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PART I

SUBSCRIBER CARRIER EQUIPMENT PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

1. SCOPE

1.1 These specifications apply to subscriber carrier equipment designed for use with paired cable. The specifications may also be used for subscriber carrier designed for coaxial cable, radio, optical fibers or other facilities. Part I of Form 397c specifies the system performance of the installed equipment. Part II of Form 397c specifies requirements for installation, alignment, inspection and acceptance tests when such service is included as part of the contract. Part IIIA of Form 397c lists the equipment requirements and technical data for application engineering. Parts I and IIIA are completed by the Purchaser or its Engineer. Part IIIB is to be completed by the Seller.

NOTE: REA TE&CM Section 903 is an application guide for this specification.

1.2 Subscriber carrier equipment is required for: (Company & REA Project No.)

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1.3 The Seller will supply the equipment under one of the following conditions: (check one)

☐ Form 397: Furnish, deliver, install, align and test equipment and materials. Parts I, II and III of REA Form 397c comprise the specifications.

☐ Form 398: Furnish and deliver the equipment. Parts I and III of REA Form 397c comprise the specifications.

1.4 Specific equipment quantities and detailed application information are outlined in the Purchasers Narrative, Carrier System Layout(s), other Addenda, and one or more Part IIIA of the Form 397c. The Purchaser completes Parts I, II (when applicable) and IIIA along with attached addenda.

1.4.1 Purchaser's Narrative: The Purchaser's narrative describes the initial and ultimate equipment, system and route requirements and a tentative schedule for implementing each phase of growth. The narrative is supported by the Form 397c and addenda. The purpose of the narrative is to outline the Purchaser's plans so that the initial equipment furnished under this contract can be later expanded to ultimate service needs with minimal impact. (System may be expanded by Purchaser with the same type of equipment, or with other compatible equipment.)

1.4.2 Purchasers Specifications: The Purchasers specifications include the Form 397c, attached addenda and specifically referenced specifications (i. e., REA PE Specifications). All items specified in the Form 397c and attached addenda are to be included in the Seller's basic proposal unless stated otherwise. Where the overall system is divided into separate contracts for component parts of the system, specific separation of Seller

responsibilities are outlined in the Form 397c and addenda (i.e., separate contracts for PCM carrier terminals, span line and/or APS equipment.)

1.4.3 Seller's Proposal: Part IIIB of Form 397c and attached addenda contain the information from the equipment Seller which is considered essential in evaluating the proposal. The Seller's equipment and proposal shall meet all of the Purchaser's specifications except where specifically noted by the Seller. All items included in the Purchaser's specifications are included in the basic proposal unless stated otherwise. The Seller is to separate equipment and installation costs of the basic proposal, each alternate proposal and optional equipment. The equipment Seller completes Part IIIB and attached addenda as required.

1.4.4 Seller's Responsibility: It is the Seller's responsibility to furnish equipment under this contract that will provide all initial equipment requirements; and will provide for growth to the system ultimate requirements by adding new modules to partially equipped units and by adding new systems. Modification of existing equipment or wiring to accommodate future growth shall not be required unless specifically outlined by the Seller in Part IIIB. (Note: Items such as repeater housings shall be wired for full capacity. Additional systems are accommodated by inserting repeaters and protectors without altering the wiring within the housing.)

1.4.5 Seller's Narrative: The Seller shall provide a short descriptive narrative describing in quantities the proposed systems and component parts, accessories, options and necessary test equipment. The Seller shall also provide a plan for orderly growth from the initial quantities of channels and systems to the ultimate specified quantities. The equipment is expected to meet all requirements during each phase of growth.

2. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

2.1 The installed subscriber carrier equipment and accessories shall meet the requirements set forth in Part I and Part III, Form 397c.

2.2 Equipment furnished under this contract shall meet the following specification requirements. The performance requirements cited in these specifications are extended to include the applications and other specific criteria noted in Parts I and III, Form 397c.

