

**DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR 3RD PARTY CONNECTIONS**

To the extent that TSPs make direct connections (i.e. connections other than through the Public Internet) for anyone, they should make them to the same xxxxxx (need adjective; is it virtual ? is it IP address? is it PPP ?) point (e.g. router) where the Public Internet connection is first made at the TSP site (e.g. external to outer-most firewall-ring) and the TSP should make such connections to any party upon request for the same remuneration. When TSP has multiple connectivity to the public Internet, the 3rd party should be informed of these locations and their performance characteristics; the 3rd party should be allowed to chose which connectivity point (e.g. router) to which communications will be transmitted. In the event of a change in TSP hardware, confirmation, or processing characteristics, sufficient notice will be given to permit scheduling of vendors to facilitate uninterrupted service (i.e. allow for customary installation and service lead times by outside contractors/vendors). Outages or changes in availability in service must be noticed. Maintenance to be conducted in off-peak hours. Material difference in through put rate relative to all existing pathways (i.e. before maintenance or configuration change) are limited to a total amount not to exceed 48 hours per quarter.

