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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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RE: Application of United Telephone Company of Ohio, d/b/a CenturyLink for
Approval of a Negotiated Agreement with Embarq Communications Inc.

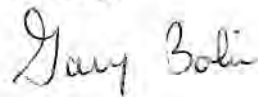
PUCO Case No: 10-2468-TP-NAG
90-5041-TP-TRF

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Enclosed for filing is an Application of United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink for Approval of a Negotiated Agreement with Embarq Communications Inc. under Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Telecommunications Application Form is also being submitted at this time.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Gary Baki

Enclosures

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION FORM for ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS
(Effective: 01/18/2008)

In the Matter of the Application of United Telephone
Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink for a Negotiated
Agreement with Embarq Communications Inc.

TRF Docket No. 90-5041 TP-TRF

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leave the "Case No" fields BLANK.

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Motion for protective order included with filing? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case? ☐ Yes ☒ No [Note: Waivers may toll any automatic timeframe.]

Section I – Pursuant to Chapter 4901:11-6 OAC – Part I – Please indicate the Carrier Type and the reason for submitting this form by checking the boxes below. CMRS providers: Please see the bottom of Section II.

NOTES: (1) For requirements for various applications, see the identified section of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901 and/or the supplemental application form noted.

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Carrier Type <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ILEC	<input type="checkbox"/> CLEC	<input type="checkbox"/> CTS	<input type="checkbox"/> AOS/IOS
Tier 1 Regulatory Treatment				
Change Rates within approved Range	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-04(B) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF 1-6-04(B) (0 day Notice)		
New Service, expanded local calling area, correction of textual error	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-04(B) (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA 1-6-04(B) (0 day Notice)		
Change Terms and Conditions, Introduce non-recurring service charges	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-04(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-04(B) (Auto 30 days)		
Introduce or Increase Late Payment or Returned Check Charge	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-04(B) (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA 1-6-04(B) (Auto 30 days)		
Business Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> CTR 1-6-17 (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CTR 1-6-17 (0 day Notice)		
Withdrawal	<input type="checkbox"/> ATW 1-6-12(A) (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATW 1-6-12(A) (Auto 30 days)		
Raise the Ceiling of a Rate	Not Applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> SLF 1-6-04(B) (Auto 30 days)		
Tier 2 Regulatory Treatment				
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Commercial (Business) Contracts	Not Filed	Not Filed	Not Filed	
Business Services (see "Other" below)	Detariffed	Detariffed	Detariffed	
Residential & Business Toll Services (see "Other" below)	Detariffed	Detariffed	Detariffed	

Section I – Part II – Certificate Status and Procedural

Certificate Status	ILEC	CLEC	CTS	AOS/IOS
Certification (See Supplemental ACE form)		<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 days)
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Abandon all Services - With Customers	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-11(A)</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-11(A)</u> (Auto 90 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-11(B)</u> (Auto 14 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-11(B)</u> (Auto 14 day)
Abandon all Services - Without Customers		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-11(A)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-11(B)</u> (Auto 14 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-11(B)</u> (Auto 14 day)
Change of Official Name (See below)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership (See below)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)
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Transfer a Certificate (See below)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business (See below)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <u>1-6-14(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-14(A)</u> (0 day Notice)
Procedural				
Designation of Process Agent(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF (0 day Notice)

Section II – Carrier to Carrier (Pursuant to 4901:1-7), CMRS and Other

Carrier to Carrier	ILEC	CLEC		
Interconnection agreement, or amendment to an approved agreement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 day)		
Request for Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)		
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 day)		
Introduce or change access service pursuant to 07-464-TP-COI	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA (Auto 30 day)			
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or <u>1-7-05</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or <u>1-7-05</u> (Non-Auto)		
Pole attachment changes in terms and conditions and price changes.	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-23(B)</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-05</u> (Non-Auto)		
CMRS Providers See 4901:1-6-15	<input type="checkbox"/> RCC [Registration & Change in Operations] (0 day)		<input type="checkbox"/> NAG [Interconnection Agreement or Amendment] (Auto 90 days)	
Other* (explain) _____				

*NOTE: During the interim period between the effective date of the rules and an Applicant's Detariffing Filing, changes to existing business Tier 2 and all toll services, including the addition of new business Tier 2 and all new toll services, will be processed as 0-day TRF filings, and briefly described in the "Other" section above.

All Section I and II applications that result in a change to one or more tariff pages require, at a minimum, the following exhibits. Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule(s). ACN, ACO, AMT, ATC, ATR and CIO applications see the 4901:1-6-14 Filing Requirements on the Commission's Web Page for a complete list of exhibits.

Exhibit	Description:
A	The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s) as they exist before the change(s)
B	The Tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the right margin.
C	A short description of the nature of the change(s), the intent of the change(s), and the customers affected.
D	A copy of the notice provided to customers, along with an affidavit that the notice was provided according to the applicable rule(s).

Section III. – Attestation

Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission.

AFFIDAVIT

Compliance with Commission Rules and Service Standards

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, United Telephone Company of Ohio, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.
d/b/a CenturyLink

(Name)

I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS) Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-5 OAC for the state of Ohio. I understand that tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards, as modified and clarified from time to time, supersede any contradictory provisions in our tariff. We will fully comply with the rules of the state of Ohio and understand that noncompliance can result in various penalties, including the suspension of our certificate to operate within the state of Ohio.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on (Date) _____ at (Location) _____

*(Signature and Title) _____

(Date) _____

- *This affidavit is required for every tariff-affecting filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.*

VERIFICATION

I, Joseph R. Stewart

verify that I have utilized the Telecommunications Application Form for Routine Proceedings provided by the Commission and that all of the information submitted here, and all additional information submitted in connection with this case, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

*(Signature and Title) Joseph R. Stewart, Senior Counsel

(Date) November 2, 2010

**Verification is required for every filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.*

Send your completed Application Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:

**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Attention: Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793**

Or

Make such filing electronically as directed in Case No 06-900-AU-WVR

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a)
CenturyLink for the Approval of a Negotiated)
Agreement with Embarq Communications)
Inc. Under Section 252 of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)

Case No. 10-2468-TP-NAG

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT UNDER THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

United Telephone Company of Ohio, d/b/a CenturyLink applies to the Commission for review and approval of the attached Interconnection, Collocation and Resale Agreement ("Agreement") that is dated October 1, 2010 between United Telephone Company of Ohio, d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") and Embarq Communications Inc. ("CLEC"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) ("the Act").

The Agreement between the parties establishes the rates, terms and conditions for local interconnection, collocation, local resale and purchase of unbundled Network Elements. The Agreement is dated October 1, 2010 and arrived at through negotiations between CenturyLink and CLEC as contemplated by Section 252(a) of the Act.

The Agreement is filed pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 252(e) of the Act. Under Sections 252(e) (1) and (2), the Commission must approve the Agreement unless the Agreement or a portion thereof "...discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement" or "...implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity."

The attached Agreement does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the Agreement. CenturyLink will make the Agreement available to any other carrier operating in CenturyLink service territory. However, the Agreement does not preclude different arrangements with other carriers. In addition, this Agreement does not impact any other company's right to negotiate or arbitrate under the Act.

The attached Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity because it allows for interconnection , collocation and resale for the companies. The Agreement represents the end product of good faith negotiations between CenturyLink and CLEC. This is exactly the type of private negotiation and agreement envisioned by the Congress when it crafted the Act. Therefore, the implementation of the Agreement will be consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

CenturyLink requests that the Commission approve the Agreement.

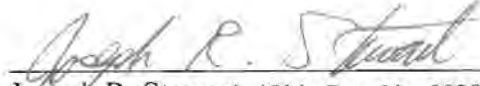
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Copies of the foregoing Application for Approval of a Negotiated Agreement between United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink and Embarq Communications Inc. served on the following person by email on this 2nd day of November, 2010.



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INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

EFFECTIVE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2010

BY AND BETWEEN

UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF OHIO d/b/a CENTURYLINK

AND

EMBARQ COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

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INTERCONNECTION, COLLOCATION AND RESALE AGREEMENT

This Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement"), dated this 1st day of October, 2010, is entered into by and between UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF OHIO, an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in the State of OHIO, d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink), and EMBARQ COMMUNICATIONS, INC., in its capacity as a certified provider of local wireline Telecommunications Service in the State of OHIO, (CLEC). CenturyLink and CLEC are herein referred to collectively as the "Parties" and each individually as a "Party". This Agreement establishes the rates, terms and conditions for local Interconnection, collocation, local resale, and purchase of unbundled Network Elements (individually referred to as "service" or collectively as the "services"). This Agreement covers services in the State of Ohio only (the "State").

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to interconnect their local exchange networks for the purposes of transmission and termination of calls, so that customers of each can receive calls that originate on the other's network and place calls that terminate on the other's network, and for CLEC's use in the provision of exchange access ("Local Interconnection"); and

WHEREAS, CLEC wishes to purchase Telecommunications Services for resale to others, and CenturyLink is willing to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, CLEC wishes to purchase unbundled Network Elements, ancillary services and functions and additional features ("Network Elements") for the provision of Telecommunications Services to others, and CenturyLink is willing to provide unbundled Network Elements and services; and

WHEREAS, the Parties intend the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement, and their performance of obligations thereunder, to comply with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), and the orders, rules and regulations of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to replace any and all other prior agreements, written and oral, applicable to the state of **OHIO**

Now, therefore, in consideration of the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, CLEC and CenturyLink hereby mutually agree as follows:

PART A – DEFINITIONS

1. DEFINED TERMS

- 1.1. Capitalized terms defined in this Section shall have the meanings as set forth in this Agreement. Other terms used but not defined will have the meanings ascribed to them in the Act or in the Rules and Regulations of the FCC or the Commission. The Parties acknowledge that other terms appear in this Agreement, which are not defined or ascribed as stated above. The Parties agree that any such terms shall be construed in accordance with their customary usage in the telecommunications industry as of the Effective Date of this Agreement.
- 1.2. **"911 Service"** means a universal telephone number which gives the public direct access to the Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP"). Basic 911 service collects 911 calls from one or more local exchange switches that serve a geographic area. The calls are then sent to the correct authority designated to receive such calls.
- 1.3. **"Access Services"** refers to interstate and intrastate switched access and private line transport services.
- 1.4. **"Act"** means the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.
- 1.5. **"ACTL"** means Access Customer Terminal Location as defined by Telcordia.
- 1.6. **"Affiliate"** is as defined in the Act.
- 1.7. **"Augment"** refers to a modification (increase/addition or decrease/reduction) to an existing Collocation Arrangement. Examples include changes to the space, cage, power, cross-connect cabling, conduit, vault, riser, or cabling associated with the Collocation Arrangement.
- 1.8. **"Automated Message Accounting" ("AMA")** is the structure inherent in switch technology that initially records telecommunication message information. AMA format is contained in the Automated Message Accounting document, published by Telcordia as GR-1100-CORE which defines the industry standard for message recording.
- 1.9. **"Automatic Location Identification" ("ALI")** means a feature that provides the caller's telephone number, address and the names of the Emergency Response agencies that are responsible for that address.
- 1.10. **"Automatic Location Identification/Data Management System" ("ALI/DMS")** means the emergency service ("E911/911") database containing subscriber location information (including name, address, telephone number, and sometimes special information from the local service provider) used to determine to which Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") to route the call.
- 1.11. **"Automatic Number Identification" ("ANI")** is a feature that identifies and displays the number of a telephone line that originates a call.
- 1.12. **"Automatic Route Selection" ("ARS")** is a service feature associated with a specific grouping of lines that provides for automatic selection of the least expensive or most appropriate transmission facility for each call based on criteria programmed into the system.
- 1.13. **"ATU - C"** refers to an ADSL Transmission Unit - Central Office.
- 1.14. **"Building"** shall have the same meaning as Central Office Building.
- 1.15. **"Busy Line Verify/Busy Line Verify Interrupt" ("BLV/BLVI")** means an operator call in which the caller inquires as to the busy status of, or requests an interruption of a call on another subscriber's telephone line.

- 1.16. **"Business Day(s)"** means the days of the week excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and all CenturyLink holidays.
- 1.17. **"Business Line"** is a CenturyLink-owned switched access line used to serve a business customer, whether by CenturyLink or by a competitive LEC that leases the line from CenturyLink. The number of Business Lines in a Wire Center shall equal the sum of all CenturyLink business switched access lines, plus the sum of all UNE loops connected to that Wire Center, including UNE loops provisioned in combination with other unbundled elements. Among these requirements, Business Line tallies (1) shall include only those access lines connecting end user customers with CenturyLink End-Offices for switched services, (2) shall not include non-switched special access lines, (3) shall account for ISDN and other digital access lines by counting each 64 kbps-equivalent as one line. For example, a DS1 line corresponds to twenty-four (24) 64 kbps-equivalents, and therefore to twenty-four (24) "Business Lines."
- 1.18. **"Cable Vault"** shall mean a location in a Premises where facilities enter the Premises from the Outside Cable Duct and access the Inner Duct for distribution within the Premises.
- 1.19. **"Carrier Access Billing System"** ("CABS") is the system which is defined in a document prepared under the direction of the Billing Committee of the OBF. The CABS document is published by Telcordia in Volumes 1, 1A, 2, 3, 3A, 4 and 5 as Special Reports SR-OPT-001868, SR-OPT-0011869, SR-OPT-001871, SR-OPT-001872, SR-OPT-001873, SR-OPT-001874, and SR-OPT-001875, respectively, and contains the recommended guidelines for the billing of access and other connectivity services. CenturyLink's carrier access billing system is its Carrier Access Support System (CASS). CASS mirrors the requirements of CABS.
- 1.20. **"Central Office Building"** or **"Building"** shall mean a structure (not including a controlled environment vault ("CEV")) housing CenturyLink network equipment that is under the control of CenturyLink and for which CenturyLink has the right to grant access and/or occupation by third parties.
- 1.21. **"Central Office Switches"** - are switching facilities within the public switched telecommunications network, including, but not limited to:
- 1.21.1. **"End Office Switches"** ("EOs") are switches from which end user Telephone Exchange Services are directly connected and offered.
- 1.21.2. **"Tandem Switches"** are switches that are used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among Central Office Switches.
- 1.21.3. **"Remote Switches"** are switches that are away from their host or control office. All or most of the central control equipment for the remote switch is located at the host or Control Office.
- 1.22. **"Centrex"** means a Telecommunications Service associated with a specific grouping of lines that uses central office switching equipment for call routing to handle direct dialing of calls, and to provide numerous private branch exchange-like features.
- 1.23. **"CLASS/LASS"** (Telcordia Service Mark) refers to service features that utilize the capability to forward a calling party's number between end offices as part of call setup. Features include Automatic Callback, Automatic Recall, Caller ID, Call Trace, and Distinctive Ringing.
- 1.24. **"CLLI Code"** means common language location identifier code, as defined by Telcordia.
- 1.25. **"Collocation Arrangement"** refers to a single, specific provision of collocation in a particular Premises, not limited to a cage enclosing CLEC's equipment within the Premises.
- 1.26. **"Collocation Space"** shall mean an area of space located in a building to be used by CLEC to house telecommunications equipment that is necessary for interconnection or

access to UNEs. Additionally, roof or wall space used for wireless interconnection shall be included in the definition where applicable.

