7. Expanded Extended Loop (EEL)
7.1 General

7.1.1	Description
A.	EEL arrangements are provided to the extent technically feasible and where facilities exist. EEL arrangements enable a CLEC to use combinations of unbundled links (provided under Part B, Section 5) and unbundled dedicated interoffice transport network elements, including unbundled multiplexers (provided under Part B, Sections 2 and 3) to provide a significant amount of local exchange service to an end user.
B.	Intrastate-interLATA EEL arrangements will be provided only when all circuit end points are within the same local exchange calling area as defined in PUC RI No. 15.
C.	In addition to the EEL arrangements described in 7.1.1A, the following unbundled links (refer to Part B, Section 5) are available in combination with EEL voice grade/DS0 transport.
1.	2 wire analog basic link
2.	2 wire digital ISDN capable link
3.	4 wire analog basic link
4.	4 wire 56 KD link
D.	It is presumed that the CLEC is providing a significant amount of local exchange service if the CLEC meets the terms of one of the following FCC-approved significant local usage options. The Telephone Company will amend this tariff to include any future FCC-approved significant local usage options, as required.
1.	**Option 1—** The CLEC is the exclusive provider of an end user's local exchange service. The loop-transport combinations must terminate at the CLEC's collocation arrangement in at least one Telephone Company central office. This option does not allow loop-transport combinations to be connected to the Telephone Company's tariffed services.
2.	**Option 2—** The CLEC provides local exchange and exchange access service to the end user customer's premises and handles at least one third of the end user customer's local traffic measured as a percent of total end user customer local dialtone lines; and for DS1 circuits and above, at least fifty percent of the activated channels on the loop portion of the loop-transport combination have at least five percent local voice traffice individually, and the entire loop facility has at least ten percent local voice traffic. When a loop-transport combination includes multiplexing (e.g., DS1 multiplexed to DS3 level), each of the individual DS1 circuits must meet this criteria. The loop-transport combination must terminate at the CLEC's collocation arrangement in at least one Telephone Company central office. This option does not allow loop-transport combinations to be connected to the Telephone Company's tariffed services.

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7.1 General

7.1.1	Description
D.	(Continued)
3.	**Option 3—** At least fifty percent of the activated channels on a circuit are used to provide originating and terminating local dialtone service and at least fifty percent of the traffic on each of these local dialtone channels is local voice traffic, and that the entire loop facility has at least thirty-three percent local voice traffic. When a loop-transport combination includes multiplexing (e.g., DS1 multiplexed to DS3 level), each of the individual DS1 circuits must meet this criteria. This option does not allow loop-transport combinations to be connected to the Telephone Company's tariffed services. Collocation is not required under this option.

7. Expanded Extended Loop (EEL)
7.2 Responsibility of the Telephone Company

7.2.1	Description
A.	The Telephone Company will perform the necessary functions to combine unbundled loop and IOF transport network elements to provide EEL arrangements.

7. Expanded Extended Loop (EEL)
7.3 Responsibility of the CLEC

7.3.1	Description
A.	The CLEC must certify in writing that the EEL arrangement is being used to provide a significant amount of local exchange service and associated switched access services to a particular customer. Such certification will not delay the provisioning of EEL arrangements. The CLEC must certify to the Telephone Company under which FCC-approved significant local usage option it qualifies.
B.	The CLEC is responsible for initiating and isolating all end user trouble reports and isolating the trouble to the Telephone Company network. The trouble reporting procedure must conform to the established mechanized process.
C.	The CLEC must submit an accurate, timely and complete order.
D.	To ensure adequate infrastructure planning to meet customer service requirements within standard intervals, CLECs must provide the Telephone Company with at least a one year detailed forecast of its volume requirement for all EEL arrangements. This should include requirements for both new growth and change in volumes. The forecast is to be provided to the Telephone Company on an annual basis.

7. Expanded Extended Loop (EEL)
7.4 Regulations

7.4.1	General
A.	The CLEC will have assignment control of all multiplexers and transport and must specify a connecting facility arrangement (CFA) for each low speed channel termination or transport termination requested.
B.	Orders for backbone elements and EEL loops will be accepted at the same time and will be treated as one order.
C.	An EEL arrangement may be ordered on an expedited basis.
D.	When the CLEC requests a change from one EEL arrangement to another, such changes are treated as discontinuances of existing service and installations of new service.
E.	**Certification Audits—** The Telephone Company shall have the right to audit CLEC compliance with the terms of the FCC-approved significant local usage options in Section73.1.1D. Audits will not be conducted prior to the provisioning of an EEL arrangement but only when the Telephone Company has reason to believe that a CLEC's EEL arrangement does not meet the terms of the FCC-approved significant local usage option under which the CLEC has self-certified. The Telephone Company will provide at least thirty days' written notice to a CLEC that it will conduct an audit. In addition, the Telephone Company will notify the FCC of any audits it plans to conduct.
1.	The audit shall be performed by an independent party as authorized by the Telephone Company. Such a request will be initiated by the Telephone Company no more than once per year unless a prior audit revealed noncompliance.
2.	The CLEC shall supply required data, including but not limited to NPA-NXX and 4-digit telephone number suffixes associated with each EEL arrangement, and associated usage data provided such records are kept by the CLEC as part of its normal course of business.
3.	In the event that an audit reveals that a CLEC is not meeting the terms of the FCC-approved significant local usage options in Section 7.1.1D, the CLEC shall reimburse the Telephone Company for the cost of the audit. Proof of cost shall be the bills submitted to the Telephone Company by the auditor in adequate detail. The Telephone Company may discontinue service without incurring liability in accordance with Part A, Section 1.6.6.

7.4.2	Maintenance Standards
A.	All EEL arrangements are subject to the appropriate maintenance service standards applicable to the link.

7. Expanded Extended Loop (EEL)
7.5 Application of Rates and Charges

7.5.1	Description
A.	**Monthly Rates**
1.	**Link Test Charge—** A monthly rate applies to recover the additional cost associated with testing EEL arrangements. This charge will vary depending on the specific loop type that is ordered.
2.	The applicable recurring rate for each separate network element will also apply to EEL arrangements.
3.	EEL voice grade/DS0 transport provides for the transmission facility between the two termination points.
a.	Rates for EEL voice grade/DS0 transport apply on a fixed and per mile basis.
B.	**NRCs** will equal the sum of the tariffed NRC applicable to the individual unbundled network elements involved in the provisioning of the EEL arrangement, less the charge for the network activities, if any, not required to be performed due to the nature of the specific combination requested.
1.	**Customer Not Ready Charges** will apply as appropriate.
2.	One service order charge per service order issued will apply.
C.	**Collocation SAC or IAC Charges** as appropriate will also apply (refer to Part E).
D.	Full termination liability will apply for conversions to EEL arrangements, where applicable.