☐ Analog Subscriber Carrier Systems

☐ PE-64b

☐ PE-64c

☐ Other (Specify) _____

☐ Digital Trunk Carrier Systems

- ☐ PE-64a - Terminal Equipment
- ☐ PE-64c - Terminal Equipment
- ☐ PE-60b - Span Line Equipment
- ☐ PE-60c - APS Equipment
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

2.3 The physical and electrical characteristics of the outside plant over which the carrier system furnished under this contract shall operate and other information necessary for proper carrier system operation are specified under Part IIIA, Form 397c. The specifications are for paired cable facilities unless noted otherwise.

2.4 Frequency and level coordination among carrier systems shall be practiced so that transmission and signaling performance of any carrier circuits already installed and properly aligned on other wire pairs (and which meet normal transmission losses along all or a portion of the same routes) shall not be impaired by the installation and operation of carrier channels furnished under terms of this contract.

2.5 Where the same wire facility is used for voice, signaling and/or carrier, or other multipurpose use, the transmission, signaling and other functions shall not be appreciably degraded by the filters, interface equipment and accessory devices required. Where carrier channels are used for voice, signaling and/or alarms, or other multipurpose use, the transmission, signaling and other functions shall not be appreciably degraded. Multipurpose use of facilities and channels are described in Part III, Form 397c.

2.6 The documentation required includes at least one complete set of equipment manuals and other instructions including installation, troubleshooting techniques and maintenance recommendations for each central office in which the equipment is located and associated routes. State any additional requirements.

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2.6.1 Electrical protection procedures (maintenance procedures, options, etc.) for the terminal equipment, repeaters and accessory equipment installed on the outside plant shall be part of the manual required in 2.6 above.

2.6.2 The Seller shall provide installation procedures for Purchaser installed housings and equipment.

2.6.3 To the extent that the equipment is factory wired, the Seller shall provide office records showing wiring options used in the terminals, channels, filters, repeaters, jackfields and terminal blocks.

2.7 ☐ The Purchaser requires training for ___ employees. A description of this training is to be proposed by the Seller.

2.8 If this contract provides for installation, alignment and testing by the Seller, this work may be done during normal working hours unless otherwise specified here: _____

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3. TECHNICAL DATA AND REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Technical data and detailed requirements are outlined in Part IIIA and attached addenda; each central office exchange area should be covered in a separate Part IIIA and supported by attached addenda. Addenda applies to all exchanges unless indicated to apply to a specific exchange. (Identify specific Part IIIA exchange groups included).

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3.2 To the extent that each apply, the following is a summary of the Purchaser's technical data and system operation requirements. Additional data and requirements are specified in detail in addenda.

3.3 Central Office

3.3.1 A central office floor plan is attached for each central office in which carrier equipment will be located. Carrier equipment should not be located closer than six feet to rectifiers, voltage regulators and rotating equipment. The floor plan includes a detailed description and location of all existing and proposed equipment relative to the Seller's responsibilities. If installation is a part of the contract, the information

includes rack profiles, locations and descriptions of alarm, traffic, power, ground and other similar connections, structural alternations (including masonry drilling), and other related information. Special considerations such as central office ground window are also included in the descriptive information.

3.3.2 Central office equipment information is attached for each central office. It includes the COE manufacturer and type of existing and proposed equipment. Central office circuit characteristics, and/or circuit numbers are included for linefinder and connector circuits, ANI, and other interface requirements.

3.4 Transmission and Special Requirements

3.4.1 The voice frequency loss (at 1000 hertz or other selected frequency) and maximum operating circuit noise of standard two wire subscriber channels shall be (Refer to PE-64a, 64b or 64c for loss settings and allowable variations, and for factory measured maximum noise):

☐ Factory Set Loss __ dB

☐ Adjustable Loss __ dB

☐ ___ dBrnc noise at specified loss

☐ Loss and noise requirements vary and are outlined in detail in addenda.

3.4.2 Where carrier channels are required for special applications such as foreign exchange, full period, data, telementry, facsimile, control, order wire, etc., these special application and transmission requirements are outlined in addenda.

