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July 21, 2014

Ms. Barcy McNeal, Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street - 11<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
Columbus, Ohio 43215


Re: Interconnection Agreement by and between TDS Telecommunications Corporation and  
Sprint Spectrum L.P.

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Enclosed herewith are the original and (2) copies of the Interconnection Agreement by and  
Between TDS Telecommunications Corporation and Sprint Spectrum L.P.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Bruce Mottern  
Manager-State Government Affairs  
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*The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio*  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM**

(Effective: 01/20/2011)

This form is intended to be used with most types of required filings. It provides check boxes with rule references for the most common types of filings. It does not replace or supersede Commission rules in any way.

In the Matter of the Application of TDS  
Telecommunications Corporation and Sprint Spectrum L.P.  
to enter into an Interconnection Agreement

) TRF Docket No. 90-5042-TP-TRF

) Case No. 14 - 1272 -TP - NAG

) NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the "Case No" fields  
BLANK.

Name of Registrant(s) TDS Telecommunications Corporation

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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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.]

**Notes:**

Section I and II are Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6 OAC.

Section III -- Carrier to Carrier is Pursuant to 4901:1-7 OAC, and Wireless is Pursuant to 4901:1-6-24 OAC.

Section IV -- Attestation.

(1) Indicate the Carrier Type and the reason for submitting this form by checking the boxes below.

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

(3) Information regarding the number of copies required by the Commission may be obtained from the Commission's web site at [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov) under the docketing information system section, by calling the docketing division at 614-466-4095, or by visiting the docketing division at the offices of the Commission.

(4) An Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) offering basic local exchange service (BLES) outside its traditional service area should choose CLEC designation when proposing to offer BLES outside its traditional service area or when proposing to make changes to that service.

**All Filings that result in a change to one or more tariff pages require, at a minimum, the following 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).

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## Section I – Part I - Common Filings

<b>Carrier Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)	<input type="checkbox"/> For Profit ILEC	<input type="checkbox"/> Not For Profit ILEC	<input type="checkbox"/> CLEC
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(F)(4)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(G)</u> (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> BLS <u>1-6-14</u> <u>(C)(1)(c)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-08(G)</u> (0 day)
BLES withdrawal			<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-25(B)</u> (0 day Notice)
<b>Other*</b> (explain) _____			

## Section I – Part II – Customer Notification Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-7 OAC

Type of Notice	Direct Mail	Bill Insert	Bill Notation	Electronic Mail
<input type="checkbox"/> 15-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> 30-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Date Notice Sent:</b>				

## Section I – Part III –IOS Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-22 OAC

IOS	Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw
<input type="checkbox"/> IOS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Section II – Part I – Carrier Certification - Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-08, 09 & 10 OAC

Certification	ILEC (Out of Territory)	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local	CESTC	CETC
* See Supplemental form	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> * (Auto 30- day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> * (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> * (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-6-09</u> * (Non-Auto)

\*Supplemental Certification forms can be found on the Commission Web Page.

## Section II – Part II – Certificate Status & Procedural

Certificate Status	ILEC	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local
Abandon all Services		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)

\* Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule(s). ACN, ACO, AMT, ATC, ATR and CIO applications see the 4901:1-6-29 Filing Requirements on the Commission's Web Page for a complete list of exhibits.

## Section III – Carrier to Carrier (Pursuant to 4901:1-7), and Wireless (Pursuant to 4901:1-6-24)

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)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-04 or 05</u> (Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights- of-Way.	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-23(B)</u> (Non-Auto)	
Wireless Providers See <u>4901:1-6-24</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> RCC [Registration & Change in Operations]	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG [Interconnection Agreement or

**Section IV. – Attestation**

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

**AFFIDAVIT**  
***Compliance with Commission Rules***

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, \_\_\_\_\_, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

Please Check ALL that apply:

☐ I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules for the state of Ohio. I understand that tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules 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 attest that customer notices accompanying this filing form were sent to affected customers, as specified in Section II, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-7, Ohio Administrative Code.