- 1.27. **"Commingle"** means the act of Commingling.
- 1.28. **"Commingling"** means the connecting, attaching, or otherwise linking of an unbundled Network Element, or a combination of unbundled Network Elements, to one or more facilities or services that CLEC has obtained at wholesale from CenturyLink or the combining of an unbundled Network Element, or a combination of unbundled Network Elements with one or more such facilities or services.
- 1.29. **"Commission"** means the State Public Service or Public Utility Commission, as applicable.
- 1.30. **"Common Channel Signaling" ("CCS")** is a method of digitally transmitting call set-up and network control data over a digital signaling network fully separate from the public switched telephone network that carries the actual call.
- 1.31. **"Common Transport"** provides a local interoffice transmission path between End Office Switches, between End Office Switches and Tandem Switches and between Tandem Switches in CenturyLink's network. Common Transport is shared between multiple customers and is required to be switched at the Tandem Switch.
- 1.32. **"Confidential and/or Proprietary Information"** has the meaning set forth in Section 15.
- 1.33. **"Controlled Environment Vault" ("CEV")** shall mean a below ground room other than a Central Office Building which is controlled by CenturyLink and which is suitable for collocation of telecommunications equipment under controlled temperature and humidity.
- 1.34. **"Control Office"** is an exchange carrier center or office designated as the Party's single point of contact for the provisioning and maintenance of its portion of local interconnection arrangements.
- 1.35. **"Copper Loop"** is a stand-alone local loop comprised entirely of copper wire or cable. Copper Loops include two-wire and four-wire analog voice-grade Copper Loops, digital Copper Loops (e.g., DS0s and integrated services digital network lines), as well as two-wire and four-wire Copper Loops conditioned to transmit the digital signals needed to provide digital subscriber line services, regardless of whether the Copper Loops are in service or held as spares. The Copper Loop includes attached electronics using time division multiplexing technology, but does not include packet switching capabilities.
- 1.36. **"Custom Calling Features"** means a set of Telecommunications Service features available to residential and single-line business customers including call-waiting, call-forwarding and three-party calling.
- 1.37. **"Customer Proprietary Network Information" ("CPNI")** is as defined in the Act.
- 1.38. **"Database Management System" ("DBMS")** is a computer process used to store, sort, manipulate and update the data required to provide Selective Routing and ALI.
- 1.39. **"Day"** means calendar day unless otherwise specified.
- 1.40. **"Dedicated Transport"** includes CenturyLink transmission facilities between Wire Centers or Switches owned by CenturyLink, or between Wire Centers or Switches owned by CenturyLink and Switches owned by CLEC, including, but not limited to, DS1-, DS3-, and OCn-capacity level services, as well as dark fiber, dedicated to a particular customer or carrier.
- 1.41. **"Demarcation Point"** is that point on the facility where CenturyLink's control of the facility ceases, and the End User Customer's control of the facility begins.
- 1.42. **"Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer" ("DSLAM")** is equipment that links end user xDSL connections to a single high-speed packet switch, typically ATM or IP.

- 1.43. **"Directory Assistance Database"** refers to any subscriber record used by CenturyLink in its provision of live or automated operator-assisted directory assistance including but not limited to 411, 555-1212, NPA-555-1212.
- 1.44. **"Directory Assistance Services"** provides listings to callers. Directory Assistance Services may include the option to complete the call at the caller's direction.
- 1.45. **"DS1 Loop"** is a digital Local Loop having a total digital signal speed of 1.544 megabytes per second. DS1 Loops include, but are not limited to, two-wire and four-wire Copper Loops capable of providing high-bit rate digital subscriber line services, including T1 services.
- 1.46. **"DS3 Loop"** is a digital Local Loop having a total digital signal speed of 44.736 megabytes per second.
- 1.47. **"DSLAM"** refers to a Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer.
- 1.48. **"Duct"** is a single enclosed path to house facilities to provide Telecommunications Services.
- 1.49. **"Effective Date"** is the date referenced in the opening paragraph on page 1 of the Agreement, unless otherwise required by the Commission.
- 1.50. **"Electronic Interface"** means access to operations support systems consisting of preordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and repair and billing functions.
- 1.51. **"Emergency Response Agency"** is a governmental entity authorized to respond to requests from the public to meet emergencies.
- 1.52. **"Emergency Service Number" ("ESN")** is a number assigned to the ALI and selective routing databases for all subscriber telephone numbers. The ESN designates a unique combination of fire, police and emergency medical service response agencies that serve the address location of each in-service telephone number.
- 1.53. **"Enhanced Extended Link" ("EEL")** for purposes of this Agreement refers to the combination of unbundled Network Elements, specifically NID, Loop, multiplexing (MUX) if necessary and Dedicated Transport, in the CenturyLink Network.
- 1.54. **"Exchange Message Interface System" ("EMI")** is the Industry standard for exchanging telecommunications message information for billable, non-billable, sample settlement and study records. The EMI is published by ATIS (Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions).
- 1.55. **"End Date"** is the date this Agreement terminates as referenced in Section 5.1.
- 1.56. **"Enhanced 911 Service" ("E911")** means a telephone communication service which will automatically route a call dialed "9-1-1" to a designated public safety answering point (PSAP) attendant and will provide to the attendant the calling party's telephone number and, when possible, the address from which the call is being placed and the Emergency Response agencies responsible for the location from which the call was dialed.
- 1.57. **"FCC"** means the Federal Communications Commission.
- 1.58. **"Fiber-based Collocator"** means any carrier, unaffiliated with CenturyLink, that maintains a Collocation Arrangement in CenturyLink's wire center, with active electrical power supply, and operates a fiber-optic cable or comparable transmission facility that (1) terminates at a Collocation Arrangement within the Wire Center; (2) leaves CenturyLink's Wire Center premises; and (3) is owned by a party other than CenturyLink or any affiliate of CenturyLink, except as set forth in this definition. Dark fiber obtained from CenturyLink on an indefeasible right of use basis shall be treated as non-CenturyLink fiber-optic cable. Two or more Affiliated Fiber-based Collocators in a single Wire Center shall collectively be counted as a single Fiber-based Collocator. For purposes of this definition, the term Affiliate is defined by 47 USC §153(1) and any relevant interpretation in the Act.

demarcation point (e.g., Network Interface Device) at a customer's premises, to which CLEC is granted exclusive use. This includes all electronics, optronics and intermediate devices (including repeaters and load coils) used to establish the transmission path to the customer premises. Local loops include Copper Loops, Hybrid Loops, DS1 loops, DS3 loops, FTTC Loops and FTTH Loops.

- 1.74. **"Local Number Portability" ("LNP")** means the ability of users of Telecommunications Services to retain, at the same location, existing telecommunications numbers without impairment of quality, reliability, or convenience when switching from one Telecommunications Carrier to another.
- 1.75. **"Local Service Request" ("LSR")** means an industry standard form or a mutually agreed upon change thereof, used by the Parties to add, establish, change or disconnect local services.
- 1.76. **"Local Traffic"** for the purposes of this Agreement the Parties shall agree that "Local Traffic" means traffic (excluding Commercial Mobile Radio Service "CMRS" traffic) that is originated and terminated within CenturyLink's local calling area, or mandatory extended area service (EAS) area, as defined by the Commission or, if not defined by the Commission, then as defined in existing CenturyLink Tariffs. For this purpose, Local Traffic does not include any ISP-Bound Traffic.
- 1.77. **"Mobile Wireless Service"** means any mobile wireless telecommunications service, including any commercial mobile radio service (CMRS). CMRS includes paging, air-ground radiotelephone service and offshore radiotelephone service, as well as mobile telephony services, such as the voice offerings of carriers using cellular radiotelephone, broadband PCS and SMR licenses.
- 1.78. **"Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing" ("MECAB")** refers to the document prepared by the Billing Committee of the ATIS Ordering and Billing Forum ("OBF"). The MECAB document contains the recommended guidelines for the billing of an Access Service provided to a customer by two or more providers or by one provider in two or more states within a single LATA.
- 1.79. **"Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering And Design" ("MECOD")** refers to the guidelines for Access Services - Industry Support Interface, a document developed by the Ordering/Provisioning Committee under the auspices of the OBF, which functions under the auspices of the Carrier Liaison Committee ("CLC") of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS"). The MECOD document, published by Telcordia as Special Report SR STS-002643, establishes recommended guidelines for processing orders for Access Service which is to be provided by two or more Telecommunications Carriers.
- 1.80. **"National Emergency Number Association" ("NENA")** is an association with a mission to foster the technological advancement, availability and implementation of 911 nationwide.
- 1.81. **"Network Element"** is as defined in the Act.
- 1.82. **"North American Numbering Plan" ("NANP")** means the plan for the allocation of unique 10-digit directory numbers consisting of a three-digit area code, a three-digit office code, and a four-digit line number. The plan also extends to format variations, prefixes, and special code applications.
- 1.83. **"Numbering Plan Area" ("NPA")** (sometimes referred to as an area code) is the three-digit indicator which is designated by the first three digits of each 10-digit telephone number within the NANP. Each NPA contains 800 possible NXX Codes. There are two general categories of NPA, "Geographic NPAs" and "Non-Geographic NPAs." A "Geographic NPA" is associated with a defined geographic area, and all telephone numbers bearing such NPA are associated with services provided within that geographic area. A "Non-Geographic NPA," also known as a "Service Access Code (SAC Code)" is

- 1.59. **"Fiber-to-the-curb Loop" ("FTTC Loop")** means a Local Loop consisting of fiber optic cable connecting to a copper distribution plant that is not more than five hundred (500) feet from the customer's premises or, in the case of predominantly residential multiple dwelling units ("MDUs"), not more than five hundred (500) feet from the MDU's minimum point of entry ("MPOE"). The fiber optic cable in a fiber-to-the curb loop must connect to a copper distribution plant at a serving area interface from which every other copper distribution subloop also is not more than five hundred (500) feet from the respective customer's premises.
- 1.60. **"Fiber-to-the-home Loop" ("FTTH Loop")** means a Local Loop consisting entirely of fiber optic cable, whether dark or lit, and serving an end user's customer premises or, in the case of predominantly residential MDUs, a fiber optic cable, whether dark or lit, that extends to the multiunit premises' MPOE.
- 1.61. **"Grandfathered Service"** means service which is no longer available for new customers and is limited to the current customer at their current locations with certain provisioning limitations, including but not limited to upgrade denials, feature adds/changes and responsible/billing party.
- 1.62. **"High Frequency Portion of the local Loop" ("HFPL")** is defined as the frequency range above the voice band on a Copper Loop facility that is being used to carry analog circuit-switched voice band transmissions provided by CenturyLink to the end user customer.
- 1.63. **"Hybrid Loop"** means a Local Loop comprised of both fiber optic cable, usually in the feeder plant, and copper wire or cable usually in the distribution plant.
- 1.64. **"Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier" ("ILEC")** is as defined in the Act.
- 1.65. **"Information Services"** shall have the meaning defined in 47 CFR §51.5.
- 1.66. **"Interexchange Carrier" ("IXC")** means a provider of interexchange Telecommunications Services.
- 1.67. **"Interexchange Service"** shall mean telecommunications service between stations in different exchange areas.
- 1.68. **"ISP-Bound Traffic,"** for the purposes of this Agreement, is defined as traffic that is transmitted to an Internet Service Provider ("ISP") consistent with the ISP Remand Order (FCC 01-131), 16 FCC Rcd. 9151 (2001).
- 1.69. **"Inner Duct" or "Conduit"** shall mean any passage or opening in, on, under, over or through the CenturyLink Central Office Building cable or conduit systems.
- 1.70. **"Line Information Data Base" ("LIDB")** means a Service Control Point (SCP) database that provides for such functions as calling card validation for telephone line number cards issued by CenturyLink and other entities and validation for collect and billed-to-third services.
- 1.71. **"Local Calling Platform" ("LCP")** refers to a service that provides originating end users the opportunity to call a telephone number (NPA-NXX-XXXX) to reach an intermediate platform that allows the caller to dial additional numbers for the purpose of ultimately completing the call to a number having an NXX Code associated with a Rate Center (as set forth in the LERG) that is different from the Rate Center associated with the telephone number of the intermediate platform, and thereby permits the two-way transmission of information between the end user who originated the call and the end user to whom the ultimate telephone number dialed is assigned.
- 1.72. **"Live Load Capacity"** as it relates to a CLEC's Collocation Space refers to the structural strength of the floor to support the weight of CLEC's property and equipment installed in the collocated space.
- 1.73. **"Local Loop"** refers to a transmission facility between the main distribution frame [cross-connect], or its equivalent, in a CenturyLink Central Office or wire center, and up to the

typically associated with a specialized Telecommunications Service which may be provided across multiple geographic NPA areas; 500, 800, 900, 700, and 888 are examples of Non-Geographic NPAs.

