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### **PUC SETS WHOLESALE RATES COMPETITORS MUST PAY TO USE SBC'S NETWORK**

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23, 2004 – The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today set the rates that competitors of SBC must pay to use portions of SBC's network, known as Unbundled Network Elements (UNE), in order to provide telecommunications services of their own.

The Commission adopted final wholesale rates for the following UNE: loops (including deaveraged rates for 2-wire, DS-1 and DS-3 loops), switching, dedicated transport, signaling system 7 (SS7) links, and the DS-3 entrance facility without equipment. The newly adopted rates for the most frequently discussed UNEs are:

- Average 2-wire Loop: \$11.93
- Average DS-1 Loop: \$57.42
- Average DS-3 Loop: \$573.20
- 2-wire port: \$3.35
- UNE-Platform: \$16.53

The rates adopted today replace interim rates for Competitive Local Exchange Carriers that were set in previous Commission decisions. SBC must adjust, or "true-up" the interim rates it charged for its UNEs to the new rates adopted today. In other words, SBC must calculate whether the previous interim rates were higher or lower than these newly adopted rates, and whether it has over or under-collected the appropriate revenues for any UNE it sold at interim rates. Today's decision stays the effective date of any true-up until its amount can be calculated and further proceedings are held to determine payment options or consider other mitigations to minimize negative financial effects of the true-up on competitive carriers.

Finally, today's decision suspends further review of SBC's UNE prices until February 2007.

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