3.4.3 Where carrier systems proposed under contract must coordinate with other existing or future carrier systems sharing the same cable route or path, detailed information and requirements are outlined in addenda.

3.5 Outside Plant Information

3.5.1 The outside plant facilities over which the subscriber carrier equipment is to operate are detailed in the Carrier System Layout or other attached addenda. The information should include accurate footage, housing or other access locations, cable gauge, cable pairs, cable type and manufacturer, year of installation, and REA cable specification (and date) purchased under. The information should also show the extent of rearranging necessary where cable pairs are currently in use.

3.5.2 The outside plant facilities are composed of:

- ☐ Buried PIC filled cable
- ☐ Buried PIC air core cable
- ☐ Aerial PIC air core cable
- ☐ Paper insulated cable
- ☐ Screened cable
- ☐ Unshielded or other facilities
- ☐ Joint use with power facility poles

3.5.3 PE Cable Specifications: _____
Installation Dates: Oldest: _____
Latest: _____

3.5.4 Cable sizes range from: Smallest: _____ pairs
Largest: _____ pairs

3.5.5 Cable splices are mechanical connector type unless stated otherwise. Also state if splicing is other than normal color to color and unit to unit splicing.

3.5.6 Insertion loss, shield continuity and other transmission measurements are to be made on outside plant facilities by the Purchaser and provide to the Seller:

- ☐ As a part of this contract.
- ☐ Before installation of equipment.

3.5.7 Interference from other cable pairs or from sources outside the cable facilities such as radio, power line carrier, power line influence or nearby substations that are known to exist are outlined (approximate distances) in attached addenda.

PART II

SUBSCRIBER CARRIER EQUIPMENT

Installation, Alignment, Inspection and Acceptance Tests

NOTE: Part II applies to the Seller when installation is included as a part of the contract (Form 397). When installation is not a part of the contract (Form 398), the Purchaser becomes the installer and should carry out the provisions of Part II including measurements and data required for approval of closeout documents.

1. INSTALLATION

1.1 The equipment and materials specified herein shall be installed to high quality workmanship standards by competent personnel.

1.2 The Seller is allowed reasonable access to Purchaser's facilities, equipment and materials necessary for the installation of the carrier equipment. It is the Purchaser's responsibility to be sure that these facilities are in good and accessable condition for the Seller.

1.3 Equipment and accessory plant devices mounted external to the central office building and external to the repeater and other outside housings will be installed by the Purchaser. These include filters, repeater housings, splicing of repeater cable stubs, externally mounted protective devices and other such accessory devices. The Seller will provide instructions for the Purchaser to properly install the accessory and plant equipment. The instructions will be in written form.

1.3.1 The Purchaser will provide the necessary voice loaded pairs for order wire, interrogation, etc.

1.4 All leads brought out to terminal blocks on the MDF (or IDF if stated in Part IIIA) and the blocks shall be identified and permanently labeled by the Seller.

1.4.1 Separate shielded type leads or TIP cables meeting REA cable crosstalk requirements shall be used for carrier frequencies inside the central office. The shields shall be grounded at one end only unless specified otherwise by the Purchaser or Seller.

1.4.2 The cables shall be grouped to separate carrier frequency, voice frequency, signaling and power leads.

1.4.3 The Seller will make the necessary power and ground connections to the Purchaser's power terminals and ground bus unless stated otherwise in Part IIIA. The location of these connections are shown in Part IIIA. The ground wire shall be 6 AWG unless stated otherwise.

1.4.4 The Purchaser shall make all cross connections (at the MDF or IDF) between the carrier equipment and the central office equipment unless otherwise specified in Part IIIA.

2. ALIGNMENT

2.1 The equipment shall be adjusted and aligned to meet the requirements and conditions set forth in Part I and III, Form 397c.