- 1.84. **"NXX," "NXX Code," "COC," "Central Office Code," or "CO Code"** is the three-digit switch entity indicator which is defined by the fourth, fifth and sixth digits of a 10-digit telephone number within NANP.
- 1.85. **"OBF"** means the Ordering and Billing Forum, which functions under the auspices of the CLC of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS).
- 1.86. **"Operator Services"** provides for:
 - 1.86.1. operator handling for call completion (e.g., collect calls);
 - 1.86.2. operator or automated assistance for billing after the subscriber has dialed the called number (e.g., credit card calls); and
 - 1.86.3. special services (e.g., BLV/BLI, Emergency Agency Call).
- 1.87. **"Outside Cable Duct"** shall mean any space located outside the Central Office Building and owned by or under the control of CenturyLink through which CenturyLink runs its cable, conduit or other associated facilities.
- 1.88. **"Parity"** means, subject to the availability, development and implementation of necessary industry standard Electronic Interfaces, the provision by CenturyLink of services, Network Elements, functionality or telephone numbering resources under this Agreement to CLEC, including provisioning and repair, at least equal in quality to those offered to CenturyLink, its Affiliates or any other entity that obtains such services, Network Elements, functionality or telephone numbering resources. Until the implementation of necessary Electronic Interfaces, CenturyLink shall provide such services, Network Elements, functionality or telephone numbering resources on a non-discriminatory basis to CLEC as it provides to its Affiliates or any other entity that obtains such services, Network Elements, functionality or telephone numbering resources.
- 1.89. **"P.01 Transmission Grade Of Service" ("GOS")** means a trunk facility provisioning standard with the statistical probability of no more than one call in 100 blocked on initial attempt during the average busy hour.
- 1.90. **"Parties"** means, jointly, CenturyLink and CLEC, and no other entity, Affiliate, subsidiary or assign.
- 1.91. **"Party"** means either CenturyLink or CLEC, and no other entity, Affiliate, subsidiary or assign.
- 1.92. **"Percent Local Usage" ("PLU")** is a calculation which represents the ratio of the local minutes to the sum of local and intraLATA toll minutes between exchange carriers sent over Local Interconnection Trunks. Directory assistance, BLV/BLVI, 900, and 976 transiting calls from other exchange carriers and switched access calls are not included in the calculation of PLU.
- 1.93. **"Physical Collocation"** is as defined in 47 CFR 51.5.
- 1.94. **"Point of Interconnection" ("POI")** is the physical point that establishes the technical interface, the test point, and the operational responsibility hand-off between CLEC and CenturyLink for local interconnection of their networks. Each POI also establishes the demarcation point to delineate each Party's financial obligations for facility costs.
- 1.95. **"Premises"** is as defined in 47 CFR §51.5.
- 1.96. **"Pre-Order Loop Qualification" ("Loop Qualification")** is an OSS function that includes supplying loop qualification information to CLECs as part of the Pre-ordering Process. Examples of the type of information provided are:
 - 1.96.1. Composition of the loop material, i.e. fiber optics, copper;

- 1.96.2. Existence, location and type of any electronic or other equipment on the loop, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Digital Loop Carrier ("DLC") or other remote concentration devices;
 - (b) Feeder/distribution interfaces;
 - (c) Bridge taps;
 - (d) Load coils;
 - (e) Pair gain devices; or
 - (f) Disturbances in the same or adjacent binders.
- 1.96.3. Loop length which is an indication of the approximate loop length, based on a 26-gauge equivalent and is calculated on the basis of Distribution Area distance from the central office;
- 1.96.4. Wire gauge or gauges; and
- 1.96.5. Electrical parameters.
- 1.97. **"Proprietary Information"** shall have the same meaning as Confidential Information.
- 1.98. **"Rate Center"** means the geographic point and corresponding geographic area which are associated with one or more particular NPA-NXX codes which have been assigned to CenturyLink or CLEC for its provision of basic exchange Telecommunications Services. The "rate center point" is the finite geographic point identified by a specific V&H coordinate, which is used to measure distance-sensitive end user traffic to/from the particular NPA-NXX designations associated with the specific Rate Center. The "rate center area" is the exclusive geographic area identified as the area within which CenturyLink or CLEC will provide Basic Exchange Telecommunications Services bearing the particular NPA-NXX designations associated with the specific Rate Center. The Rate Center point must be located within the Rate Center area.
- 1.99. **"Small Exchange Carrier Access Billing" ("Secab")** means the document prepared by the Billing Committee of the OBF. The SECAB document, published by ATIS as Special Report SR OPT-001856, contains the recommended guidelines for the billing of access and other connectivity services.
- 1.100. **"Selective Routing"** is a service which automatically routes an E911 call to the PSAP that has jurisdictional responsibility for the service address of the telephone that dialed 911, irrespective of telephone company exchange or Wire Center boundaries.
- 1.101. **"Signaling Transfer Point" ("STP")** means a signaling point that performs message routing functions and provides information for the routing of messages between signaling points within or between CCIS networks. An STP transmits, receives and processes CCIS messages.
- 1.102. **"Splitter"** is a device that divides the data and voice signals concurrently moving across the loop, directing the voice traffic through copper tie cables to the switch and the data traffic through another pair of copper tie cables to multiplexing equipment for delivery to the packet-switched network. The Splitter may be directly integrated into the DSLAM equipment or may be externally mounted.
- 1.103. **"Street Index Guide" ("SIG")** is a database defining the geographic area of an E911 Service. It includes an alphabetical list of the street names, high-low house number ranges, community names, and Emergency Service Numbers provided by the counties or their agents to CenturyLink.
- 1.104. **"Switch"** means a Central Office Switch as defined in this Part A.
- 1.105. **"Synchronous Optical Network" ("SONET")** is an optical interface standard that allows interworking of transmission products from multiple vendors (*i.e.*, mid-span meets). The

base rate is 51.84 MHps (OC-1/STS-1 and higher rates are direct multiples of the base rate up to 1.22 GHps).

- 1.106. **"Tandem Office Switches"**, **"Tandem,"** and **"Tandem Switching"** describe Class 4 switches which are used to connect and switch trunk circuits between and among End Office Switches and other tandems.
- 1.107. **"Tariff"** means a filing made at the state or federal level for the provision of a Telecommunications Service by a Telecommunications Carrier that provides for the terms, conditions and pricing of that service. Such filing may be required or voluntary and may or may not be specifically approved by the Commission or FCC.
- 1.108. **"Technically Feasible"** refers solely to technical or operational concerns, rather than economic, space, or site considerations.
- 1.109. **"Telcordia"** means Telcordia Technologies, Inc. which is a leading provider of software and services for the telecommunications industry.
- 1.110. **"Tier 1"** Wire Centers are those CenturyLink Wire Centers that contain at least four Fiber-based Collocators, at least 38,000 Business Lines, or both. Tier 1 Wire Centers also are those CenturyLink tandem switching locations that have no line-side switching facilities, but nevertheless serve as a point of traffic aggregation accessible by competitive LECs. Once a Wire Center is determined to be a Tier 1 Wire Center, that Wire Center is not subject to later reclassification as a Tier 2 or Tier 3 Wire Center.
- 1.111. **"Tier 2"** Wire Centers are those CenturyLink Wire Centers that are not Tier 1 Wire Centers but contain at least three (3) Fiber-based Collocators, at least 24,000 Business Lines, or both. Once a Wire Center is determined to be a Tier 2 Wire Center, that Wire Center is not subject to later reclassification as a Tier 3 Wire Center.
- 1.112. **"Tier 3"** Wire Centers are those CenturyLink Wire Centers that are not Tier 1 or Tier 2 Wire Centers.
- 1.113. **"Telecommunications"** is as defined in the Act.
- 1.114. **"Telecommunications Carrier"** is as defined in the Act.
- 1.115. **"Telecommunications Service"** is as defined in the Act.
- 1.116. **"Transit Service"** means the use of CenturyLink's tandem to deliver Transit Traffic.
- 1.117. **"Transit Traffic"** means Local Traffic or ISP-Bound Traffic that is routed by a CLEC through CenturyLink's network for delivery to a third party Telecommunications Carrier's network or that is routed by a third party Telecommunications Carrier through CenturyLink's network for delivery to CLEC's network.
- 1.118. **"Virtual Collocation"** is as defined in 47 CFR §51.5.
- 1.119. **"Virtual NXX Traffic"** (**"VNXX Traffic"**) as used in this Agreement, refers to calls to telephone numbers (NPA-NXX-XXXXs) that were assigned to customers using a VNXX Service.
- 1.120. **"VNXX Service"** means the assignment of a telephone number (NPA-NXX-XXXX) to a customer using an NXX Code associated with a Rate Center (as set forth in the LERG) that is different from the Rate Center (as set forth in the LERG) associated with the customer's actual physical location where such physical location is not within the same local calling area, or mandatory extended area service (EAS) area as the customer's assigned telephone number.
- 1.121. **"Wholesale Service"** means Telecommunication Services that CenturyLink provides at retail to subscribers who are not Telecommunications Carriers as set forth in 47 USC §251(c)(4) which CenturyLink provides to resellers at a wholesale rate.

- 1.122. **"Wire center"** is the location of an incumbent LEC local switching facility containing one or more central offices, as defined in part 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Wire Center boundaries define the area in which all customers served by a given Wire Center are located.
- 1.123. **"xDSL"** refers to a generic term for a series of high speed transmission protocols, equipment, and services designed to operate over copper wire. This series includes but is not limited to ADSL, VDSL, SDSL, and others.

PART B – GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2. SCOPE OF THIS AGREEMENT

- 2.1. This Agreement, including Parts A through L, Tables One and Two and exhibits, specifies the rights and obligations of each Party with respect to the establishment, purchase, and sale of Local Interconnection, Collocation, resale of Telecommunications Services and Unbundled Network Elements. Certain terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings defined in PART A – DEFINITIONS, or as otherwise elsewhere defined throughout this Agreement. Other terms used but not defined in this Agreement will have the meanings ascribed to them in the Act and in the FCC's and the Commission's rules, regulations and orders. PART B sets forth the general terms and conditions governing this Agreement. The remaining Parts set forth, among other things, descriptions of the services, pricing, technical and business requirements, and physical and network security requirements.

3. NETWORK CHANGES

- 3.1. CenturyLink shall provide notice of network changes and upgrades in accordance with §§51.325 through 51.335 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations (47 CFR). CenturyLink may discontinue any interconnection arrangement, Telecommunications Service, or Network Element provided or required hereunder due to network changes or upgrades after providing CLEC notice as required by this Section. CenturyLink agrees to cooperate with CLEC and/or the appropriate regulatory body in any transition resulting from such discontinuation of service and to minimize the impact to customers, which may result from such discontinuance of service.

4. REGULATORY APPROVALS

- 4.1. This Agreement, and any amendment or modification hereof, will be submitted to the Commission for approval in accordance with §252 of the Act within thirty (30) Days after obtaining the last required Agreement signature. CenturyLink and CLEC shall use their best efforts to obtain approval of this Agreement by any regulatory body having jurisdiction over this Agreement. In the event any governmental authority or agency rejects any provision hereof, the Parties shall negotiate promptly and in good faith such revisions as may reasonably be required to achieve approval.
- 4.2. The Parties acknowledge that the respective rights and obligations of each Party as set forth in this Agreement are based on the texts of the Act and the orders, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the FCC and the Commission as of the Effective Date ("Applicable Rules"). In the event of any amendment of the Act, any effective legislative action or any effective regulatory or judicial order, rule, regulation, arbitration award, dispute resolution procedures under this Agreement or other legal action purporting to apply the provisions of the Act to the Parties or in which the court, FCC or the Commission makes a generic determination that is generally applicable which revises, modifies or reverses the Applicable Rules (individually and collectively, "Amended Rules"), either Party may, by providing written notice to the other Party, require that the affected provisions of this Agreement be renegotiated in good faith and this Agreement shall be amended accordingly within sixty (60) Days of the date of the notice to reflect the pricing, terms and conditions of each such Amended Rules relating to any of the provisions in this Agreement.
- 4.3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary Section 4.2 hereof shall control. Any rates, terms or conditions thus developed or modified shall be substituted in place of those previously in effect and shall be effective under this Agreement as of the effective date established by the Amended Rules, whether such action was commenced before or after the Effective Date of this Agreement. Should the Parties be unable to reach agreement with respect to the applicability of such order or the

resulting appropriate modifications to this Agreement, either party may invoke the Dispute Resolution provisions of this Agreement, it being the intent of the parties that this Agreement shall be brought into conformity with the then current obligations under the Act as determined by the Amended Rules. CenturyLink may charge rates to CLEC under this Agreement that are approved by the Commission in a generic cost proceeding, whether such action was commenced before or after the Effective Date of this Agreement, as of the effective date of the Commission decision.

- 4.4. In the event that as a result of any effective decision, order, or determination of any judicial or regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof, CenturyLink determines that it is not required to furnish any service, facility, arrangement, or benefit required to be furnished or provided to CLEC under this Agreement, then CenturyLink may discontinue any service, facility, arrangement, or benefit ("Discontinued Arrangement") to the extent permitted by any such decision, order, or determination by providing sixty (60) Days written notice to CLEC. Immediately upon provision of such written notice to CLEC, CLEC will be prohibited from ordering and CenturyLink will not provide new Discontinued Arrangements.

5. TERM AND TERMINATION

- 5.1. This Agreement shall be deemed effective upon the Effective Date first stated above, and continue for a period of two years until September 30, 2012 ("End Date"), unless earlier terminated in accordance with this Section 5, provided however that if CLEC has any outstanding past due obligations to CenturyLink or any of CenturyLink's affiliates, this Agreement will not be effective until such time as any past due obligations with CenturyLink are paid in full. This agreement shall become binding upon execution by the Parties. No order or request for services under this Agreement shall be processed before the Effective Date, except as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Parties. No order or request for services under this Agreement shall be processed before CLEC has established a customer account with CenturyLink and has completed the Implementation Plan described in this Agreement.
- 5.2. In the event of either Party's material breach of any of the terms or conditions hereof, including the failure to make any undisputed payment when due, the non-defaulting Party may immediately terminate this Agreement in whole or in part if the non-defaulting Party so advises the defaulting Party in writing of the event of the alleged default and the defaulting Party does not remedy the alleged default within sixty (60) Days after written notice thereof. The non-defaulting Party may pursue all available legal and equitable remedies for such breach.
- 5.3. CenturyLink may terminate this Agreement upon ten (10) Days notice if CLEC is not exchanging traffic with CenturyLink or has not submitted orders pursuant to this Agreement within one-hundred-eighty (180) Days of the Effective Date. In addition, CenturyLink reserves the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon notice from the CLEC that it has ceased doing business in this state. In addition to notice from CLEC, CenturyLink may utilize any publicly available information in concluding that CLEC is no longer doing business in this state, and immediately terminate this Agreement.
- 5.4. Termination of this Agreement for any cause shall not release either Party from any liability which at the time of termination has already accrued to the other Party or which thereafter may accrue in respect to any act or omission prior to termination or from any obligation which is expressly stated in this Agreement to survive termination.
- 5.5. Notwithstanding the above, should CenturyLink sell or trade substantially all the assets in an exchange or group of exchanges that CenturyLink uses to provide Telecommunications Services, then CenturyLink may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part as to that particular exchange or group of exchanges upon sixty (60) Days prior written notice.

6. POST EXPIRATION INTERIM SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

- 6.1. No later than one-hundred sixty (160) Days prior to the End Date, CLEC will provide CenturyLink notice to commence negotiations pursuant to §§251 and 252 of the Act for terms, conditions and rates for a successor agreement to be effective on or before the End Date.
- 6.2. In the event that this Agreement expires under Section 5.1, CLEC has submitted a notice to commence negotiations under Section 6.1, and the Parties have not executed a successor agreement at the time of expiration, provided the Parties are actually in arbitration or mediation before the Commission or FCC under §252 of the Act or the Parties have a written agreement to continue negotiations under §252, it is the intent of the Parties to provide in this Section for post-expiration interim service arrangements between the Parties so that service to their respective end users will not be interrupted should a new agreement not be consummated prior to the End Date. Therefore, except in the case of termination as a result of the events under Sections 5.2, 5.4, and 5.5, services that had been available under this Agreement, were ordered prior to the End Date and are actually in service as of the End Date may continue uninterrupted after the End Date at the written request of either Party only until the earlier to occur of (i) the Parties execute a successor agreement, (ii) the issuance of an order, whether a final non-appealable order or not, by the Commission or FCC, approving an agreement resulting from the resolution of the issues set forth in such arbitration or mediation request, or (iii) the first anniversary of the End Date.
- 6.3. In the event that on the End Date the Parties have not executed a successor agreement and Section 6.2 does not apply or no longer applies, CenturyLink will continue to provide services pursuant to one of the following:
 - 6.3.1. Such standard terms and conditions or tariffs approved by and made generally available by the Commission, if they exist; or
 - 6.3.2. An existing agreement between CenturyLink and another carrier adopted by CLEC for the remaining term of that agreement. If CLEC fails to designate an agreement under this subsection, then CenturyLink may designate such agreement.

