

Replies to Bidder's Queries (Batch-8)
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1	As per Schedule-C, the Service Provider has to provide OFC connectivity to BTS towers. Furthermore, the connectivity is to be provided on industry standard IRU/Dark Fiber/Bandwidth model.	Schedule A (Part-I) of SSA & RFA	Given number of BTS towers as defined in Schedule-C must be connected and provided backhaul services in compliance with the Tariff as defined in RFA. The selection of BTS towers is as per Service Provider's own business plan. The connectivity is to be provided on industry standard IRU/Dark Fiber/Bandwidth Model with standard SLA. For any service to be extended through USF OFC Network, Tariff defined in Section 19 "Regulation of USF Service Charges" of RFA shall be applicable.
2	In case of Dark Fiber/IRU models if chosen by the CMO, SP can only provide dark fiber between BTS site and SP site and will not provide any active device in between (Connectivity to aggregation site in not part of current scope). SP can only ensure to test ODF to ODF dark fiber connectivity as per industry standards within Project timelines. BTS connectivity in this case will entirely depend on CMO timelines and equipment.	Schedule A (Part-I) of SSA & RFA	USF OFC SP needs to provide agreement with CMO for provision of services in compliance with Section 19 "Regulation of USF Service Charges" of RFA. Furthermore USF OFC SP shall provide proof that the connectivity with CMO tower has been provided and the BTS traffic is being carried.
3	In case of Bandwidth model, SP's model is to connect IP Router at nearest SP location (served/unserved site) directly with CMO BTS (or other Active device) at BTS site. In this case SP will provide connectivity till ODF at CMO site and will not place its own active device at BTS location. BTS connectivity can only be established if and when CMO allows interfacing with their BTS (or Active device). SP can only test ODF to ODF dark fiber as per industry standards and demonstrate that the intended GE ports at nearest SP location are operationally ready for BTS connectivity.	Schedule A (Part-I) of SSA & RFA	USF OFC SP needs to provide agreement with CMO for provision of services in compliance with Section 19 "Regulation of USF Service Charges" of RFA. Furthermore USF OFC SP shall provide proof that the connectivity with CMO tower has been provided and the BTS traffic is being carried.