expanded Extended Local Loops
10.	Switch Sub-Platforms
11.	UNE Platforms
12.	UNE Combinations
13.	Dark Fiber
14.	Sub-Loop Arrangements
15.	Line Sharing
16.	Feeder Sub-Loops
17.	Sub-Loop Arrangements - Other
18.	Line Splitting
C.	To the extent that the Telephone Company is not required to provide any network element on a standalone basis pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3) or 47 C.F.R. Part 51, it will to the same extent not be required to provide any such network element as part of an element combination. By way of illustration and not limitation, the Telephone Company will not be required to provide UNE Platform service under this tariff (as described in Part B, Section 15) to the extent that the Telephone Company is not required to provide standalone unbundled local circuit switching (as described in Part B, Section 6).
D.	Notwithstanding any other provision of this tariff, a requesting TC may not access an unbundled network element pursuant to this tariff for the exclusive provision of mobile wireless services or interexchange services. The term "mobile wireless service" shall have the meaning set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 51.5.

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1.1.2 Regulations	
A.	Requests for network elements not listed herein can be made via a Bona Fide Request (BFR).
B.	All preordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and billing requests will be handled through the use of the Telephone Company's electronic interfaces.
C.	The Telephone Company may upon notification to the TC, at a reasonable time, make necessary tests and inspections in order to determine TC compliance with tariff requirements pertaining to equipment and interconnections.