7. CHARGES, BILLING AND PAYMENT

- 7.1. In consideration of the services provided by CenturyLink under this Agreement, CLEC shall pay the charges set forth in Part C subject to the provisions of Section 4 hereof and subject to the dispute provisions provided herein. CenturyLink may limit or modify the form(s) of payment that will be accepted from time to time, and shall not be obligated to accept card payments (e.g., credit/debit/ATM cards) or any form of payment that reduces the net amount received by CenturyLink. Additional billing procedures for charges incurred by CLEC hereunder are set forth in Part J.
- 7.2. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Parties shall pay invoices within thirty (30) Days from the bill date shown on the invoice.
 - 7.2.1. For invoices not paid when due, late payment charges will be assessed under Section 7.4.
 - 7.2.2. If the payment due date is a Saturday, Sunday or a designated bank holiday, payment shall be made the next business day.
 - 7.2.3. If an invoice is not paid within forty-five (45) Days after the bill date, CenturyLink may suspend processing new orders and cancel any pending orders.
 - 7.2.4. If the account remains delinquent sixty (60) Days after the bill date, CenturyLink will terminate all services under this Agreement.

- 7.3. If the CLEC disputes any charges shown on an invoice, the following billing dispute procedures are the exclusive means for challenging such charges, and the failure by CLEC to follow such procedures will result in the suspension or termination of service for non-payment of invoiced amounts:
- 7.3.1. Any billing dispute must be submitted in writing, itemizing the particular charges that CLEC is challenging, and explaining in reasonable detail the specific grounds for disputing the validity or applicability of such charges.
 - 7.3.2. Billing disputes must be submitted to the National Dispute Center on the billing dispute form designated by CenturyLink. The billing dispute form may be accompanied by any additional, relevant materials submitted by CLEC.
 - 7.3.3. The payment due date of an invoice shall be suspended with respect to disputed amounts on such invoice, but only if a written, itemized dispute has been filed in compliance with Section 7.3 within thirty (30) Days of the bill date. Such payment due date for the disputed amounts shall remain suspended during negotiations between the Parties or pending a determination by the Commission under the dispute resolution provisions of Section 25.
 - 7.3.4. Billing disputes that are submitted in a timely manner in compliance with Section 7.3 shall not have the effect of suspending the payment due date with respect to *billed amounts that are not in dispute*, notwithstanding the existence of a dispute with respect to other amounts billed on the same invoice.
 - 7.3.5. The failure to submit a written dispute in compliance with Section 7.3 within thirty (30) Days of a bill date shall not preclude a Party from thereafter submitting a dispute or seeking a billing adjustment for any charges which have been paid, but any billing dispute which is not submitted within thirty (30) Days of a bill date or which is not submitted in writing in compliance with Section 7.3 shall not be effective to suspend the payment due date for the disputed amount or to prevent late charges and possible suspension or termination of service for non-payment of billed amounts in accordance with Section 7.2. Payment of billed amounts that are subsequently disputed or which become the subject of a request for adjustment shall not constitute or be deemed to represent a waiver of a Party's right to submit a dispute or seek an adjustment of such Party's account with respect to such paid amounts, and the paying Party shall not be required to designate any such payment as "conditional" or "under protest" in order to submit a dispute or seek a subsequent adjustment with respect to amounts which have previously been paid. A dispute which is filed more than thirty (30) Days after a bill date or a request for an account adjustment must be submitted in writing in the same manner as provided for in Section 7.3 with respect to disputes, and such requests shall be subject to the Dispute Resolution provisions of this Agreement.
- 7.4. Late payment charges on invoices not paid when due (or any portion thereof which is not subject to a timely filed dispute) will be assessed until the amount due is paid in full, and shall be calculated using a rate equal to the lesser of the following:
- 7.4.1. the total amount due times the highest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment due date to and including the date CLEC actually makes the payment to CenturyLink, or
 - 7.4.2. the total amount due multiplied by a factor of 0.000329 times the number of days which occurred between the payment due date and (including) the date CLEC actually makes the payment to CenturyLink.
- 7.5. CenturyLink shall credit CLEC for incorrect Connectivity Billing charges including without limitation: overcharges, services ordered or requested but not delivered, interrupted services, services of poor quality and installation problems if caused by CenturyLink.

Such reimbursements shall be set forth in the appropriate section of the Connectivity Bill pursuant to CABS, or SECAB standards.

- 7.6. CenturyLink will bill CLEC for message provisioning and, if applicable, data tape charges related to exchange access records. CenturyLink will bill CLEC for the records at the rates on Table One. If CLEC requests additional copies of the monthly invoice, CenturyLink may also bill CLEC for the additional copies.
- 7.7. CenturyLink shall comply with various industry, OBF, and other standards referred to throughout this Agreement. CenturyLink will review any changes to industry standards, and implement the changes within the industry-defined window. CenturyLink will notify CLEC of any deviations to the standards.
- 7.8. Where Parties have established interconnection, CenturyLink and the CLEC agree to conform to MECAB and MECOD guidelines. They will exchange Billing Account Reference and Bill Account Cross Reference information and will coordinate Initial Billing Company/Subsequent Billing Company billing cycles. CenturyLink will provide CLEC the appropriate records to bill exchange access charges to the IXC. CenturyLink will capture EMI records for inward terminating calls and send them to CLEC, as appropriate, in a daily or other agreed upon interval, via and agreed upon media (e.g.: Connect Direct or CD Rom). Upon CenturyLink's request, CLEC will provide CenturyLink the appropriate records to bill exchange access charges to the IXC. CLEC will capture EMI records for inward terminating calls and send them to CenturyLink, as appropriate, in a daily or other agreed upon interval, via and agreed upon media (e.g.: Connect Direct or CD Rom).
- 7.9. CenturyLink shall provide a single point of contact for handling of any data exchange questions or problems that may arise during the implementation and performance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 7.10. Revenue Protection. CenturyLink shall make available to CLEC, at Parity with what CenturyLink provides to itself, its Affiliates and other local telecommunications CLECs, all present and future fraud prevention or revenue protection features, including prevention, detection, or control functionality embedded within any of the Network Elements. These features include, but are not limited to screening codes, information digits assigned such as information digits '29' and '70' which indicate prison and COCOT pay phone originating line types respectively, call blocking of domestic, international, 800, 888, 900, NPA-976, 700, 500 and specific line numbers, and the capability to require end user entry of an authorization code for dial tone. CenturyLink shall, when technically capable and consistent with the implementation schedule for Operations Support Systems (OSS), additionally provide partitioned access to fraud prevention, detection and control functionality within pertinent OSS.
- 7.11. CenturyLink reserves the right to secure the account with a suitable form of security deposit in accordance with Section 37.

8. AUDITS AND EXAMINATIONS

- 8.1. Each Party to this Agreement will be responsible for the accuracy and quality of its data as submitted to the other Party involved. Subject to each Party's reasonable security requirements and except as may be otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, either Party, at its own expense, may audit the other Party's books, records and other documents directly related to billing and invoicing once in any twelve (12) month period for the purpose of evaluating the accuracy of the other Party's billing and invoicing. "Audit" shall mean a comprehensive review of bills for services performed under this Agreement; "Examination" shall mean an inquiry into a specific element of or process related to bills for services performed under this Agreement. Either Party (the "Requesting Party") may perform one (1) Audit per twelve (12) month period commencing with the Effective Date, with the assistance of the other Party, which will not be unreasonably withheld. The Audit period will include no more than the preceding twelve (12) month period as of the date of the Audit request. The Requesting Party may perform

Examinations, as it deems necessary, with the assistance of the other Party, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

- 8.2. Upon thirty (30) Days written notice by the Requesting Party to Audited Party, Requesting Party shall have the right through its authorized representative to make an Audit, during normal business hours, of any records, accounts and processes which contain information bearing upon the billing and invoicing of the services provided under this Agreement. Within the above-described thirty (30) Day period, the Parties shall reasonably agree upon the scope of the Audit or Examination, the documents and processes to be reviewed, and the time, place and manner in which the Audit or Examination shall be performed. Audited Party agrees to provide Audit or Examination support, including appropriate access to and use of Audited Party's facilities (e.g.: conference rooms, telephones, copying machines).
- 8.3. Each party shall bear its own expenses in connection with the conduct of the Audit or Examination. The reasonable cost of special data extraction required by the Requesting Party to conduct the Audit or Examination will be paid for by the Requesting Party. For purposes of this Section 8.3, a "Special Data Extraction" shall mean the creation of an output record or informational report (from existing data files) that is not created in the normal course of business. If any program is developed to Requesting Party's specifications and at Requesting Party's expense, Requesting Party shall specify at the time of request whether the program is to be retained by Audited Party for reuse for any subsequent Audit or Examination.
- 8.4. Adjustments based on the audit findings may be applied to the twelve (12) month period included in the audit. Adjustments, credits or payments shall be made and any corrective action shall commence within thirty (30) Days from the requesting Party's receipt of the final audit report to compensate for any errors or omissions which are disclosed by such Audit or Examination and are agreed to by the Parties. Interest shall be calculated in accordance with Section 7.4 above.
- 8.5. Neither such right to examine and audit nor the right to receive an adjustment shall be affected by any statement to the contrary appearing on checks or otherwise, unless such statement expressly waiving such right appears in writing, is signed by the authorized representative of the Party having such right and is delivered to the other Party in a manner sanctioned by this Agreement.
- 8.6. This Section shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement for a period of one (1) year after expiration or termination of this Agreement.

9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 9.1. Any intellectual property which originates from or is developed by a Party shall remain in the exclusive ownership of that Party. Intellectual property includes, without limitation, patent, copyright, trade mark, trade secrets, and other proprietary rights. Each Party grants to the other party a limited license to its intellectual property solely to the extent necessary for the use of any facility or equipment (including software) or for the receipt of services as provided under this Agreement. Except for such limited license to use its intellectual property, no license in patent, copyright, trademark or trade secret, or other proprietary or intellectual property right now or hereafter owned, controlled or licensable by a Party, is granted to the other Party or shall be implied or arise by estoppel.
- 9.2. CLEC acknowledges that its right under this Agreement for Local Interconnection with CenturyLink's network and to unbundled and/or combine CenturyLink's Network Elements may be subject to or limited by intellectual property rights and contract rights of third parties. CenturyLink agrees to use its best efforts to obtain for CLEC, third party intellectual property rights, under commercially reasonable terms, to each unbundled Network Element necessary for CLEC to use such unbundled Network Element in the same manner as CenturyLink.

- 9.3. CenturyLink shall have no obligations to attempt to obtain for CLEC any third party intellectual property right(s) that would permit CLEC to use any unbundled Network Element in a different manner than used by CenturyLink.
- 9.4. To the extent not prohibited by a contract with the vendor of the Network Element sought by CLEC that contains intellectual property licenses, CenturyLink shall reveal to CLEC the name of the vendor, the intellectual property rights licensed to CenturyLink under the vendor contract and the terms of the contract (excluding cost terms). CenturyLink shall, at CLEC's request, contact the vendor to attempt to obtain permission to reveal additional contract details to CLEC.
- 9.5. All costs associated with the extension of third party intellectual property rights to CLEC pursuant to Section 9.2, including the cost of the license extension itself and the costs associated with the effort to obtain the license, shall be part of the cost of providing the unbundled Network Element to which the intellectual property rights relate and apportioned to all requesting CLEC using that unbundled Network Element including CenturyLink.
- 9.6. CenturyLink hereby conveys no licenses to use such third party intellectual property rights and makes no warranties, express or implied, concerning CLEC's rights with respect to such third party intellectual property rights and contract rights, including whether such rights will be violated by such Local Interconnection or unbundling and/or combining of Network Elements (including combining with CLEC's use of other functions, facilities, products or services furnished under this Agreement). Any licenses or warranties for intellectual property rights associated with unbundled network elements are vendor licenses and warranties and are a part of the third party intellectual property rights CenturyLink agrees in Section 9.2 to use its best efforts to obtain.

10. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 10.1. Neither Party, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants or employees shall be liable for damages arising from errors, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, or delays in the course of establishing, furnishing, rearranging, moving, terminating, changing, providing or failing to provide services or facilities (including the obtaining or furnishing of information with respect thereof or with respect to users of the services or facilities) in the absence of willful misconduct.
- 10.2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall CenturyLink's liability to CLEC for a service outage exceed an amount equal to the proportionate charge for the service(s) or unbundled element(s) provided for the period during which the service was affected.
- 10.3. Neither Party shall be responsible to the other for any indirect, special, consequential or punitive damages, including (without limitation) damages for loss of anticipated profits or revenue or other economic loss in connection with or arising from anything said, omitted, or done hereunder (collectively "Consequential Damages"), whether arising in contract or tort except that the foregoing shall not limit a Party's obligation under Section 11 to indemnify, defend, and hold the other Party harmless against amounts payable to third parties.
- 10.4. CENTURYLINK SHALL BE LIABLE FOR DAMAGE TO OR DESTRUCTION OF CLEC'S EQUIPMENT AND OTHER PREMISES ONLY IF SUCH DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION IS CAUSED BY CENTURYLINK'S SOLE NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT.

11. INDEMNIFICATION

- 11.1. Each Party agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other Party from and against claims by third parties for damage to tangible personal or real property and/or personal injuries to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct or omission of the indemnifying Party.

- 11.2. CLEC shall indemnify and hold harmless CenturyLink from all claims by CLEC's subscribers.
- 11.3. CenturyLink shall indemnify and hold harmless CLEC from all claims by CenturyLink's subscribers.
- 11.4. The indemnifying Party under this Section agrees to defend any suit brought against the other Party either individually or jointly with the indemnified Party for any such loss, injury, liability, claim or demand.
- 11.5. The indemnified Party agrees to notify the other Party promptly, in writing, of any written claims, lawsuits, or demands for which it is claimed that the indemnifying Party is responsible under this Section and to cooperate in every reasonable way to facilitate defense or settlement of claims.
- 11.6. The indemnifying Party shall have complete control over defense of the case and over the terms of any proposed settlement or compromise thereof. The indemnifying Party shall not be liable under this Section for settlement by the indemnified Party of any claim, lawsuit, or demand, if the indemnifying Party has not approved the settlement in advance, unless the indemnifying Party has had the defense of the claim, lawsuit, or demand tendered to it in writing and has failed to promptly assume such defense. In the event of such failure to assume defense, the indemnifying Party shall be liable for any reasonable settlement made by the indemnified Party without approval of the indemnifying Party.
- 11.7. When the lines or services of other companies and CLECs are used in establishing connections to and/or from points not reached by a Party's lines, neither Party shall be liable for any act or omission of the other companies or carriers.
- 11.8. In addition to its indemnity obligations hereunder, each Party shall, to the extent allowed by law or Commission Order, provide, in its tariffs and contracts with its subscribers that relate to any Telecommunications Services provided or contemplated under this Agreement, that in no case shall such Party or any of its agents, contractors or others retained by such Party be liable to any subscriber or third party for any loss relating to or arising out of this Agreement, whether in contract or tort, that exceeds the amount such Party would have charged the applicable subscriber for the service(s) or function(s) that gave rise to such loss, and Consequential Damages (as defined in Section 10 above).
- 11.9. If CLEC has physical collocations under this Agreement, CLEC shall also indemnify and hold CenturyLink harmless from any and all claims arising from:
 - 11.9.1 CLEC's use of the Collocation Space;
 - 11.9.2 the conduct of CLEC's business or from any activity, work or things done, permitted or suffered by CLEC in or about the Collocation Space or elsewhere;
 - 11.9.3 any and all claims arising from any breach or default in the performance of any obligation on CLEC's part to be performed under the terms of this Agreement; and
 - 11.9.4 any negligence of the CLEC, or any of CLEC's agents, and fees, expenses and liabilities incurred in the defense of any such claim or any action or proceeding brought thereon.
 - 11.9.5 If any action or proceeding is brought against CenturyLink by reason of any such claim, CLEC, upon notice from CenturyLink, shall defend same at CLEC's expense employing counsel satisfactory to CenturyLink.
- 11.10. CLEC shall at all times indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless CenturyLink from any claims, liens, demands, charges, encumbrances, litigation and judgments arising directly or indirectly out of any use, occupancy or activity of CLEC, or out of any work performed, material furnished, or obligations incurred by CLEC in, upon or otherwise in connection with the Collocation Space. CLEC shall give CenturyLink written notice at least ten (10) Business Days prior to the commencement of any such work on the Collocation Space in

order to afford CenturyLink the opportunity of filing appropriate notices of non-responsibility. However, failure by CenturyLink to give notice does not reduce CLEC's liability under this Section.