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, Kathy E. Hobbs verify that I have utilized the Telecommunications Filing Form for most 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) Kathy E. Hobbs Kathy E. Hobbs, Authorized Agent for Applicant (Date) July 21, 2014

*\*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***

**COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE AGREEMENT**  
**TDS TELECOM – SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P.**

This Commercial Mobile Radio Service Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2014, between the TDS Telecommunications Corporation subsidiaries or affiliates identified on Appendix A (collectively, “TDS TELECOM”), and Sprint Spectrum L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, with offices at 6200 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, KS 66251 and their affiliates that provide Commercial Mobile Radio services (collectively, “Sprint”). TDS TELECOM and Sprint are each individually a “Party” and are together the “Parties” to this Agreement.

TDS TELECOM is a Local Exchange Carrier in Ohio. Sprint is a Commercial Mobile Radio Service carrier licensed by the FCC to operate in the state of Ohio. TDS TELECOM and Sprint desire to interconnect their networks for the purpose of exchanging Commercial Mobile Radio Service to Wireline and Wireline to Commercial Mobile Radio Service voice traffic (“Traffic”) between the Parties’ customers.

In consideration of the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows.

**SECTION I**  
**DEFINITIONS**

1. “Access Reciprocal Compensation Traffic” is as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 51.903(h).
2. “Act” means the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et. seq.), as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and as from time to time interpreted in the duly authorized rules and regulations of the FCC.
3. “Commercial Mobile Radio Service (“CMRS”) is as defined at 47 C.F.R. § 20.3 and FCC orders in effect as of the date of this Agreement.
4. “Commission” is the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio .

5. "FCC" is the Federal Communications Commission.
6. "Interconnection" is as described in the Act and FCC's Rules.
7. "Intermediary Traffic" is traffic that is delivered from a third-party Local Exchange Carrier or other telecommunications carrier such as a CMRS provider, through the network of either Party as an intermediate carrier to an end user of the other Party.
8. "Local Access and Transport Area or ("LATA") is defined at 47 U.S.C. § 153(31).
9. "Local Exchange Carrier" or ("LEC") is defined at 47 U.S.C. § 153(32).
10. "Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic" is as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 51.701(b)(2).
11. "Major Trading Area" or ("MTA") means the service areas based on the Rand McNally 1992 Commercial Atlas & Marketing Guide, 123<sup>rd</sup> edition, at pages 38-39. 47 C.F.R. §24.202(a).
12. "Mobile Switching Center" or ("MSC") is a switching facility that performs the switching for the routing of calls among its "CMRS" subscribers and subscribers in other "CMRS" or landline networks. The MSC is used to connect and switch trunk circuits within the "CMRS" network and between the "CMRS" network and the public switched network for "CMRS" traffic by a CMRS provider.
13. "Point of Connection" ("POC") means that mutually agreed upon, technically feasible point of demarcation where the parties directly interconnect their networks, and where the exchange of Traffic takes place.
14. "Telecommunications Carrier" is defined at 47 U.S.C. § 153(51).
15. "Wireline" is telecommunications services provided by TDS TELECOM or other Non-CMRS Telecommunications Carrier.

## SECTION II

### SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is intended, *inter alia*, to describe and enable Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation arrangements between the Parties. This Agreement does not obligate either Party to provide arrangements not specifically provided for herein.

This Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions, and rates under which the Parties agree to interconnect the Sprint CMRS network and the network of TDS TELECOM for purposes of mutually exchanging "Traffic" which is defined as consisting of Access Reciprocal Compensation Traffic and Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic. The Interconnection arrangements described herein will not be used by either Party to terminate other types of traffic on the network of the other Party.

Execution of this Agreement does not waive or prejudice any positions either Party has taken previously or may take in the future in any legislative, regulatory, or other public forum addressing any matters, including matters specifically related to, the types of arrangements prescribed in this Agreement.

