SECTION 20 – ALTERNATE ENHANCED REDIRECT SOLUTION (AERS)

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A) General

Alternate Enhanced Redirect Solution will provide customers the ability to redirect incoming telephone numbers in the event their primary location is unavailable. AERS also provides the additional capability to redirect incoming traffic to a predefined redirect option within two minutes of completing the control call. Customers will be able to define and control how to route critical calls in the event of an emergency.

AERS provides the capability for the customer to predefine redirect telephone numbers for each incoming telephone number at their location. Calls can be redirected to any ten-digit North American Number Plan (NANP) telephone including toll-free numbers. The customer controls when to invoke and when to restore AERS via a telephone number or control activation number. However, the customer cannot revise the predefined redirect options without a service order.

The customer can create up to nine options including eight redirect options for each Customer Group. A Customer Group is a list of incoming telephone numbers and the customer can have up to 20 Customer Groups per customer location dependent on the total number of telephone numbers being redirected.

When a redirect option is invoked, all incoming telephone numbers within the Customer Group will be redirected to their respective numbers. Customers must use service orders to update Customer Group telephone numbers or redirect options within the Customer Group.

The location that receives the redirected calls must have sufficient lines and associated facilities to handle the estimated or actual number of calls without interfering with the exchange or toll service. In the event that there is interference with exchange or toll service, TCG reserves the right to disconnect any redirect option immediately.

The customer controlled redirect option is available for business lines and trunks as well as incoming telephone numbers to a PBX or other CPE.