- 11.11 If any claim or lien is filed against the Collocation Space, or any action or proceeding is instituted affecting the title to the Collocation Space, CLEC shall give CenturyLink written notice thereof as soon as CLEC obtains such knowledge.
- 11.12 CLEC shall, at its expense, within thirty (30) Days after filing of any lien of record, obtain the discharge and release thereof or post a bond in an amount sufficient to accomplish such discharge and release. Nothing contained herein shall prevent CenturyLink, at the cost and for the account of CLEC, from obtaining such discharge and release if CLEC fails or refuses to do the same within the thirty-day period.
- 11.13 If CLEC has first discharged the lien as provided by law, CLEC may, at CLEC's expense, contest any mechanic's lien in any manner permitted by law.

12. INSURANCE

- 12.1. During the term of this Agreement, CLEC shall carry, and shall cause any subcontractors to carry, with financially reputable insurers which are licensed to do business in all jurisdictions where any property is located, not less than the following insurance:
- 12.2. Commercial General Liability with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence and aggregate for bodily injury, property damage and personal and advertising injury liability insurance to include coverage for contractual and products/completed operations liability, naming CenturyLink as additional insured;
- 12.3. Business Auto liability, including all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles, in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage liability, naming CenturyLink as additional insured;
- 12.4. Workers Compensation as provided for in the jurisdiction where the Property is located, with an Employer's Liability limit of not less than \$500,000 per accident or disease; and
- 12.5. Umbrella or excess liability in an amount not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence and aggregate in excess of the above-referenced Commercial General, Business Auto and Employer's Liability, naming CenturyLink as additional insured; and
- 12.6. "All Risk" property insurance on a full replacement cost basis insuring CLEC's property situated on or within the Property, naming CenturyLink as loss payee. CLEC may elect to insure business interruption and contingent business interruption, as it is agreed that CenturyLink has no liability for loss of profit or revenues should an interruption of service occur.
- 12.7. Nothing contained in this Section shall limit CLEC's liability to CenturyLink to the limits of insurance certified or carried.
- 12.8. All policies required of the CLEC shall contain evidence of the insurer's waiver of the right of subrogation against CenturyLink for any insured loss covered thereunder. All policies of insurance shall be written as primary policies and not contributing with or in excess of the coverage, if any, that CenturyLink may carry.
- 12.9. CLEC shall furnish to CenturyLink a certificate or certificates of insurance, satisfactory in form and content to CenturyLink, evidencing that the above coverage is in force and has been endorsed to guarantee that the coverage will not be cancelled without first giving at least thirty (30) Days prior written notice to CenturyLink.

13. BRANDING

- 13.1. CLEC shall provide the exclusive interface to CLEC subscribers, except as CLEC shall otherwise specify for the reporting of trouble or other matters identified by CLEC for which CenturyLink may directly communicate with CLEC subscribers. In those instances

where CLEC requests that CenturyLink personnel interface with CLEC subscribers, such CenturyLink personnel shall inform the CLEC subscribers that they are representing CLEC, or such brand as CLEC may specify.

- 13.2. Other business materials furnished by CenturyLink to CLEC subscribers shall bear no corporate name, logo, trademark or tradename.
- 13.3. Except as specifically permitted by a Party, in no event shall either Party provide information to the other Party's subscribers about the other Party or the other Party's products or services.
- 13.4. CenturyLink shall share pertinent details of CenturyLink's training approaches related to branding with CLEC to be used by CenturyLink to assure that CenturyLink meets the branding requirements agreed to by the Parties.
- 13.5. This Section shall not confer on either Party any rights to the service marks, trademarks and/or trade names owned by or used in connection with services by the other Party, except as expressly permitted in writing by the other Party.

14. REMEDIES

- 14.1. Except as otherwise provided herein, all rights of termination, cancellation or other remedies prescribed in this Agreement, or otherwise available, are cumulative and are not intended to be exclusive of other remedies to which the injured Party may be entitled in case of any breach or threatened breach by the other Party of any provision of this Agreement, and use of one or more remedies shall not bar use of any other remedy for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Agreement.

15. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PUBLICITY

- 15.1. All information which is disclosed by one Party ("Disclosing Party") to the other ("Recipient") in connection with this Agreement, or acquired in the course of performance of this Agreement, shall be deemed confidential and proprietary to the Disclosing Party and subject to this Agreement, such information includes but is not limited to, orders for services, usage information in any form, and CPNI as that term is defined by the Act and the rules and regulations of the FCC ("Confidential Information").
- 15.2. During the term of this Agreement, and for a period of five (5) year thereafter, Recipient shall
 - 15.2.1. use Confidential Information only for the purpose of performing under this Agreement,
 - 15.2.2. hold Confidential Information in confidence and disclose it only to employees or agents who have a need to know it in order to perform under this Agreement, and
 - 15.2.3. safeguard Confidential Information from unauthorized use or Disclosure using no less than the degree of care with which Recipient safeguards its own Confidential Information.
- 15.3. Recipient shall have no obligation to safeguard Confidential Information
 - 15.3.1. which was in the Recipient's possession free of restriction prior to its receipt from Disclosing Party,
 - 15.3.2. which becomes publicly known or available through no breach of this Agreement by Recipient,
 - 15.3.3. which is rightfully acquired by Recipient free of restrictions on its Disclosure, or
 - 15.3.4. which is independently developed by personnel of Recipient to whom the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information had not been previously disclosed.

- 15.4. Recipient may disclose Confidential Information if required by law, a court, or governmental agency, if the Disclosing Party has been notified of the requirement promptly after Recipient becomes aware of the requirement, and the Recipient undertakes all lawful measures to avoid disclosing such information until Disclosing Party has had reasonable time to obtain a protective order. Recipient will comply with any protective order that covers the Confidential Information to be disclosed.
- 15.5. Each Party agrees that in the event of a breach of this Section 15 by Recipient or its representatives, Disclosing Party shall be entitled to equitable relief, including injunctive relief and specific performance. Such remedies shall not be exclusive, but shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity.
- 15.6. Unless otherwise agreed, neither Party shall publish or use the other Party's logo, trademark, service mark, name, language, pictures, symbols or words from which the other Party's name may reasonably be inferred or implied in any product, service, advertisement, promotion, or any other publicity matter, except that nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit a Party from engaging in valid comparative advertising. This Section 15.6 shall confer no rights on a Party to the service marks, trademarks and trade names owned or used in connection with services by the other Party or its Affiliates, except as expressly permitted by the other Party.
- 15.7. Neither Party shall produce, publish, or distribute any press release nor other publicity referring to the other Party or its Affiliates, or referring to this Agreement, without the prior written approval of the other Party. Each party shall obtain the other Party's prior approval before discussing this Agreement in any press or media interviews. In no event shall either Party mischaracterize the contents of this Agreement in any public statement or in any representation to a governmental entity or member thereof.
- 15.8. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Section 15, nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the rights of either Party with respect to its customer information under any applicable law, including without limitation §222 of the Act.

16. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES

- 16.1. EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED ELSEWHERE IN THIS AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRARY, NEITHER PARTY MAKES ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO QUALITY, FUNCTIONALITY OR CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND/OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. NO REPRESENTATION OR STATEMENT MADE BY EITHER PARTY OR ANY OF ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, ORAL OR WRITTEN, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY SPECIFICATIONS, DESCRIPTIONS OR STATEMENTS PROVIDED OR MADE SHALL BE BINDING UPON EITHER PARTY AS A WARRANTY.

17. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACT

- 17.1. If any Affiliate of either Party succeeds to that portion of the business of such Party that is responsible for, or entitled to, any rights, obligations, duties, or other interests under this Agreement, such Affiliate may succeed to those rights, obligations, duties, and interest of such Party under this Agreement. In the event of any such succession hereunder, the successor shall expressly undertake in writing to the other Party the performance and liability for those obligations and duties as to which it is succeeding a Party to this Agreement.

- 17.2. Except as provided in Section 17.1, any assignment of this Agreement or of the obligations to be performed, in whole or in part, or of any other interest of a Party hereunder, without the other Party's written consent, shall be void. Upon a request by a Party for such consent, the other Party shall not unreasonably withhold or delay such consent, provided however, that reasonable grounds for withholding consent would include, without limitation, the existence of any material default by the requesting Party. For purposes of this paragraph, a Party shall be considered to be in material default if there are any outstanding amounts owed that have not been paid on or before the due date.
- 17.3. If a Party uses products or services obtained from the other Party under this Agreement to serve end user customers, then such Party may not make any sale or transfer of such end user customer accounts, or any facilities used to serve such end user customers, unless the purchaser or transferee has executed a written agreement to assume liability for any outstanding unpaid balances owed to the other Party under this Agreement for such services and products. Notwithstanding any assumption of liability by the purchaser or transferee, the Party selling or transferring such end user customer accounts, or facilities, shall remain jointly liable for the unpaid balances until the same are satisfied, in full, unless the selling or transferring Party obtains a written release of liability from the other Party, which release shall be at the reasonable discretion of the other Party.
- 17.4. If a Party seeks to transfer only a portion of facilities ordered pursuant to this Agreement, while retaining other facilities, then such transfer shall be treated as a disconnection and subsequent activation, subject to applicable disconnection and activation charges for such facilities, including any early termination fees, if applicable.

18. GOVERNING LAW

- 18.1. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Act, the FCC's Rules and Regulations and orders of the Commission, except insofar as state law may control any aspect of this Agreement, in which case the domestic laws of the Commission's state, without regard to its conflicts of laws principles, shall govern.

19. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

- 19.1. It is the intention of the Parties that each Party shall be an independent contractor and nothing contained herein shall constitute the Parties as joint venturers, partners, employees or agents of one another, and neither Party shall have the right or power to bind or obligate the other.

20. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

- 20.1. The provisions of this Agreement are for the benefit of the Parties hereto and not for any other person, and this Agreement shall not provide any person not a party hereto with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, right of action, or other right in excess of those existing without reference hereto. This shall not be construed to prevent CLEC from providing its Telecommunications Services to other carriers.

21. NOTICES

- 21.1. Except as otherwise provided herein, all notices or other communication hereunder shall be deemed to have been duly given when made in writing and delivered in person or deposited in the United States mail, certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested and addressed as follows:

If to CLEC:

Director-Product & Marketing
Embarq Communications, Inc.

If to CenturyLink:

Director – Contract Management
CenturyLink

Embarq Communications, Inc. – ICRA – OH
Effective 10/1/10

5454 W 110TH ST
Overland Park, KS 66211-1204
Telephone Number: 913-345-7544
Facsimile Number: 913-345-6801
Emily.E.Binder@centurylink.com

KSOPKB0401-413
9300 Metcalf Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66212

- 21.2. If delivery, other than certified mail, return receipt requested, is used to give notice, a receipt of such delivery shall be obtained and the notice shall be effective when received. If delivery via certified mail, return receipt requested, is used, notice shall be effective when sent. The address to which notices or communications may be given to either Party may be changed by written notice given by such Party to the other pursuant to this Section.

22. WAIVERS

- 22.1. No waiver of any provisions of this Agreement and no consent to any default under this Agreement shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and properly executed by or on behalf of the Party against whom such waiver or consent is claimed.
- 22.2. No course of dealing or failure of any Party to strictly enforce any term, right, or condition of this Agreement in any instance shall be construed as a general waiver or relinquishment of such term, right or condition.
- 22.3. Waiver by either Party of any default by the other Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other default.

23. SURVIVAL

- 23.1. Termination of this Agreement, or any part hereof, for any cause shall not release either Party from any liability which at the time of termination had already accrued to the other Party or which thereafter accrues in any respect to any act or omission occurring prior to the termination or from an obligation which is expressly stated in this Agreement to survive termination including but not limited to Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 20, 22, and 25.

24. FORCE MAJEURE

- 24.1. Neither Party shall be held liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Agreement from any cause beyond its control and without its fault or negligence, such as acts of God, acts of civil or military authority, embargoes, epidemics, war, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, floods, power blackouts, strikes, work stoppage affecting a supplier or unusually severe weather. No delay or other failure to perform shall be excused pursuant to this Section 24 unless delay or failure and consequences thereof are beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Party claiming excusable delay or other failure to perform. Subject to Sections 4.4, 5.2, 5.4, and 5.5 hereof, in the event of any such excused delay in the performance of a Party's obligation(s) under this Agreement, the due date for the performance of the original obligation(s) shall be extended by a term equal to the time lost by reason of the delay. In the event of such delay, the delayed Party shall perform its obligations at a performance level no less than that which it uses for its own operations. In the event of such performance delay or failure by CenturyLink, CenturyLink agrees to resume performance in a nondiscriminatory manner and not favor its own provision of Telecommunications Services above that of CLEC.

25. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 25.1. The Parties recognize and agree that the Commission has continuing jurisdiction to implement and enforce all terms and conditions of this Agreement, except those services in Part I (non-251 services). Accordingly, the Parties agree that any dispute arising out of

or relating to this Agreement that the Parties cannot resolve, other than Part I (non-251 services), may be submitted to the Commission for resolution, in the manner provided for herein. The dispute resolution provisions of this Section shall not preclude the Parties from seeking relief available in any other forum.

