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October 19, 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 PNG Telecommunications

PUCO Case No:

07-1124-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 PNG Telecommunications.

This agreement is a most-favored nations (MFN) adoption of the agreement between Embarq and Neutral Tandem-Michigan, LLC filed with the Commission on April 6, 2007 (Case No. 07-387-TP-NAG).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Becky Donahue

**Enclosures** 

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of	
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Embarq for the Approval of a Negotiated	Coro No. 07 1124 TD NAC
Agreement with PNG Telecommunications	Case No. 07-1124-TP-NAG
Under Section 252 of the Telecommunications	
Act of 1996	
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## APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a Embarq applies to the Commission for review and approval of the attached Interconnection and Resale Agreement that is dated October 17, 2007, ("the Agreement") between United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a Embarq ("Embarq") and PNG Telecommunications ("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, which establishes the rates, terms and conditions for interconnection and resale, was arrived at through negotiations between Embarq 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. 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 PNG Telecommunications were served on the following person by first class mail, postage prepaid on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

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# The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION FORM for ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

(Effective: 09/19/2007) (Pursuant to Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD)

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Following exhibits. Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule(s).  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).					
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Other\* (explain) This filing introduces Unlimited Regional Solutions as an optional calling plan for business customers.

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, <u>United Telephone Company of Ohio</u>, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

(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 filling. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.

#### VERIFICATION

I, <u>Joseph R. Stewart</u> 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)

Senior Attorney

(Date) October 19, 2007

\*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



#### INTERCONNECTION AND RESALE AGREEMENT

This Interconnection, Collocation and Resale Agreement ("Agreement"), dated September 10, 2007, is entered into by between PNG Telecommunications, an Ohio corporation ("CLEC"), and United Telephone Company of Ohio. d/b/a Embarq an Ohio corporation ("Embarq") to establish the rates, terms and conditions for local interconnection, local resale and the purchase of unbundled network elements for the state of Ohio. (Embarq and CLEC may be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties").

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

#### 1. INTERCONNECTION AND RESALE AGREEMENT

The Parties agree that the Agreement between the Parties shall consist of the Interconnection, Collocation and Resale Agreement between Neutral Tandem – Michigan LLC and United Telephone Company of Ohio dated March 1, 2007 (the "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 Neutral Tandem – Indiana LLC and 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 the Agreement is February 28, 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 CLEC:

Dennis Packer

PNG Telecommunications

100 Commercial Drive Fairfield, OH 45014

If to Embarg:

Director – Contract Management

Embarq 9300 Metcalf

Overland Park, KS 66212 Mailstop: KSOPKB0401-413

With a copy to:

With a copy to:

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

CLEC	011	Embarq	
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Name :	Bernie Stevens	Name:	Emeric W. Kapka
Title:	President	Title:	Director - Contract Management
Date:	10-15-07	Date:	(0/17/07