3. ACCEPTANCE TESTS AND DATA REQUIRED

3.1 Data shall be supplied to the Purchaser by the Seller in writing as a part of the final documents in closing out the contract as follows:

3.1.1 A detailed cross connect drawing of alarm to power board, central office battery to carrier system, wiring options used in terminals, channels, filters, repeaters, etc., shall be marked in the Purchaser's copy of the equipment manual or supplied separately.

3.1.2 The measured central office supply voltages applied to the equipment terminals or repeaters at the time the jack and test point readings are made and ac supply voltages where equipment is powered from commercial ac sources.

3.1.3 A list of all instruments, including accessories, by manufacturers and type number, used to obtain the data.

3.1.4 The measurements at all jack or test points recommended by the manufacturer, including carrier frequency level measurements at all carrier terminals and repeaters where utilized. Special note should be taken of the receive carrier levels to see that they are within prescribed limits.

3.1.5 Measurements on all channels for 1000 hertz (1000-1020 hertz) net loss, idle channel noise, and measurements on auxiliary test circuit such as interrogation pairs. The channels other than the one under test shall be transmitting signaling or other tones at the normal idle level.

3.2 Data in the form of a checklist or other notations shall be supplied showing the results of the operational tests. The operational tests shall include:

3.2.1 Dialing, talking, listening, and other operational tests (where applicable) on each channel supplied under this contract.

3.2.2 Performance and listening tests shall be made on equipment supplied under this contract and existing equipment to determine that any channel or system does not cause interference with other channels or system. A chosen sample of channels representing the highest probabilities of interference shall be tested.

3.2.3 Local and remote alarm indications shall be checked, including fuse failure and other alarm conditions.

4. JOINT INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

4.1 The Seller shall notify the Purchaser in writing at least one week before the date equipment will be ready for inspection and tests. A joint inspection shall be made by the Seller and Purchaser (or Purchaser's Engineer) to determine that the equipment installation is acceptable. The inspection shall include physical inspection, a review of acceptance test data, operational tests and sample measurements.

4.2 The Purchaser shall review the acceptance test data and compare it to the requirements of this specification.

4.3 Sample Measurements shall be made on all systems installed under this contract. REA TE&CM Section 925 or other commonly accepted measurement methods will be used to determine compliance. The measurements shall consist of the following:

4.3.1 A check of measured test point and jack readings for compliance with the manufacturer's specifications. This applies also to channels, terminals, carrier frequency repeaters and fault locating circuits.

4.3.2 A measurement of voice frequency net loss at 1000 hertz (1000-1020 hertz) and a comparison to the requirements of Part III.

4.3.3 A measurement of idle channel noise in dBrn, "C" message weighted, and a comparison to the requirements in Part III.

4.3.4 A measurement of receive pulses in percent break and comparison to the requirements of PE-64 when sending at 10 PPS, 60 percent break at the subscriber drop through zero loop.

4.4 Statements: In the event that the measured data or operational tests show that equipment fails to meet the requirements of this specification, the deficiencies are to be resolved as set forth in Article II of this contract. The reports of the Seller and Purchaser should be detailed as to deficiencies, causes, corrective action necessary, corrective action to be taken, completion time, etc.

PART IIIA

SUBSCRIBER CARRIER EQUIPMENT

Detailed Equipment Requirements and Technical
Data for Application Engineering

1. GENERAL

1.1 Part IIIA is to completed by the Purchaser or its Engineer. Subscriber carrier equipment is required for (Telco, REA Project No.):

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1.2 This equipment is to be located (Identify the central office exchange and other locations included in this group):

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1.3 The following apply to the equipment group (check as required):

1.3.1 ☐ The Seller may submit a proposal to serve subscribers only as described in the Engineer's plan.

1.3.2 ☐ The Seller may submit a proposal to serve subscribers that differs in basic equipment from the Engineer's plan. This should be proposed as an "alternate proposal".

1.3.3 ☐ It is intended that the subscriber carrier proposed by used in conjunction with subscriber line concentrators; this specification covers only the subscriber carrier equipment. The specification for the concentrators (check one).