## SECTION III

### INTERCONNECTION

#### Direct Interconnection:

1. At Sprint's request and subject to the technical capability, facility availability and the location of the Parties' switches, various Wireless Interconnection and services arrangements may be possible.
2. Type 2B Interconnection Service provides a trunk-side connection, with the POC at a TDS TELECOM host or end-office. Type 2B Interconnection Service provides the ability to reach the TDS TELECOM customers served via the host



and remote or subtending end-offices (if any). It is used only for the exchange of Traffic between Sprint and TDS TELECOM.

3. Network Edge Interconnection Service, as used in this Agreement, provides a trunk connection, with the POC at a location on TDS TELECOM's network between TDS TELECOM's switch and Sprint's switch. Network Edge Interconnection Service is available in accordance with 47 C.F.R §20.11(a). Network Edge Interconnection Service provides the ability to reach the TDS TELECOM customers served by tandem, host and remote, or subtending end offices that can be served by TDS TELECOM through that location.
4. Type 2B or Network Edge Interconnection Service may be optioned for common channel signaling service using Signaling System 7 (CCS7) protocols.
5. Interconnection facilities are ordered using uniform order request forms. All service requests must be submitted on an industry standard ordering document. When directly connecting, each Party shall provide its own facilities and transport for the delivery of Traffic from its switch to the POC. Alternatively, Sprint may purchase required facilities from a third party or from TDS TELECOM to connect its switch to the POC. Where two-way facilities are used for the exchange of Traffic, each Party shall be financially and operationally responsible for the facilities on their respective sides of the POC.
6. The POC(s) between TDS TELECOM and Sprint are defined in Appendix C, which is incorporated by reference. This Agreement shall not preclude TDS TELECOM and Sprint from entering into additional direct interconnection arrangements in the future if such arrangements are technically feasible and economically beneficial.
7. Each Party shall construct, equip, maintain and operate its network in accordance with generally accepted engineering practices for telephone systems and in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations, as amended from time to time, of any regulatory body empowered to regulate any aspect of the facilities contemplated herein.

8. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit either Party's ability to upgrade its network through the incorporation of new equipment, new software or otherwise. Each Party agrees to provide reasonable notice of changes in the information necessary for the transmittal and routing of services using facilities or networks, as well as other changes that affect the interoperability of those respective facilities or networks; provided, that, neither Party may change the POC without the written consent of the other.
9. Either Party may, at its option, install a one-way interconnection facility to the other Party for the termination of its Traffic. The Parties may agree that two-way interconnection facilities and trunk group(s) may be established between the Parties for the exchange of Traffic at the POC. Two-way trunking will be jointly provisioned and maintained. Overflow from either end of the direct interconnection trunk group may be alternately routed to the appropriate tandem.
10. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit Sprint from enlarging its CMRS network through management contracts with third parties for the construction and operation of a CMRS system under the Sprint spectrum and license. Traffic originating or terminating on such extended networks shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
11. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit the Parties from negotiating additional terms and conditions for use of direct interconnection facilities for the mutual exchange of other types of telecommunications traffic. However, use of the direct interconnection facilities in any manner other than as contemplated by this Agreement shall only occur by mutual agreement of the Parties and shall be documented by an Amendment to this Agreement prior to such use.

Indirect Interconnection:

1. Traffic may be exchanged indirectly by the use of one or more third party networks to which each Party is attached. No charges shall be assessed to the terminating Party by the Party whose network originates a call delivered indirectly.

**SECTION IV**  
**BILLING**

1. The Parties agree to exchange Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic on a Bill-and-Keep basis. Bill-and-Keep arrangements are those in which carriers exchanging telecommunications traffic do not charge each other for specific transport and/or termination functions or services.
2. The Parties agree that charges for Access Reciprocal Compensation Traffic shall be as required by the FCC's Rules and Orders, and Applicable tariffs of each Party. In the event that Intermediary Traffic which is Access Reciprocal Compensation Traffic subject to tariffed charges under the FCC's Inter-carrier compensation rules is routed over interconnection service facilities for any reason, the Party delivering the Intermediary Traffic agrees that it will pay the applicable access compensation to the terminating Party for any and all such traffic as if it were the originating carrier.
3. Actual traffic measurements in each of the appropriate categories are the preferred method of classifying and billing traffic. However, recognizing that the Parties cannot currently measure incidental InterMTA Traffic routed over Interconnection facilities, the Parties agree to use the InterMTA percentage set forth in Appendix B as a surrogate method of classifying and billing traffic. The Parties explicitly recognize that the InterMTA percentage provided in this Agreement is based on the specific network configuration of the two Parties, taking into consideration

