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September 13, 2007

Ms. Reneé Jenkins
Docketing Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

RE: Application of United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a Embarq for
Approval of a Negotiated Agreement with CenturyTel Acquisition, LLC d/b/a KMC
Telecom III, LLC

PUCO Case No: 07-1018-TP-NAG
90-5041-TP-TRF

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Enclosed for filing are the original plus eight copies of an agreement between United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a Embarq and CenturyTel Acquisition, LLC d/b/a KMC Telecom III, LLC.

This agreement is a most-favored nations (MFN) adoption of the agreement between Embarq and 1-800-Reconex, Inc., d/b/a U.S. Tel filed with the Commission on February 21, 2007 (Case No. 07-169-TP-NAG).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Becky Donahue

Enclosures

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**In the Matter of the Application of
United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a
Embarq for the Approval of a Negotiated
Agreement with CenturyTel Acquisition, LLC
d/b/a KMC Telecom III, LLC Under Section
252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996**

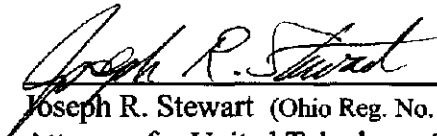
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

The attached Agreement does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the Agreement. Embarq will make the Agreement available to any other carrier operating in Embarq 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 and resale by the CLEC. The Agreement represents the end product of good faith negotiations between Embarq 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.

Embarq requests that the Commission approve the Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



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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 Embarq and CenturyTel Acquisition, LLC d/b/a KMC Telecom III, LLC were served on the following person by first class mail, postage prepaid on this 13th day of September, 2007.



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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION FORM

(Effective: 10/01/2004)

(Pursuant to Case Nos. 99-998-TP-COI and 99-563-TP-COI)

In the Matter of the Application of United Telephone Company)
of Ohio d/b/a Embarq for Approval of a Negotiated Agreement) Case No. 07-1018-TP-NAG
With CenturyTel Acquisition, LLC d/b/a KMC Telecom III, LLC.)

Name of Registrant(s) United Telephone Company of Ohio
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) Embarq
Address of Registrant(s) 50 W. Broad Street, Suite 3600, Columbus, OH 43215
Company Web Address www.embarq.com
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Becky Donahue Phone 614-220-8624 Fax 614-224-3902
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address rebecca.j.donahue@embarq.com
Contact Person for Annual Report Mike Whitney Phone 913-323-4718
Consumer Contact Information Wendy Summerlin Phone 800-238-3095
Date September 13, 2007 TRF Docket No. _____ - CT-TRF or 90-5041-TP-TRF

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

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

Company Type (check all applicable): ☐ CTS (IXC) ☒ ILEC ☐ CLEC ☐ CMRS ☐ AOS
☐ Other (explain) _____

NOTE: This form must accompany all applications filed by telecommunication service providers subject to the Commission's rules promulgated in Case No. 99-998-TP-COI, as well as by ILECs filing an ARB or NAG case pursuant to the guidelines established in Case No. 96-463-TP-UNC. *It is preferable **NOT** to combine different types of filings, but if you do so, you must file under the process with the **longest** applicable review period.*