☐ is a separate contract ☐ is attached in addenda

1.3.4 ☐ Some or all of the digital subscriber carrier channel banks interface the digital central office or remote switching terminal on a direct digital basis. The transmission and synchronization requirements of REA Form 522a apply to the carrier subscriber terminal.

☐ The channel bank transmit bit rate shall be synchronized by the bit rate of the receive signal as outlined in addenda.

☐ Special transmission requirements apply for direct digital interface circuits as outlined in addenda.

☐ Other special requirements are outlined in addenda.

2. PURCHASER'S EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Terminal Equipment: The terminal equipment requirements include but are not limited to (itemize quantities in blanks and check blocks as required with details in addenda):

2.1.1 ☐ Office and Subscriber Terminal Equipment

☐ Subscriber Terminal Equipment Only

☐ Other (Specify) _____

2.1.2 ___ Systems
___ Channels
(___ Channels per fully equipped system)

2.1.3 All channels are one party, two wire, and 900 ohms unless stated otherwise.

2.1.4 Span Line Terminating Equipment

___ Main Span Lines
___ Spare Span Lines

2.1.5 Automatic Protection Switch Equipment (APS)

___ Main Span Lines
___ Spare Span Lines

2.2 Other Office Equipment: Other than shown above, the office equipment requirements include but are not limited to (details are outlined in addenda):

2.2.1 Power Supplies (Terminal and Span Line)

2.2.1.1 Primary power: ☐ Nominal 50 volts dc

☐ Other _____

2.2.1.2 ☐ Individual system power supplies are required.

2.2.1.3 ☐ Common power supplies with spares and automatic transfer or load sharing are permitted.

2.2.2 ☐ Office Protectors between carrier equipment and outside plant cable pairs.

2.2.3 ☐ Carrier Frequency Jacks

☐ Voice Frequency Jacks

2.2.4 ☐ Special Features

2.2.4.1 ☐ Alarms

2.2.4.2 ☐ Disconnect and Make Idle

2.2.4.3 ☐ Special Maintenance Features, Interrogation System

2.2.4.4 ☐ Other _____

2.2.5 Hardware
(Note: If equipment installation is not included in this contract, the Purchaser should specify required installation materials in detail.)

2.2.5.1 ☐ Prewired Bays

2.2.5.2 ☐ Connectorized Equipment

2.2.5.3 ☐ Fuses and Fuse Panels

2.2.5.4 ☐ Terminating Blocks

2.2.5.5 ☐ Racks

2.2.5.6 ☐ Wire and Cable

2.2.5.7 ☐ Cable Runways and Supports

2.2.5.8 ☐ Other _____

2.3 Outside Equipment: The outside equipment requirements include but are not limited to (details are outlined in addenda):

2.3.1 ___ Total Main plus Spare Span Lines

These include:

___ Total Repeater Locations
___ Repeater Housings Required
___ Total Repeaters Required

2.3.2 Repeater Housings Requirements

☐ Bypass Type

☐ Grounded Only Type

☐ Pressure Type

☐ Vented Type

☐ Cable Stubs Required

☐ Other Requirements _____

2.3.3 Repeaters and repeater housings are one cable, two way operation unless stated otherwise. _____

2.3.4 Subscriber Terminal Requirements include the terminal equipment requirements of paragraph 2.1 and all other equipment and housings for proper system operation. Subscriber terminal equipment is considered outside equipment unless stated otherwise.

2.3.4.1 ___ Subscriber Terminal Locations

2.3.4.2 Other Requirements: _____

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2.3.5 Protection shall be provided for all outside equipment furnished under this contract (initial systems) unless stated otherwise. This includes repeaters, interrogation, order wire and other exposed components of the system. Other requirements: _____

_____

2.3.6 ☐ Interrogation System Required

2.3.7 ☐ Order Wire Required

2.3.8 ☐ Field Power Supplies and Batteries Required

2.3.9 ☐ Other (Specify) _____

2.4 Special Equipment: The special equipment and facilities to be furnished by the Seller include but are not limited to (details are outlined in addenda).