territory served (e.g. MTA boundaries, and State boundaries) and traffic routing of the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if either Party provides to the other a valid InterMTA traffic study or otherwise requests a reexamination of the network configuration of either Party's network, the Parties will use such InterMTA traffic study or reexamination to negotiate in good faith a mutually acceptable revised InterMTA percentage. The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith to amend this Agreement to reflect this revised InterMTA percentage and such revised percentage will be effective upon amendment of this Agreement. Such studies or reexaminations will be conducted no more frequently than once annually. In no event will either Party seek to terminate Access Reciprocal Compensation Traffic, directly or indirectly, in such a fashion as to make the calls appear as Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic for compensation purposes.

4. The billed Party shall pay the billing Party for all charges not disputed and properly listed on the bill by the due date shown on the statement. The billed Party shall pay a late charge on any undisputed charges that have been billed that are greater than thirty (30) days old. The rate of the late charge shall be the lesser of 1.5% per month or the maximum amount allowed by law.
5. Taxes. Each Party shall pay or otherwise be responsible for all federal, state, or local sales, use, excise, gross receipts, transaction or similar taxes, fees, or surcharges levied against or upon such Party. The Providing Party will separately state all taxable and nontaxable charges on the original invoice for goods or services provided under this Agreement. The Providing Party will separately state all taxes, fees, or surcharges on the original invoice for goods or services provided under this Agreement. All purchases under this agreement are for resale in the ordinary course of Purchasing Party's business. Purchasing Party shall furnish the Providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate or other documentation to Providing Party upon request.

## **SECTION V**

### **OFFICE CODE TRANSLATIONS**

It shall be the responsibility of each Party to program and update its own switches and network systems in accordance with the Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG") in order to recognize and route traffic to the other Party's assigned NXX codes at all times. Neither Party shall impose any fees or charges whatsoever on the other Party for such activities, except as expressly set forth in this Agreement.

Sprint shall maintain at least one POC in each LATA in which it obtains numbering resources or provides service through the use of ported numbers, or shall be connected to a third party carrier that is (i) in the LATA, and (ii) to which TDS TELECOM is connected. In either case the mutual POC for purposes of financial responsibility will be in each LATA.

In such cases, when more than one carrier is involved in completing the call, the N-1 carrier has the responsibility to determine if a query is required, to launch the query, and to route the call to the appropriate switch or network in which the telephone number resides.

For purposes of this Agreement, the Parties agree to fulfill their N-1 carrier responsibilities and perform queries on calls to telephone numbers with portable NXXs.

## **SECTION VI**

### **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS**

The Parties to this Agreement are independent contractors. Neither Party is an agent, representative, or partner of the other Party. Neither Party shall have the right, power or authority to enter into any agreement for or on behalf of, or incur any obligation or liability of, or to otherwise bind the other Party. This Agreement shall not be

interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture, or partnership between the Parties or to impose any partnership obligation or liability upon either Party.

## **SECTION VII**

### **LIABILITY**

1. Neither Party nor any of their affiliates shall be liable for any incidental, consequential or special damages arising from the other Party's use of service provided under this Agreement. Each Party shall indemnify and defend the other Party against any claims or actions arising from the indemnifying Party's use of the service provided under this Agreement, except for damages caused by the sole recklessness of the indemnified Party.
2. Neither Party makes any warranties, express or implied, for any hardware, software, goods, or services provided under this Agreement. All warranties, including those of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are expressly disclaimed and waived.