- 25.2. A Party may not submit a dispute to the Commission for resolution unless at least sixty (60) Days have elapsed after the Party asserting the dispute has given written notice of such dispute to the other Party. Such notice must explain in reasonable detail the specific circumstances and grounds for each disputed item, which shall include the specific information required in Section 7.3 for billing disputes. If a Party gives notice of a billing dispute more than thirty (30) Days after the billing date and has not paid the disputed amounts by the payment due date, then the notice of such dispute shall be deemed to have been given thirty (30) Days after the billing date for purposes of calculating the time period before such dispute may be submitted to the Commission.
- 25.3. The Parties shall meet or confer as often as they reasonably deem necessary in order to discuss the dispute and negotiate in good faith in an effort to resolve such dispute. The specific format for such discussions will be left to the discretion of the Parties, provided, however, that all reasonable requests for relevant, non-privileged, information made by one Party to the other Party shall be honored, and provided that the following terms and conditions shall apply:
 - 25.3.1. If CenturyLink provides written notice to the CLEC that a billing dispute has been denied, stating the grounds for such determination, then the CLEC shall have ten (10) Days in which to either pay the disputed amounts or to send written notice to the National Dispute Center advising that the CLEC disagrees with the determination by CenturyLink, and such notice may be accompanied by any additional, relevant materials submitted by CLEC. Failure by the CLEC to make a timely response to a notice of denial by CenturyLink shall result in lifting the suspension of the payment due date for such disputed invoice, and the possible assessment of late charges and suspension or termination of service for non-payment of billed amount in accordance with Section 7.2.
 - 25.3.2. Failure by the CLEC to make a timely response to a notice of denial by CenturyLink shall also preclude the CLEC from thereafter requesting an escalation of the same dispute under Section 25.4, although the CLEC may file a petition in compliance with Section 25.5.
- 25.4. If the Parties are unable to resolve the dispute in the normal course of business within thirty (30) Days after delivery of notice of the Dispute, then upon the request of either Party, the dispute shall be escalated to other representatives of each Party that have authority to settle the dispute, and such escalation may be repeated every thirty (30) Days during which negotiations continue. Referral of a dispute by a Party to its legal counsel shall be considered an escalation for purposes of this paragraph.
- 25.5. If the Parties are unable to resolve the dispute within sixty (60) Days after delivery of the initial notice of the dispute, then either Party may file a petition or complaint with the Commission seeking resolution of the dispute. The petition or complaint shall include a statement that both Parties have agreed to request an expedited resolution by the Commission within sixty (60) Days from the date on which the petition or complaint was filed with the Commission.
- 25.6. If the Commission appoints an expert(s) or other facilitator(s) to assist in its decision making, each Party shall pay half of the fees and expenses so incurred.
- 25.7. During the Commission proceeding each Party shall continue to perform its obligations under this Agreement provided, however, that neither Party shall be required to act in any unlawful fashion.

- 25.8. A dispute which has been resolved by a written settlement agreement between the Parties or pursuant to a determination by the Commission may not be resubmitted under the dispute resolution process.

26. COOPERATION ON FRAUD

- 26.1. The Parties agree that they shall cooperate with one another to investigate, minimize and take corrective action in cases of fraud. The Parties' fraud minimization procedures are to be cost effective and implemented so as not to unduly burden or harm one party as compared to the other.

27. TAXES

- 27.1. For purposes of this Section, the terms "taxes" and "fees" shall include but not be limited to federal, state or local sales, use, excise, gross receipts or other taxes or tax-like fees of whatever nature and however designated (including Tariff surcharges and any fees, charges or other payments, contractual or otherwise, for the use of public streets or rights of way, whether designated as franchise fees or otherwise) imposed, or sought to be imposed, on or with respect to the services furnished hereunder or measured by the charges or payments therefore, excluding any taxes levied on income.
- 27.2. Taxes and Fees Imposed Directly On Either Providing Party or Purchasing Party.
- 27.2.1. Taxes and fees imposed on the providing Party, which are not permitted or required to be passed on by the providing Party to its customer, shall be borne and paid by the providing Party.
- 27.2.2. Taxes and fees imposed on the purchasing Party, which are not required to be collected and/or remitted by the providing Party, shall be borne and paid by the purchasing Party.
- 27.3. Taxes and Fees Imposed on Purchasing Party but Collected And Remitted By Providing Party.
- 27.3.1. Taxes and fees imposed on the purchasing Party shall be borne by the purchasing Party, even if the obligation to collect and/or remit such taxes or fees is placed on the providing Party.
- 27.3.2. To the extent permitted by applicable law, any such taxes and/or fees shall be shown as separate items on applicable billing documents between the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the purchasing Party shall remain liable for any such taxes and fees regardless of whether they are actually billed by the providing Party at the time that the respective service is billed.
- 27.3.3. If the purchasing Party determines that in its opinion any such taxes or fees are not payable, the providing Party shall not bill such taxes or fees to the purchasing Party if the purchasing Party provides written certification, reasonably satisfactory to the providing Party, stating that it is exempt or otherwise not subject to the tax or fee, setting forth the basis therefore, and satisfying any other requirements under applicable law. If any authority seeks to collect any such tax or fee that the purchasing Party has determined and certified not to be payable, or any such tax or fee that was not billed by the providing Party, the purchasing Party may contest the same in good faith, at its own expense. In any such contest, the purchasing Party shall promptly furnish the providing Party with copies of all filings in any proceeding, protest, or legal challenge, all rulings issued in connection therewith, and all correspondence between the purchasing Party and the taxing authority.
- 27.3.4. In the event that all or any portion of an amount sought to be collected must be paid in order to contest the imposition of any such tax or fee, or to avoid the existence of a lien on the assets of the providing Party during the pendency of

- such contest, the purchasing Party shall be responsible for such payment and shall be entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery.
- 27.3.5. If it is ultimately determined that any additional amount of such a tax or fee is due to the imposing authority, the purchasing Party shall pay such additional amount, including any interest and penalties thereon.
- 27.3.6. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the purchasing Party shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless (and defend at the purchasing Party's expense) the providing Party from and against any such tax or fee, interest or penalties thereon, or other charges or payable expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) with respect thereto, which are incurred by the providing Party in connection with any claim for or contest of any such tax or fee.
- 27.3.7. Each Party shall notify the other Party in writing of any assessment, proposed assessment or other claim for any additional amount of such a tax or fee by a taxing authority; such notice to be provided, if possible, at least ten (10) Days prior to the date by which a response, protest or other appeal must be filed, but in no event later than thirty (30) Days after receipt of such assessment, proposed assessment or claim.
- 27.4. Taxes and Fees Imposed on Providing Party But Passed On To Purchasing Party.
- 27.4.1. Taxes and fees imposed on the providing Party, which are permitted or required to be passed on by the providing Party to its customer, shall be borne by the purchasing Party.
- 27.4.2. To the extent permitted by applicable law, any such taxes and/or fees shall be shown as separate items on applicable billing documents between the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the purchasing Party shall remain liable for any such taxes and fees regardless of whether they are actually billed by the providing Party at the time that the respective service is billed.
- 27.4.3. If the purchasing Party disagrees with the providing Party's determination as to the application or basis for any such tax or fee, the Parties shall consult with respect to the imposition and billing of such tax or fee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the providing Party shall retain ultimate responsibility for determining whether and to what extent any such taxes or fees are applicable, and the purchasing Party shall abide by such determination and pay such taxes or fees to the providing Party. The providing Party shall further retain ultimate responsibility for determining whether and how to contest the imposition of such taxes and fees; provided, however, that any such contest undertaken at the request of the purchasing Party shall be at the purchasing Party's expense.
- 27.4.4. In the event that all or any portion of an amount sought to be collected must be paid in order to contest the imposition of any such tax or fee, or to avoid the existence of a lien on the assets of the providing Party during the pendency of such contest, the purchasing Party shall be responsible for such payment and shall be entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery.
- 27.4.5. If it is ultimately determined that any additional amount of such a tax or fee is due to the imposing authority, the purchasing Party shall pay such additional amount, including any interest and penalties thereon.
- 27.4.6. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the purchasing Party shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless (and defend at the purchasing Party's expense) the providing Party from and against any such tax or fee, interest or penalties thereon, or other reasonable charges or payable expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) with respect thereto, which are incurred by the providing Party in connection with any claim for or contest of any such tax or fee.

- 27.4.7. Each Party shall notify the other Party in writing of any assessment, proposed assessment or other claim for any additional amount of such a tax or fee by a taxing authority; such notice to be provided, if possible, at least ten (10) Days prior to the date by which a response, protest or other appeal must be filed, but in no event later than thirty (30) Days after receipt of such assessment, proposed assessment or claim.
- 27.5. In any contest of a tax or fee by one Party, the other Party shall cooperate fully by providing records, testimony and such additional information or assistance as may reasonably be necessary to pursue the contest. Further, the other Party shall be reimbursed for any reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket copying and travel expenses incurred in assisting in such contest.
- 27.6. To the extent a sale is claimed to be for resale and thus subject to tax exemption, the purchasing Party shall furnish the providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate as authorized or required by statute or regulation of the jurisdiction providing said resale tax exemption. If Applicable Law excludes or exempts a purchase of services under this Agreement from a Tax, but does not also provide an exemption procedure, then the providing Party will not collect such Tax if the purchasing Party furnishes the providing Party with a letter or other evidence of exemption, reasonably satisfactory to the providing Party, claiming an exemption and identifying the Applicable Law that both allows such exemption and does not require an exemption certificate. If the exemption is later found to be invalid by the applicable jurisdiction, then the purchasing Party shall pay any tax, interest and/or penalty that is determined to be due, and shall be responsible for any costs incurred by the providing Party, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees.

28. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

- 28.1. No provision of this Agreement shall be deemed waived, amended or modified by either Party unless such a waiver, amendment or modification is in writing, dated, and signed by both Parties.

29. SEVERABILITY

- 29.1. Subject to Section 4.2, if any part of this Agreement is held to be invalid, void or unenforceable for any reason, such invalidity will affect only the portion of this Agreement which is invalid. In all other respects this Agreement will stand as if such invalid provision had not been a part thereof, and the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby.

30. HEADINGS NOT CONTROLLING

- 30.1. The headings and numbering of Sections and Parts in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be construed to define or limit any of the terms herein or affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

31. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

- 31.1. This Agreement, including all Parts and subordinate documents attached hereto or referenced herein, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein, subject only to the terms of any applicable Tariff on file with the state Commission or the FCC, constitute the entire matter thereof, and supersede all prior oral or written agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, proposals, and undertakings with respect to the subject matter thereof.

32. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

- 32.1. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, CenturyLink and CLEC agree this Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

33. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- 33.1. This Agreement sets forth the overall standards of performance for the services, processes, and systems capabilities that the Parties will provide to each other, and the intervals at which those services, processes and capabilities will be provided. The Parties understand that the arrangements and provision of services described in this Agreement shall require technical and operational coordination between the Parties. Accordingly, the Parties agree to form a team (the "Implementation Team") which shall develop and identify those processes, guidelines, specifications, standards and additional terms and conditions necessary to support and satisfy the standards set forth in this Agreement and implement each Party's obligations hereunder.
- 33.2. Dispute Resolution. If the Implementation Team is unable to agree upon any of the matters to be included in the Implementation Plan, then either Party may invoke the procedures set forth in Part B Section 25.

34. FEDERAL JURISDICTIONAL AREAS

- 34.1. Article 1, §8, Clause 17 of the United States Constitution provides the authority to Congress to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over areas and structures used for military purposes (Federal Enclaves). Thus, Telecommunications Services to such Federal Enclaves are not subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Parties agree that Services provided within Federal Enclaves are not within the scope of this Agreement. To the extent CenturyLink has contracts with federal entities that limit or prohibit the ability of CLEC to provide resale or UNEs such contract will govern Telecommunications Services on such Federal Enclave. If the contract with the federal entity provides for the resale or provision of UNEs to provide service on the Federal Enclave, CenturyLink will provide CLEC with information regarding the provision of service on the Federal Enclave.

PART C – GENERAL PRINCIPLES

35. USE OF FACILITIES

- 35.1. In situations where a competitive LEC has the use of the facilities (*i.e.*, Local Loop) to a specific customer premise, either through resale of local service or the lease of the Local Loop as an Unbundled Network Element, and CenturyLink receives a good faith request for service from a customer at the same premise or from another carrier with the appropriate customer authorization, the procedures below will apply.
- 35.1.1. CenturyLink will process such orders and provision services consistent with the terms contained in Section 72, of this Agreement.
- 35.1.2. Where CLEC is using a single facility to provide service to multiple end user customers, CenturyLink will not disconnect that facility as a result of the following procedures.
- 35.1.3. CenturyLink will follow methods prescribed by the FCC and any applicable state regulation for carrier change verification.
- 35.1.4. Customer with Existing Service Changing Local Service Provider:
In situations where a competitive LEC submits an order for an end user customer that is changing local service providers for existing service, and is not adding service (*i.e.*, an additional line), CenturyLink will process the service request without delay, and provide the losing competitive LEC a customer loss notification consistent with industry standards.
- 35.1.5. Customer with Existing Service Adding New Service
In situations where an order is submitted for an end user customer adding service to existing service (*i.e.*, an additional line), the order should be marked as an additional line and existing facilities will not be affected.
- 35.1.6. Customer Requesting New Service where Previous Customer has Abandoned Service
- (a) The following applies in the case where an end user customer vacates premises without notifying the local service provider and a new end user customer moves into the vacated premises and orders new service from a local service provider and neither CenturyLink nor the previous local service provider are aware that the original end user customer has abandoned the service in place.
 - (b) When a carrier requests service at a location and marks the order as abandoned and CLEC is the previous local service provider, CenturyLink shall notify CLEC via fax that it has had a request for service at the premise location that is currently being served by CLEC;
 - (c) If available to CenturyLink, CenturyLink shall include the name and address of the party receiving service at such locations, but at a minimum shall provide local service address location information;
 - (d) If CLEC does not respond within twenty-four (24) hours (excluding weekends and holidays) after receiving CenturyLink's notification or if CLEC responds relinquishing the facilities, CenturyLink shall be free to use the facilities in question and CenturyLink shall issue a disconnect order with respect to the CLEC service at that location. If CLEC responds stating that the service is working and should not be disconnected, CenturyLink will notify the carrier ordering service and request verification of the address and location or the submission of an order for an additional line.

36. PRICE SCHEDULE

- 36.1. All prices under this Agreement are set forth in the attachments designated Table One and Table Two of this Agreement are hereby incorporated into, and made a part of, this Agreement. If this Agreement provides for a service that does not have a corresponding rate in Table One or Table Two, or is not subject to Section 42, CenturyLink will develop a rate consistent with Section 43.
- 36.2. Subject to the provisions of Section 4 of this Agreement, all rates provided under this Agreement shall remain in effect for the term of this Agreement.
- 36.3. Local Service Resale
The rates that CLEC shall pay to CenturyLink for Local Resale are as set forth in Table One of this Agreement and shall be applied consistent with the provisions of Part D of this Agreement.
- 36.4. Unbundled Network Elements
The charges that CLEC shall pay to CenturyLink for Unbundled Network Elements are set forth in Table One of this Agreement.
- 36.5. Collocation
The charges that CLEC shall pay to CenturyLink for Collocation are set forth in Table Two of this Agreement.
- 36.6. Call Related Databases
The charges that CLEC shall pay to CenturyLink for Call Related Databases purchased pursuant to Part J are set forth in Table One of this Agreement.