I. Please indicate the reason for submitting this form (check one)

- ☐ 1 (AAC) Application to Amend Certificate by a CLEC to modify Serving Area (0-day notice, 7 copies)
- ☐ 2 (ABN) Abandonment of all Services
 - ☐ a. CLEC (90-day approval, 10 copies) ☐ b. CTS (14-day approval, 10 copies) ☐ c. ILEC (**NOT** automatic, 10 copies)
- ☐ 3 (ACE) New Operating Authority for providers other than CMRS (30-day approval, 7 copies); for CMRS, see item No.15 on this page.
 - ☐ a. Switched Local ☐ b. Non-switched local ☐ c. CTS ☐ d. Local and CTS ☐ e. Other (explain) _____
- ☐ 4 (ACO) LEC Application to Change Ownership (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 5 (ACN) LEC Application to Change Name (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 6 (AEC) Carrier-to-Carrier Contract Amendment to an agreement approved in a NAG or ARB case (30-day approval, 7 copies)
NOTE: see item 25 (CTR) on page two of this form for all other contract filings.
- ☐ 7 (AMT) LEC Merger (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 8 (ARB) Application for Arbitration (see 96-463-TP-COI for applicable process, 10 copies)
- ☐ 9 (ATA) Application for Tariff Amendment for Tier 1 Services, Application to Reclassify Service Among Tiers, or Change to Non-Tier Service
 - ☐ a. Tier 1 (and Carrier-to-Carrier tariff filings as set-forth in 95-845-TP-COI)
 - ☐ i. Pre-filing submittal (30-day pre-filing submittal with Staff and OCC; **Do Not Docket**, 4 copies)
 - ☐ ii. New End User Service which has been preceded by a 30-day pre-filing submittal with Staff for all submittals and also with OCC for Tier 1 residential services (0-day filing, 10 copies)
 - ☐ iii. New End User Service (**NOT** preceded by a 30-day filing submittal, 30-day approval, 10 copies)
 - ☐ iv. New Carrier-to-Carrier Service which has been preceded by a 30-day pre-filing with Staff (0-day filing, 10 copies)
 - ☐ v. Change in Terms and Conditions, textual revision, correction of error, etc. (30-day approval, 10 copies)
 - ☐ vi. Grandfather service (30-day approval, 10 copies)
 - ☐ vii. Initial Carrier-to-Carrier Services Tariff subsequent to ACE approval (60-day approval, 10 copies)
 - ☐ viii. *Withdrawal of Tier 1 service must be filed as an "ATW", not an "ATA" - see item 12, below*
 - ☐ b. Reclassification of Service Among Tiers (**NOT** automatic, 10 copies)
 - ☐ c. Textual revision with no effect on rates for non-specific or non-tier service (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 10 (ATC) Application to Transfer Certificate (30-day approval, 7 copies)
- ☐ 11 (ATR) LEC Application to Conduct a Transaction Between Utilities (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 12 (ATW) Application to Withdraw a Tier 1 Service
 - ☐ a. CLEC (60-day approval, 10 copies) ☐ b. ILEC (**NOT** automatic, 10 copies)
- ☐ 13 (CIO) Application for Change in Operations by Non-LEC Providers (0-day notice, 7 copies)
- ☒ 14 (NAG) Negotiated Interconnection Agreement Between Carriers (0-day effective, 90-day approval, 8 copies)
- ☐ 15 (RCC) For CMRS providers only to Register or to Notify of a Change in Operations (0-day notice, 7 copies)
- ☐ 16 (SLF) Self-complaint Application
 - ☐ a. CLEC only -Tier 1 (60-day automatic, 10 copies)
 - ☐ b. Introduce or increase maximum price range for Non-Specific Service Charge (60-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 17 (UNC) Unclassified (explain) _____ (NOT automatic, 15 copies)
- ☐ 18 (ZTA) Tariff Notification Involving only Tier 2 Services
NOTE: Notifications do not require or imply Commission Approval.
 - ☐ a. New End User Service (0-day notice, 10 copies)

- ☐ b. Change in Terms and Conditions, textual revision, correction of error, etc. (0-day notice, 10 copies)
☐ c. Withdrawal of service (0-day notice, 10 copies)
☐ 19 Other (explain) _____ (NOT automatic, 15 copies)

THE FOLLOWING ARE TRF FILINGS ONLY, NOT NEW CASES (0-day notice, 3 copies)

- ☐ 20 Introduction or Extension of Promotional Offering
☐ 21 New Price List Rate for Existing Service
☐ a. Tier 1 ☐ b. Tier 2
☐ 22 Designation of Registrant's Process Agent(s)
☐ 23 Update to Registrant's Maps
☐ 24 Annual Tariff Option For Tier 2 Services – indicate which option you intend to adopt to maintain the tariff. NOTE, changing options is only permitted once per calendar year.
☐ Paper Tariff ☐ Electronic Tariff. If electronic, provide the tariff's web address: _____

THE FOLLOWING ARE CTR FILINGS ONLY, NOT NEW CASES (0-day notice, 7 copies)

- ☐ 25 Application to establish, revise, or cancel an end-user contract. (NOTE: see item 6 on page 1 of this form for carrier-to-carrier contract amendments)
 CTR Docket No. _____ - _____ - TP – CTR (Use same CTR number throughout calendar year)

II. Please indicate which of the following exhibits have been filed. The numbers (corresponding to the list on page (1) and above) indicate, at a minimum, the types of cases in which the exhibit is required:

<input type="checkbox"/>	[all]	A copy of any motion for waiver of O.A.C. rule(s) associated with this filing. NOTE: the filing of a motion for waiver tolls any automatic timeframe associated with this filing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Completed Service Requirements Form.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3, 9(vii)]	A copy of registrant's proposed tariffs. (Carrier-to-Carrier resale tariff also required if facilities-based)
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Evidence that the registrant has notified the Ohio Department of Taxation of its intent to conduct operations as a telephone utility in the State of Ohio.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Brief description of service(s) proposed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Explanation of whether applicant intends to provide <input type="checkbox"/> resold services, <input type="checkbox"/> facilities-based services, or <input type="checkbox"/> both resold and facilities-based services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Explanation as to whether CLEC currently offers CTS services under separate CTS authority, and whether it will be including those services within its CLEC filing, or maintaining such CTS services under a separate affiliate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Explanation of how the proposed services in the proposed market area are in the public interest.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Description of the proposed market area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Description of the class of customers (e.g., residence, business) that the applicant intends to serve.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Documentation attesting to the applicant's financial viability, including the following: 1) An executive Summary describing the applicant's current financial condition, liquidity, and capital resources. Describe internally generated sources of cash and external funds available to support the applicant's operations that are the subject of this certification application. 2) Copy of financial statements (actual and pro forma income statement and a balance sheet). Indicate if financial statements are based on a certain geographical area(s) or information in other jurisdictions 3) Documentation to support the applicant's cash and funding sources.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-d]	Documentation attesting to the applicant's technical and managerial expertise relative to the proposed service offering(s) and proposed service area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-d]	Documentation indicating the applicant's corporate structure and ownership.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Information regarding any similar operations in other states. Also, if this company has been previously certified in the State of Ohio, include that certification number.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Verification that the applicant will maintain local telephony records separate and apart from any other accounting records in accordance with the GAAP.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Verification of compliance with any affiliate transaction requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Explanation as to whether rates are derived through (check all applicable): <input type="checkbox"/> interconnection agreement, <input type="checkbox"/> retail tariffs, or <input type="checkbox"/> resale tariffs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1,3a-b,3d]	Explanation as to which service areas company currently has an approved interconnection or resale agreement.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d, 9a(i-iii)]	Explanation of whether applicant intends to provide Local Services which require payment in advance of Customer receiving dial tone.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a,3b,3d, 9a(i-iii)]	Tariff sheet(s) listing the services and associated charges that must be paid prior to customer receiving dial tone (if applicable).
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d,8]	Letters requesting negotiation pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and a proposed timeline for construction, interconnection, and offering of services to end users.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3-5,7,10-11,13]	Certification from Ohio Secretary of State as to party's proper standing (domestic or foreign corporation, authorized use of fictitious name, etc.). In transfer of certificate cases, the transferee's good standing must be established.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3-4,7,10-11,13]	List of names, addresses, and phone numbers of officers and directors, or partners.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	A sample copy of the customer bill and disconnection notice the applicant plans to utilize.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1,4,9,10-13,16-21]	Copy of superseded tariff sheet(s) & price list(s), if applicable, marked as Exhibit A.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1,4,9,10-13,16-21]	Copy of revised tariff sheets & price lists, marked as Exhibit B.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Provide a copy of any customer application form required in order to establish residential service, if applicable.

