

appropriate local or access tandem serving, or at any mutually agreed end office within, the rate center.

4.3.2. In Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, the Parties agree that Section 4. is satisfied, as to all sub-tending end offices and rate centers where CLEC has established a dialable telephone number local to the rate center or ports any number established by other local exchange carriers (including ILEC companies), if a physical POI is established at the appropriate tandem, if applicable, or any mutually agreed end office within, the local exchange area.

4.4. When establishing a POI required under Section 4. of this Amendment, the Parties agree:

4.4.1. CLEC may utilize existing interconnection arrangements at existing POIs, including the mid-span fiber meet architecture in service or being currently jointly planned; or

4.4.2. CLEC may utilize its collocation facilities in end offices or local tandems within the local calling area or tandem serving area, including, but not limited to fiber cable handoffs. Where CLEC has spare fiber cable in an existing collocation space, CLEC may establish interconnection by terminating such fiber cable to an ILEC fiber optic terminal (FOT). This fiber cable handoff from CLEC's collocation facility to an ILEC FOT shall be in accordance with the applicable collocation provisions in the ICA, interconnection agreement or state tariff. If there are no provisions in the ICA, interconnection agreement or state tariff, then the fiber cable hand-off will be as mutually agreed upon by the Parties; or

4.4.3. CLEC may utilize new, mutually agreed upon, mid-span fiber meets, where CLEC will connect to the ILEC FOT by providing fiber cable at the last entrance (or agreed upon) manhole outside of the tandem, or at the last entrance ( or agreed upon) manhole outside of an end office in the rate center where the Parties agree to interconnection at an end office; or

4.4.4. CLEC may utilize its existing facilities or the existing facilities of CLEC's interexchange carrier affiliate(s) (IXC), at the serving wire center locations where CLEC or its IXC have a facilities presence for switched and/or dedicated access traffic; or

4.4.5. CLEC may by purchase Special Access or switched dedicated access transport facilities and services from ILEC as provided for in Section 4.8; or