37. SECURITY DEPOSIT

- 37.1. CenturyLink reserves the right to secure the account with a suitable security deposit in the form and amounts set forth herein. If payment of the security deposit is not made within thirty (30) days of the request, CenturyLink may stop processing orders for service and Carrier will be considered in material breach of the Agreement.
- 37.2. Security deposits shall take the form of cash or cash equivalent, an irrevocable letter of credit or other form of security acceptable to CenturyLink.
- 37.3. If a security deposit is required on a new account, CLEC will remit such security deposit prior to inauguration of service. If a security deposit is requested or increased for an existing account, payment of the security deposit will be made prior to acceptance by CenturyLink of additional orders for service.
- 37.4. Security deposits shall be in an amount equal to two (2) months' estimated billings as calculated by CenturyLink, or twice the most recent month's invoices from CenturyLink for existing accounts. All security deposits will be subject to a minimum deposit level of \$10,000.
- 37.5. The fact that a security deposit has been made in no way relieves CLEC from complying with CenturyLink's regulations as to advance payments and the prompt payment of bills on presentation, nor is it a waiver or modification of the regular practices of CenturyLink for the discontinuance of service for non-payment of any sums due CenturyLink.
- 37.6. CenturyLink may increase the security deposit requirements when gross monthly billing has increased beyond the level initially used to determine the security deposit or if CLEC fails to make timely payment of any billed amounts which have not been disputed.
- 37.7. Any security deposit shall be held by CenturyLink as a guarantee of payment of any charges for services billed to CLEC pursuant to this Agreement or in connection with any other services provided to CLEC by CenturyLink. CenturyLink may exercise its right to credit any cash deposit to CLEC's account, or to demand payment from the issuing bank

or bonding company of any irrevocable bank letter of credit, upon the occurrence of any one of the following events:

- 37.7.1. when CLEC's undisputed balances due to CenturyLink are more than thirty (30) Days past due; or
 - 37.7.2. when CLEC files for protection under the bankruptcy laws; or
 - 37.7.3. when an involuntary petition in bankruptcy is filed against CLEC and is not dismissed within sixty (60) Days;
 - 37.7.4. when this Agreement expires or terminates;
 - 37.7.5. any letter of credit issued hereunder or any bank issuing a letter of credit hereunder (each, a "Letter of Credit Bank") fails to meet the terms, conditions, and requirements set forth below in this Section; ; or
 - 37.7.6. CLEC fails to provide CenturyLink with a replacement letter of credit on the terms set forth herein at least ten (10) Business Days prior to the expiration of any letter of credit issued to CenturyLink hereunder.
- 37.8. If any security deposit held by CenturyLink is applied as a credit toward payment of CLEC's balances due to CenturyLink, then CenturyLink may require the CLEC to provide a new deposit. If payment of the new deposit is not made within thirty (30) Days of the request, CenturyLink may stop processing orders for service and CLEC will be considered in breach of the Agreement.
- 37.9. Any security deposit may be held during the continuance of the service as security for the payment of any and all amounts accruing for the service. No interest will accrue or be paid on deposits.
- 37.10. Any letter of credit issued to CenturyLink hereunder must meet the following requirements:
- 37.10.1. The bank issuing any letter of credit hereunder (the "Letter of Credit Bank") must maintain a minimum credit rating of A (by Standard & Poor's) or A2 (by Moody's). If CLEC proposes that the letter of credit be issued by a bank that is not so rated by Standard & Poor's or Moody's, then CLEC must obtain the prior written approval by CenturyLink to use such bank as the Letter of Credit Bank.
 - 37.10.2. The original letter of credit shall be in such form and on terms that are acceptable to CenturyLink and must include an automatic one-year renewal extension.
 - 37.10.3. If CLEC receives notice from the Letter of Credit Bank of any non-renewal of a letter of credit issued hereunder, then CLEC shall promptly notify CenturyLink of such notice of non-renewal. Not later than ten (10) Business Days prior to the expiration of the letter of credit, CLEC shall provide CenturyLink a replacement letter of credit on substantially identical terms to the existing letter of credit (or such other terms as are acceptable to CenturyLink). If CLEC provides a replacement letter of credit not later than 10 Business Days prior to the expiration of the expiring letter of credit, then CenturyLink shall not make a drawing under the expiring letter of credit. Upon receipt of a replacement letter of credit meeting the requirements set forth in this Agreement, CenturyLink will provide the original, expiring letter of credit to CLEC.
 - 37.10.4. If CLEC desires to replace any letter of credit issued to CenturyLink hereunder, whether due to non-renewal or otherwise, each such replacement letter of credit and the Letter of Credit Bank issuing such replacement letter of credit must meet the terms, conditions and requirements set forth in this Section.

PART D – LOCAL RESALE

38. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROVIDED FOR RESALE

- 38.1. At the request of CLEC, and pursuant to the requirements of the Act, and FCC and Commission Rules and Regulations, CenturyLink shall make available to CLEC for resale Telecommunications Services that CenturyLink currently provides or may provide hereafter at retail to subscribers who are not Telecommunications Carriers. Such resale may be as allowed by the FCC and Commission. The Telecommunications Services provided by CenturyLink to CLEC pursuant to this Part D are collectively referred to as "Local Resale." To the extent that this Part describes services which CenturyLink shall make available to CLEC for resale pursuant to this Agreement, this list of services is neither all inclusive nor exclusive.

39. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 39.1. The prices charged to CLEC for Local Resale are the CenturyLink Tariff retail prices, discounted as set forth in Part C of this Agreement.
- 39.1.1. Voluntary Federal and State Subscriber Financial Assistance Programs. Subsidized local Telecommunications Services are provided to low-income subscribers pursuant to requirements established by the appropriate state regulatory body, and include programs such as Voluntary Federal Subscriber Financial Assistance Program and Link-Up America. Voluntary Federal and State Subscriber Financial Assistance Programs are not Telecommunications Services that are available for resale under this Agreement.
- 39.1.2. CenturyLink shall offer for resale to CLEC all Grandfathered Services solely for the existing grandfathered base on a customer specific basis. CenturyLink shall make reasonable efforts to provide CLEC with advance copy of any request for the termination of service and/or grandfathering to be filed by CenturyLink with the Commission.
- 39.1.3. CenturyLink shall offer for resale all of its Telecommunications Services available at retail to subscribers who are not Telecommunications Carriers, including but not limited to Contract Service Arrangements (or ICB), Special Arrangements (or ICB), and Promotions in excess of ninety (90) Days, all in accordance with FCC and Commission Rules and Regulations. For Contract Service Arrangements, Special Arrangements, or ICBs, the end user customer's agreement with CenturyLink will terminate and any applicable termination liabilities will be charged to the end user customer. The terms of the Contract Service Arrangement, Special Arrangement or ICB will apply commencing on the date CLEC commences to provide service to the end user customer and ending on the end date of the Contract Service Arrangement, Special Arrangement or ICB. CenturyLink will apply the rate in the Contract Service Arrangement, Special Arrangement or ICB in accordance with Section 39.1.
- 39.1.4. Customer Owned Coin Operated Telephone (COCOT) or Public Telephone Access lines will not be resold to payphone service providers at wholesale prices under this Agreement.
- 39.1.5. For Telecommunications Services that are offered by CenturyLink to its end users and that are available for resale, the rules and regulations associated with CenturyLink's retail Tariff(s) shall apply when the services are resold by CLEC. Use limitations shall be in Parity with services offered by CenturyLink to its end users.

- 39.1.6. Except as set forth above and as may be allowed by the FCC or Commission, CenturyLink shall not place conditions or restrictions on CLEC's resale of wholesale regulated Telecommunications Services, except for restrictions on the resale of residential service to other classifications (*i.e.*, residential service to business customers) and for promotions of ninety (90) Days or less in length. In addition, CLEC shall be prohibited from marketing its products using the CenturyLink product name (*e.g.*, CLEC may purchase the features package called "CenturyLink Essential" but shall be prohibited from reselling this product using the CenturyLink brand name or the CenturyLink product name). Every regulated retail service rate, including promotions over ninety (90) Days in length, discounts, and option plans will have a corresponding wholesale rate. CenturyLink will make wholesale Telecommunications Service offerings available for all new regulated services at the same time the retail service becomes available.
- 39.1.7. Voice Mail Service is not a Telecommunications Service available for resale under this Agreement. However, where available, CenturyLink shall make available for Local Resale the SMDI-E (Station Message Desk Interface-Enhanced), or SMDI (Station Message Desk Interface) where SMDI-E is not available, feature capability allowing for Voice Mail Services. CenturyLink shall make available the MWI (Message Waiting Indicator) interrupted dial tone and message waiting light feature capabilities where technically available. CenturyLink shall make available CF-B/DA (Call Forward on Busy/Don't Answer), CF/B (Call Forward on Busy), and CF/DA (Call Forward Don't Answer) feature capabilities allowing for Voice Mail services. Where available, CLEC may purchase Voice Mail Service and related services for its end users at CenturyLink's retail rates.
- 39.1.8. Hospitality Service. CenturyLink shall provide all blocking, screening, and all other applicable functions available for hospitality lines under tariff.
- 39.1.9. LIDB Administration
- (a) CenturyLink shall maintain customer information for CLEC customers who subscribe to resold CenturyLink local service dial tone lines, in CenturyLink's LIDB in the same manner that it maintains information in LIDB for its own similarly situated end user subscribers. CenturyLink shall update and maintain the CLEC information in LIDB on the same schedule that it uses for its own similarly situated end user subscribers.
 - (b) Until such time as CenturyLink's LIDB has the software capability to recognize a resold number as CLEC's, CenturyLink shall store the resold number in its LIDB at no charge and shall retain revenue for LIDB look-ups to the resold number.
- 39.1.10. CenturyLink will continue to provide Primary Interexchange Carrier ("PIC") processing for end users obtaining resold service from CLEC. CenturyLink will bill and CLEC will pay any PIC change charges. CenturyLink will only accept said requests for PIC changes from CLEC and not from CLEC's end users.

PART E – UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS

40. GENERAL

- 40.1. Pursuant to the following terms, CenturyLink will unbundle and separately price and offer Unbundled Network Elements ("UNEs"). CLEC shall pay CenturyLink the recurring and non-recurring charges listed in Table One or agreed to by the Parties for the UNEs provisioned.

41. USE OF UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS

- 41.1. CenturyLink shall offer UNEs to CLEC for the purpose of offering Telecommunications Service to CLEC subscribers. CenturyLink shall offer UNEs to CLEC on an unbundled basis on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 41.2. CLEC may use one or more UNEs to provide any feature, function, capability, or service option that such UNE(s) is (are) technically capable of providing, except as otherwise limited herein. Except as provided elsewhere in this Agreement, it is CLEC's obligation to combine CenturyLink provided UNEs with any and all facilities and services whether provided by CenturyLink, CLEC, or any other party. CLEC may Commingle UNEs with Wholesale Services or Tariffed access services obtained from CenturyLink as provided for in this Agreement.
- 41.3. Each UNE provided by CenturyLink to CLEC shall be at Parity with the quality of design, performance, features, functions, capabilities and other characteristics, that CenturyLink provides to itself, CenturyLink's own subscribers, to a CenturyLink Affiliate or to any other Telecommunications Carrier requesting access to that UNE.
- 41.4. CLEC may use Network Elements provided under this Agreement for any Telecommunications Service subject to the conditions listed below. By placing an order for UNEs, CLEC certifies that these requirements are met.
- 41.4.1. Any combination of the following, where both are provided by CenturyLink, are subject to the EEL use restrictions in Section 53. Such restrictions apply irrespective of the manner in which the loops and transport are combined
- (a) high capacity loops (DS1, DS3), to the extent available, and special access transport (a commingled facility); or
 - (b) special access channel terminations (DS1, DS3) and Dedicated Transport (DS1, DS3), to the extent available (a commingled facility); or
 - (c) high capacity loops (DS1, DS3) and Dedicated Transport (DS1, DS3).
- 41.4.2. CLEC may not order or use a UNE for the exclusive provision of Mobile Wireless Service. Facilities connecting CenturyLink's network and CMRS carriers' networks do not qualify as UNEs and will not be available to CLEC as UNEs.
- 41.4.3. CLEC may not order or use a UNE for the exclusive provision of Interexchange Services (*i.e.*, interLATA or intraLATA long distance). Facilities connecting CenturyLink's network and interexchange carriers' networks used by the interexchange carrier to exclusively provide such services to end users do not qualify as UNEs and will not be available to CLEC as UNE.
- 41.4.4. CLEC must use any UNE purchased from CenturyLink for the purpose of providing eligible telecommunications services (not exclusively Mobile Wireless Service or Interexchange Services). CLEC may use a UNE for the provision of Interexchange Services, Mobile Wireless Service, or Information Services, if CLEC is also providing an eligible telecommunications service over the same

UNE. CLEC may not order or use a UNE for the sole purpose of selling it to another carrier for the exclusive provision of Mobile Wireless Service or Interexchange Services.

- 41.4.5. An Information Service is not an eligible telecommunications service except that CLEC can use unbundled loops in accordance with this Agreement to provide xDSL services.

42. BONA FIDE REQUEST PROCESS

- 42.1. CenturyLink shall promptly consider and analyze CLEC requests for unbundled Network Elements that are not currently developed by CenturyLink, network information that is reasonably required to determine what unbundled Network Elements it needs to serve a particular customer or development of and changes to CenturyLink work processes related to ordering, provisioning or installation of unbundled Network Elements with the submission of a Bona Fide Request ("BFR") hereunder.
- 42.2. A BFR shall be submitted in writing on the CenturyLink Standard BFR Form and shall include a clear technical description of each request.
- 42.3. CLEC may cancel a BFR at any time, but shall pay all reasonable and demonstrable costs of processing and/or implementing the BFR up to the date of cancellation.
- 42.4. Within ten (10) Days of its receipt, the CenturyLink shall acknowledge receipt of the BFR.
- 42.5. Except under extraordinary circumstances, within thirty (30) Days of its receipt of a BFR, the CenturyLink shall provide to CLEC a preliminary analysis of such BFR.
- 42.6. Upon receipt of the preliminary analysis, CLEC shall, within thirty (30) Days, notify CenturyLink, in writing, of its intent to proceed or not to proceed.
- 42.7. CenturyLink shall promptly proceed with the BFR upon receipt of written authorization from CLEC. When it receives such authorization, CenturyLink shall promptly develop the requested services, determine their availability, calculate the applicable prices and establish installation intervals.
- 42.8. As soon as feasible, but not more than ninety (90) Days after its receipt of authorization to proceed with developing the BFR, CenturyLink shall provide to CLEC a BFR Quote which will include, at a minimum, a description of each service, the availability, the applicable rates and the installation intervals.
- 42.9. Within thirty (30) Days of its receipt of the BFR Quote, CLEC must either confirm, in writing, its order for the BFR pursuant to the BFR Quote or if a disagreement arises, seek resolution of the dispute under the Dispute Resolution procedures in Part B of this Agreement.
- 42.10. If a Party to a BFR believes that the other Party is not requesting, negotiating or processing the BFR in good faith, or disputes a determination, or price or cost quote, such Party may seek resolution of the dispute pursuant to the Dispute Resolution provisions in Part B of this Agreement.