<input type="checkbox"/>	[1-2,4-7,9,12-13,16,18-23,25]	Description of and rationale for proposed tariff changes, including a complete description of the service(s) proposed or affected. Specify for each service affected whether it is <input type="checkbox"/> business; <input type="checkbox"/> residence; or <input type="checkbox"/> both. Also indicate whether it is a <input type="checkbox"/> switched or <input type="checkbox"/> dedicated service. Include this information in either the cover letter or Exhibit C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1,2,4,9a(v-vi), 5,10,16,18(b-c), 21]	Specify which notice procedure has been/will be utilized: <input type="checkbox"/> direct mail; <input type="checkbox"/> bill insert; <input type="checkbox"/> bill notation or <input type="checkbox"/> electronic mail. NOTE: <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 price list increases must be within an approved range of rates. <input type="checkbox"/> SLF Filings – Do NOT send customer notice until it has been reviewed and approved by Commission Staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	[2,4-5,9a(v), 9b, 10,12-13,16, 18(b-c),20-21]	Copy of real time notice which has been/will be provided to customers. NOTE: SLF Filings – Do NOT send customer notice until it has been reviewed and approved by Commission Staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1,2,5,9a(v),11-13, 18, 21(increase only)]	Affidavit attesting that customer notice has been provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[2,12]	Copy of Notice which has been provided to ILEC(s).
<input type="checkbox"/>	[2,12]	Listing of Assigned (NPA) NXX's where in the LECs (NPA) NXX's would be reassigned.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[2,4,10,12-13,]	List of Ohio exchanges specifically involved or affected.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[14]	The interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or mediation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[15]	For commercial mobile radio service providers, a statement affirming that registrant has obtained all necessary federal authority to conduct operations being proposed, and that copies have been furnished by cellular, paging, and mobile companies to this Commission of any Form 401, 463, and / or 489 which the applicant has filed with the Federal Communications Commission.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[15]	Exhibits must include company name, address, contact person, service description, and evidence of registration with the Ohio Secretary of State.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[24]	Affidavit that total price of contract exceeds total cost of all regulated services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[5,13]	New title sheet with proposed new company name.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1,3,13]	For CLECs, List of Ohio Exchanges the applicant intends to serve (Use spreadsheet from: http://www.puc.state.oh.us/puco/forms/form.cfm?doc_id=357).
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1,3a-b,3d,7, 10,13, 23]	Maps depicting the proposed serving and calling areas of the applicant. If Mirroring Large ILEC exchanges for both serving area and local calling areas: • Serving area must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to tariffs and textually described in tariffs by noting that it is reflecting a particular large ILEC/CLEC territory, and listing the involved exchanges. • Local calling areas must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to the tariffs, and/or clearly delineated in tariffs, including a complete listing of each exchange being served and all exchanges to which local calls can be made from each of those exchanges. If Self-defining serving area and/or local calling area as an area other than that of the established ILEC exchange(s): • Serving Area must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to the tariffs, and textually described in tariffs by listing the involved exchanges. • Local Calling Areas must be described in the tariff through textual delineation and clear maps. Maps for self-defined serving and local calling areas are required to be traced on United States Geological Survey topography maps. These maps are the Standard Topographic Quadrangle maps, 7.5 minute 1:24,000.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Other information requested by the Commission staff.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Initial certification that includes Tier 2 Services, indicate which option you intend to adopt to maintain the tariff: <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Tariff <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Tariff - If electronic, provide the web address for the tariff.

III. Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with the following requirements in the Service Requirements Form, as well as all pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission with respect to these issues. Further, registrant hereby affirms that it will maintain with its TRF docket an up-to-date, properly marked, copy of the Service Requirements Form available for public inspection.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE AND CTS PROVIDERS:

- ☒ Sales tax
- ☒ Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS)
- ☒ Surcharges

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE PROVIDERS:

- ☒ I+ IntraLATA Presubscription

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVISION OF CERTAIN SERVICES (CHECK ALL APPLICABLE):

- ☒ Discounts for Persons with Communication Disabilities and the Telecommunication Relay Service [Required if toll service provided]
- ☒ Emergency Services Calling Plan [Required if toll service provided]
- ☐ Alternative Operator Service (AOS) requirements [Required for all providing AOS (including inmate services) service]
- ☒ Limitation of Liability Language [Required for all who have tariff language that may limit their liability]
- ☒ Termination Liability Language [Required for all who have early termination liability language in their tariffs]
- ☒ Service Connection Assistance (SCA) [Required for all LECs]
- ☒ Local Number Portability and Number Pooling [Required for facilities-based LECs]
- ☒ Package Language [Required for tariffs containing packages or service bundles containing both local and toll and/or non-regulated services]

IV. List names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of those persons authorized to respond to inquiries from the Consumer Services Department on behalf of the applicant regarding end-user complaints:

Wendy Summerlin, Service Recovery Specialist, 800-238-3095, 720 Western Blvd., Tarboro, NC 27886; Becky Donahue, Docket Manager, 614-220-8624, 50 W. Broad St., Suite 3600, Columbus, OH 43215; Joseph R. Stewart, Senior Attorney, 614-220-8625, 50 W. Broad St., Suite 3600, Columbus, OH 43215

V. List names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of those persons authorized to make and/or affirm or verify filings at the Commission on behalf of the applicant:

Jean DiSalvo, State Tariff Analyst, 913-345-7801, 5454 West 110th Street, Overland Park, KS 66211; Tim Eshleman, Manager State Tariffs, 913-345-6280, 5454 West 110th Street, Overland Park, KS 66211; Becky Donahue, Docket Manager, 614-220-8624, 50 W. Broad St., Suite 3600, Columbus, OH 43215; Joseph R. Stewart, Senior Attorney, 614-220-8625, 50 W. Broad St., Suite 3600, Columbus, OH 43215

NOTE: An annual report is required to be filed with the Commission by each company on an annual basis. The annual report form will be sent for completion to the address and individual(s) identified in this Section unless another address or individual is so indicated.