2.4.1 ☐ Analog Multiplex Equipment

2.4.2 ☐ Digital Multiplex Equipment

2.4.3 ☐ Special Automatic Protection Switch Systems

2.4.4 ☐ Special Alarm Systems

2.4.5 ☐ Special Remote Maintenance Systems

2.4.6 ☐ Coaxial Cables

2.4.7 ☐ Optical Fiber Cables

2.4.8 ☐ Other (Specify) _____

3. PURCHASER'S ADDENDA TO THIS SPECIFICATION

NOTE: Check the blocks below indicating that Addenda is attached and is a part of this specification. Add other Addenda to this checklist as necessary to provide the Seller with complete requirements and engineering information.

3.1 ☐ Narrative (describing proposed subscriber service, specific requirements, and a tenative timetable for present and future requirements.)

3.2 ☐ Carrier System Layout (showing subscriber groups, quantities & location of equipment, and cable information.)

3.3 ☐ Separate Contracts cover component parts of the transmission system; separation of Seller responsibilities are outlined in addenda.

3.4 ☐ Office Equipment (For each office, show detailed requirements for channels, systems, span terminations, APS, terminal and span power, office protectors, jacks, special features, hardware, etc.)

3.5 ☐ Outside Equipment (For each route, show detailed requirements for repeater housings, repeaters, subscriber terminals, interrogation systems, protectors, order wire, outside structures, field power, etc.)

3.6 ☐ Special Equipment and Facilities (multiplex equipment, coaxial cables, optical fibers, etc. furnished by Seller)

3.7 ☐ Special Application Considerations (for Purchaser furnished multiplex, coaxial cables, optical fibers, etc.)

3.8 ☐ Alternate proposals or options to the Basic proposal are requested as outlined in the addenda.

(NOTE: Add to this list as necessary)

PART IIIB

1. SELLER'S PROPOSAL FOR SUBSCRIBER CARRIER EQUIPMENT

1.1 The Seller proposes to supply the following types of subscriber carrier equipment:

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1.2 The proposed subscriber carrier equipment and materials including repeaters, line treatment and associated equipment meets all requirements of Form 397c, Part I, II (when included) and IIIA.

☐ Yes

☐ No (Exceptions noted in paragraph 2.8)

1.3 Equipment lists and other descriptive material do not supercede the requirement to specifically outline exceptions to the requirements of Form 397c, Parts I, II and IIIA.

2. SELLER'S ADDENDA TO THIS SPECIFICATION

2.1 ☐ Published description of Seller's proposed equipment, including specifications. (Proposed equipment must meet Seller's specifications as well as Purchaser's specifications.)

2.2 ☐ Narrative describing the proposed system and its component parts, accessories, options and necessary test equipment.

2.3 ☐ Plan for orderly growth from the proposed initial quantities to the required ultimate quantities of equipment.

2.4 ☐ List of materials and cost of equipment comprising the Basic Proposal.

2.5 ☐ List of spare parts recommended by the Seller and costs as Options.

2.6 ☐ List of special test equipment recommended by the Seller and costs as Options.

2.7 ☐ Alternate Proposals, including costs.

2.8 ☐ Exceptions to the requirements of any part of parts of this specification.

2.9 ☐ Calculated maximum current from central office batteries. (Briefly note partial and full system requirements based on normal busy hour conditions.) Seller will supply necessary battery filtering.

2.10 ☐ Discussion of training available for Purchaser.

2.11 ☐ A description showing the vertical rack space and rack width required. Also shows proposed locations and layout of equipment in the central office.

2.12 ☐ A description of the racks supplied by the Seller (quantities, height, width, and top supported or self-supported).

2.13 ☐ System layout including proposed repeater spacing necessary to meet transmission objectives of this specification. (Also included are locations of line treatment or other proposed equipment necessary for proper operation of equipment.)

(NOTE: Add to this list as necessary.)

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