43. INDIVIDUAL CASE BASIS PRICING

- 43.1. Individual Case Basis (ICB) pricing will be provided by CenturyLink upon request from the CLEC for customer specific rates or terms for network services and features for UNES that are not otherwise provided for in this Agreement.
- 43.2. CenturyLink will process ICB Pricing requests upon receipt from the CLEC. CenturyLink will provide CLEC a price quote within thirty (30) Business Days from the receipt of the request. Price quote intervals may vary depending upon the complexity of the request but shall not exceed thirty (30) Business Days from the receipt of the request.

44. NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE

- 44.1. CenturyLink will offer unbundled access to the network interface device element (NID). The NID is defined as any means of interconnection of end user customer premises wiring to an incumbent LEC's distribution plant, such as a cross connect device used for that purpose. This includes all features, functions, and capabilities of the facilities used to connect the loop to end user customer premises wiring, regardless of the specific mechanical design.
- 44.2. The function of the NID is to establish the network demarcation point between a LEC (ILEC/CLEC) and its subscriber. The NID provides a protective ground connection, protection against lightning and other high voltage surges and is capable of terminating cables such as twisted pair cable.
- 44.3. CLEC may connect its NID to CenturyLink's NID either through a cross connect or through the end user's inside wiring; may connect an unbundled loop to CLEC's NID; or may connect CLEC's own Loop to CenturyLink's NID, except that CLEC may not disconnect CenturyLink's loop and leave it disconnected from CenturyLink's NID. CenturyLink will provide one NID termination with each loop. If additional NID terminations are required, CLEC may request them pursuant to the process detailed in the Bona Fide Request Section herein.
- 44.4. CenturyLink will provide CLEC with information that will enable their technician to locate end user inside wiring at NIDs terminating multiple subscribers. CenturyLink will dispatch a technician and tag the wiring at the CLEC's request. In such cases the charges specified in Table One will apply.
- 44.5. CenturyLink will not provide specialized (CenturyLink non-standard) NIDS.
- 44.6. The CenturyLink NID shall provide a clean, accessible point of connection for the inside wiring and for the distribution media and/or cross connect to CLEC's facility and shall maintain a connection to ground that meets applicable industry standards. Each Party shall ground its NID independently of the other party's NID.
- 44.7. A NID will be provided with each unbundled loop and is included in the loop pricing shown in Table One. CenturyLink will also provide NIDs separately from loops for a separate price as shown in Table One, and CLECs shall order stand-alone NIDs whenever CLEC utilizes CenturyLink's NID in any fashion other than with an unbundled loop.
- 44.8. CLEC shall be liable to CenturyLink for any damage to the NID caused by improper or unauthorized use of CenturyLink's NID by the CLEC, and in the event such damage occurs CenturyLink shall be entitled to seek injunctive relief to prevent NIDs further damage, in addition to any monetary damages that CenturyLink may be entitled to recover.

45. LOOP

- 45.1. CenturyLink will provide CLEC access to Local Loops, including Copper Loops, DS1 Loops, DS3 Loops, Hybrid Loops, FTTC Loops and FTTH Loops. The following section includes the terms and conditions for Copper Loops, DS1 Loops, DS3 Loops, Hybrid Loops, FTTC Loops and FTTH Loops. Terms and conditions for making any network modifications resulting from CLEC's request for Local Loops are contained in Section 54.
- 45.2. At CLEC's request, and if Technically Feasible, CenturyLink will test and report trouble on conditioned loops for all of the line's features, functions, and capabilities, and will not restrict its testing to voice-transmission only. Testing shall include Basic Testing and Cooperative Testing. Optional Cooperative Testing and Joint Testing are performed only at CLEC's request. To the extent CLEC requests testing that would require CenturyLink to purchase new equipment, establish new procedures, or make systems modifications,

CLEC will compensate CenturyLink for costs incurred to provide such testing. Request for additional testing must be submitted pursuant to the BFR Process in Section 42.

45.2.1. Basic Testing shall include simple metallic measurements only. Basic Testing does not include cooperative or joint testing efforts that require CenturyLink's technician to work jointly with CLEC's staff ("Cooperative Testing" or "Joint Testing").

45.2.2. Cooperative testing is provided on service order activity only and will be provided by CenturyLink at CLEC's expense. CenturyLink technicians will try to contact CLEC's representative at the conclusion of installation. If the CLEC does not respond within three (3) minutes, CenturyLink may, in its sole discretion, continue its attempts to contact the CLEC's representative, and bill the CLEC in increments of fifteen (15) minutes for the technician's time for so long as such efforts continue, or CenturyLink may abandon the test and CLEC will be charged for the test and any additional technician time involved (beyond the initial 3 minutes) at the rates set out in Table One.

45.2.3. Joint Testing is provided on maintenance activity only and will be provided by CenturyLink at CLEC's expense, when requested. CenturyLink technicians will try to contact CLEC's representative to initiate Joint Testing after completing the requested activity. If the CLEC does not respond within three (3) minutes, CenturyLink may, in its sole discretion, continue its attempts to contact the CLEC's representative, and bill the CLEC in increments of fifteen (15) minutes for the technician's time for so long as such efforts continue, or CenturyLink may abandon the test and CLEC will be charged for the test and any additional technician time involved (beyond the initial 3 minutes) at the rates set out in Table One. Loops involving multiplexing prohibit the reading of a short.

45.2.4. CenturyLink will charge CLEC at the rates set out on Table One, when the location of the trouble on a CLEC-reported ticket is determined to be in CLEC's network or on the CLEC end user's side of the Demarcation Point.

45.3. Analog Loop Capabilities

45.3.1. Analog loops facilitate the transmission of voice grade signals in the 300-3000 Hz range and terminate in a 2-wire or 4-wire electrical interface at the CLEC's end user's premises. CLEC shall not install equipment on analog Loops that exceeds the specified bandwidth.

45.3.2. CenturyLink will provide analog Loops as Copper Loops, Hybrid Loops, and where required, FTTH Loops and FTTC Loops, based on available facilities.

45.4. Digital Loops

45.4.1. CenturyLink will provide digital Loops on the basis of the service that will be provisioned over the Loop. Digital Loops are Copper Loops over which CLEC may deploy advanced services. Deployment of advanced services over digital loops by CLEC will be consistent with the terms and conditions contained in Section 45.6. On digital Loops, CenturyLink will only provide electrical continuity and line balance.

45.4.2. CenturyLink shall employ industry accepted standards and practices to maximize binder group efficiency through analyzing the interference potential of each loop in a binder group, assigning an aggregate interference limit to the binder group, and then adding loops to the binder group until that limit is met. Disputes regarding the standards and practices employed in this regard shall be resolved through the Dispute Resolution Process set forth in Part B of this Agreement.

- 45.4.3. Reverse ADSL Loops. If a CLEC's ADSL Transmission Unit (including those integrated into DSLAMs) is attached to CenturyLink's Network and if an ADSL Copper Loop should start at an outside location, and is looped through a host or remote, and then to the subscriber, the copper plant from the outside location to the CenturyLink host or remote central office must be a facility dedicated to ADSL transmission only and not part of CenturyLink's regular feeder or distribution plant.
- 45.5. Non-Standard Digital Loops
 - 45.5.1. If CLEC requests a digital Loop, for which the effective loop length exceeds the xDSL standard of 18 kft (subject to gauge design used in an area), CenturyLink will only provide a Non-Standard Digital Loop. Additional non-recurring charges for conditioning will apply. Non-Standard Digital Loops will not be subject to performance measurements or technical specifications, however, all of the SMC requirements set forth in Section 45.4 are applicable.
- 45.6. Adherence to National Industry Standards
 - 45.6.1. In providing advanced service loop technology, CenturyLink shall allow CLEC to deploy underlying technology that does not significantly interfere with other advanced services and analog circuit-switched voice band transmissions.
 - 45.6.2. Until long term industry standards and practices can be established, a particular technology shall be presumed acceptable for deployment under certain circumstances. Deployment that is consistent with at least one of the following circumstances presumes that such loop technology will not significantly degrade the performance of other advanced services or impair traditional analog circuit-switched voice band services:
 - (a) Complies with existing industry standards, including an industry-standard PSD mask, as well as modulation schemes and electrical characteristics;
 - (b) Is approved by an industry standards body, the FCC, or any state commission or;
 - (c) Has been successfully deployed by any CLEC without significantly degrading the performance of other services.
 - 45.6.3. Where CLEC seeks to establish that deployment of a technology falls within the presumption of acceptability under Section 45.6.2, the burden is on CLEC to demonstrate to the Commission that its proposed deployment meets the threshold for a presumption of acceptability and will not, in fact, significantly degrade the performance of other advanced services or traditional voice band services.
 - 45.6.4. If a deployed technology significantly degrades other advanced services, the affected Party will notify the interfering party and give them a reasonable opportunity to correct the problem. The interfering Party will immediately stop any new deployment until the problem is resolved to mitigate disruption of other carrier services. If the affected parties are unable to resolve the problem, they will present factual evidence to the Commission for review and determination. If the Commission determines that the deployed technology is the cause of the interference, the deploying party will remedy the problem by reducing the number of existing customers utilizing the technology or by migrating them to another technology that does not disturb.
 - 45.6.5. When the only degraded service itself is a known disturber and the newly deployed technology is presumed acceptable pursuant to Section 46.2, the degraded service shall not prevail against the newly deployed technology.

- 45.6.6. If CenturyLink denies a request by CLEC to deploy a technology, it will provide detailed, specific information providing the reasons for the rejection.
- 45.6.7. Parties agree to abide by national standards as developed by ANSI, i.e., Committee T1E1.4 group defining standards for loop technology. At the time the deployed technology is standardized by ANSI or the recognized standards body, the CLEC will upgrade its equipment to the adopted standard within sixty (60) Days of the standard being adopted.
- 45.6.8. CLEC shall meet the power spectral density requirement given in the respective technical references listed below:
 - (a) For Basic Rate ISDN: Telcordia TR-NWT-000393 Generic Requirements for ISDN Basic Access Digital Subscriber Lines.
 - (b) For HDSL installations: Telcordia TA-NWT-001210 Generic Requirements for High-Bit-Rate Digital Subscriber Lines. Some fractional T1 derived products operating at 768 kbps may use the same standard.
 - (c) For ADSL: ANSI T1.413-1998 (Issue 2 and subsequent revisions) Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) Metallic Interface.
 - (d) As an alternative to Section 45.6.8, CLEC may meet the requirements given in ANSI document T1E1.4/2000-002R2 dated May 1, 2000. "Working Draft of Spectrum Management Standard" and subsequent revisions of this document.
- 45.7. Information to be Provided for Deployment of Advanced Services
 - 45.7.1. Upon request, CenturyLink shall provide to CLEC:
 - (a) information with respect to the spectrum management procedures and policies that CenturyLink uses in determining which services can be deployed;
 - (b) information with respect to the rejection of CLEC's provision of advanced services, together with the specific reason for the rejection; and
 - (c) information with respect to the number of loops using advanced services technology within the binder and type of technology deployed on those loops.
 - 45.7.2. In connection with the provision of advanced services, CLEC shall provide to CenturyLink the following information on the type of technology that CLEC seeks to deploy where CLEC asserts that the technology it seeks to deploy fits within a generic Power Spectral Density (PSD) mask:
 - (a) information in writing (via the service order) regarding the Spectrum Management Class (SMC), as defined in the T1E1.4/2000-002R2 Draft, of the desired loop so that the loop and/or binder group may be engineered to meet the appropriate spectrum compatibility requirements;
 - (b) the SMC (i.e., PSD mask) of the service it seeks to deploy, at the time of ordering and if CLEC requires a change in the SMC of a particular loop, CLEC shall notify CenturyLink in writing of the requested change in SMC (via a service order);
 - (c) to the extent not previously provided CLEC must disclose to CenturyLink every SMC that the CLEC has implemented on CenturyLink's facilities to permit effective Spectrum Management.

45.8. DS1 Loops

- 45.8.1. Subject to the cap in Section 45.8.2, CenturyLink will provide CLEC nondiscriminatory access to a DS1 Loop on an unbundled basis to any building not served by a Wire Center with at least 60,000 Business Lines and at least four Fiber-based Collocators. Once a Wire Center exceeds both of these thresholds, no future DS1 loop unbundling will be required in that wire center. DS1 loops include, but are not limited to, two-wire and four-wire Copper Loops capable of providing high-bit rate digital subscriber line services, including T1 services. The Wire Centers that meet these requirements as of the date of this Agreement are listed on Exhibit A.
- 45.8.2. CLEC may obtain a maximum of ten unbundled DS1 loops to any single building in which DS1 loops are available as unbundled loops.
- 45.8.3. Where CenturyLink is not required to provide unbundled DS1 loops pursuant to Sections 45.8.1 and 45.8.2, CLEC may not obtain new DS1 loops as UNEs.
- 45.8.4. Any DS1 loops that CLEC previously leased from CenturyLink but which CenturyLink is not obligated to unbundle pursuant to Sections 45.8.1 and 45.8.2, are subject to the following:
 - (a) Such DS1 Loops must be converted to an alternative service arrangement within thirty (30) Days of the Effective Date of this Agreement. If CLEC fails to submit the necessary orders to convert the DS1 Loops to an alternative service arrangement within thirty (30) Days of the Effective Date of this Agreement, CenturyLink will convert the DS1 Loops to comparable access services at applicable rates. CenturyLink will assess the conversion charge and a management fee for the work performed by CenturyLink on behalf of CLEC.
 - (b) Any service provided to CLEC by CenturyLink after 03/10/06 over DS1 Loops that CenturyLink was no longer required to unbundle shall be subject to billing at applicable rates for comparable access services, provided however, that such access rates shall not apply until ninety (90) Days after CenturyLink was no longer required to unbundle such facilities
- 45.8.5. If CenturyLink identifies Wire Centers in addition to those listed on Exhibit A that exceed the DS1 Loop threshold, CenturyLink will provide CLEC notice in accordance with the notice provisions of this Agreement and CenturyLink will also post such information on its website. CLEC shall not be able to order new DS1 loops for the identified wire centers after ninety (90) Days have elapsed from the date of the notice, subject to the Dispute Resolution section of this Agreement. If any carrier has disputed a wire center designation and the dispute was resolved by the Commission, the parties will abide by the Commission's decision. Any DS1 loops leased from CenturyLink within an identified Wire Center on the date of the notice shall be available for a six (6) month period from the date of the notice at a rate that is equal to 115% of the rate CLEC paid on the date of the notice.
 - (a) CLEC must submit the necessary orders to convert such DS1 Loops to an alternative service arrangement within six (6) months of the above notice date. By the end of the six month period, CLEC must have transitioned the UNEs to alternative facilities or arrangements. If CLEC fails to submit the necessary orders before the end of the six (6) month period, CenturyLink will convert the DS1 Loops to comparable Access Services. CenturyLink will assess the conversion charge and a management fee for the work performed by CenturyLink on behalf of CLEC.

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