VI. List Name(s), DBA(s) and PUCO Certification Number(s) of any affiliates you have operating in Ohio under PUCO authority, whether Telecommunication or other. (If needed, use a separate sheet and check here: ☐)

Embarq Communications, Inc., Certificate No. 90-6335; United Telephone Company of Indiana, Inc., Certificate No. 90-5040; and Embarq Payphone Services, Inc.

AFFIDAVIT

Compliance with Commission Rules and Service Standards

I am an officer of the applicant corporation, _____, and am authorized to make this statement
(Name of Company)
on its behalf. I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS) 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 _____ at _____
(Date) (Location)

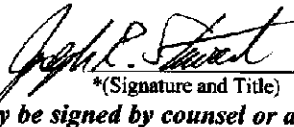
*(Signature and Title)

(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, verbatim, the Commission's Telecommunications Application Form 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)

Senior Attorney

September 13, 2007

(Date)

****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 (or to the Telecommunications Division Chief if a prefiling submittal)

180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793

INTERCONNECTION, COLLOCATION AND RESALE AGREEMENT

FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

CenturyTel Acquisition LLC d/b/a KMC Telecom III, LLC

and

United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a Embarq

This Interconnection, Collocation and Resale Agreement ("Agreement"), dated September 1, 2007, is entered into by between CenturyTel Acquisition LLC d/b/a KMC Telecom III, LLC ("CLEC") an Ohio CLEC, and United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a Embarq ("Embarq"), an Ohio corporation, to establish the rates, terms and conditions for local interconnection, collocation, and the purchase of unbundled network elements for the state of Ohio. Embarq and CLEC may be referred to individually as a "Party" and together as the "Parties."

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. CONDITIONS

The Parties agree that the Agreement between the Parties shall consist of the Interconnection, Collocation and Resale Agreement for the State of Ohio entered into by and between Embarq and 1-800-Reconex, Inc., d/b/a U.S. Tel, dated February 9, 2007 ("Adopted Agreement").

All services provided under this Agreement will be consistent with the decisions of courts having jurisdiction over this Agreement, including but not limited to the decisions of the Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

2. PARTIES:

CLEC is hereby substituted in the Adopted Agreement for 1-800-Reconex, Inc., d/b/a U.S. Tel. Embarq shall remain as the other Party to the Adopted Agreement. Except as modified herein, the Agreement shall in all other respects reflect the same terms as the Adopted Agreement.

3. TERM:

This termination date of this Agreement is February 8, 2009, which corresponds with the expiration date of the Adopted Agreement.

4. **NOTICES:**

Except as otherwise provided, all notices and 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 paid, return receipt requested and addressed as follows:

If to Director, Contract Management
Embarq: Embarq
 9300 Metcalf
 KSOPKB0402-413
 Overland Park, KS 66212

If to Ron Johnson
CLEC: Carrier Relations Manager
 407 County Road -- 3640
 Sulfur Springs, Texas 75482
 903-439-6209
 ron.p.johnson@centurytel.com

With a Senior Attorney
copy to: Embarq External Affairs
 50 W. Broad St.
 Suite 3600
 Columbus, OH 43215

5. **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 5.1 Other than as set forth above, the Agreement remains unchanged and in full force and effect. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the Adopted Agreement, this Agreement will control.
- 5.2 This Agreement, executed by authorized representatives of Embarq and CLEC, is made a part of and incorporates the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Adopted Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly respective authorized representatives.

"Embarq"

**CenturyTel Acquisition LLC
d/b/a KMC Telecom III, LLC**

By: _____

By: _____

Name :

Emeric W. Kapka

Name:

Ron Johnson

Title:

Director -- Contract Management

Title:

Carrier Relations Manager

Date:

8/31/07

Date:

8-24-07