## **SECTION VIII**

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

Each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall indemnify and hold harmless the other Party ("Indemnified Party") from and against any loss, cost, claim, liability, damage expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) to third parties, relating to or arising out of the libel, slander, invasion of privacy, misappropriation of a name or likeness, negligence or willful misconduct by the Indemnifying Party, its employees, agents, or contractors in the performance of this Agreement or the failure of the Indemnifying Party to perform its obligations under this Agreement. In the event said loss, cost, claim, liability, damage or expense to third parties is the result of the fault, in whole or in part, of both Parties to this Agreement, the Parties shall be entitled to indemnification or contribution to the extent permitted by applicable state law governing the apportionment, if any, of said loss, cost, claim, liability, damage or expense. In addition, the Indemnifying Party shall, to the

extent of its obligations to indemnify hereunder, defend any action or suit brought by a third party against the Indemnified Party.

The Indemnified Party shall (i) notify the Indemnifying Party promptly in writing of any written claims, lawsuits, or demand by third parties for which the Indemnified Party alleges that the Indemnifying Party is responsible under this Section and (ii) tender the defense of such claim, lawsuit or demand to the Indemnifying Party. The Indemnified Party also shall cooperate in every reasonable manner with the defense or settlement of such claim, demand, or lawsuit. The Indemnifying Party shall keep the Indemnified Party reasonably and timely apprised of the status of the claim, demand or lawsuit. The Indemnified Party shall have the right to retain its own counsel, at its expense, and participate in but not direct the defense.

The Indemnifying Party shall not be liable under this Section for settlements or compromises by the Indemnified Party of any claim, demand, or lawsuit unless the Indemnifying Party has approved the settlement or compromise in advance or unless the defense of the claim, demand, or lawsuit has been tendered to the Indemnifying Party in writing and the Indemnifying Party has failed to promptly undertake the defense.

## **SECTION IX**

### **FORCE MAJEURE**

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, or unusually severe weather. 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 delaying Party shall perform its obligations at a performance level no less than that which it uses for its own operations.

## SECTION X

### NON-DISCLOSURE

The Parties agree that it may be necessary to exchange certain confidential information during the term of this Agreement including, without limitation, technical and business plans, technical information, proposals, specifications, drawings, procedures, orders for services, usage information in any form, customer account data and Customer Proprietary Network Information ("CPNI") as that term is defined by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and similar information ("Confidential Information"). Confidential Information shall include (i) all information delivered in written form and marked "confidential" or "proprietary" or bearing mark of similar import; and (ii) information derived by the Recipient from a Disclosing Party's usage of the Recipient's network. The Confidential Information is deemed proprietary to the Disclosing Party and it shall be protected by the Recipient as the Recipient would protect its own proprietary information. Confidential Information shall not be disclosed or used for any purpose other than to provide service as specified in this Agreement. For purposes of this Section, the Disclosing Party shall mean the owner of the Confidential Information, and the Recipient shall mean the Party to whom Confidential Information is disclosed.

Recipient shall have no obligation to safeguard Confidential Information (i) which was in the Recipient's possession free of restriction prior to its receipt from Disclosing Party, (ii) after it becomes publicly known or available through no breach of this Agreement by Recipient, (iii) after it is rightfully acquired by Recipient free of restrictions on the Disclosing Party, or (iv) after it is independently developed by personnel of Recipient to whom the Disclosing Party's Confidential information had not been previously disclosed. Recipient may disclose Confidential Information if required by law, a court, or governmental agency. Each Party agrees that Disclosing Party would be irreparably injured by a breach of this Agreement by Recipient or its representatives and that Disclosing Party shall be entitled to seek equitable relief, including injunctive relief and specific performance, in the event of any breach of this paragraph. Such



remedies shall not be exclusive, but shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity.

## **SECTION XI**

### **TERM OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall commence on the effective date stated on the first page, and shall have an initial term of one (1) year unless earlier terminated as provided for in this Agreement. This Agreement shall renew automatically on a month to month basis, unless terminated as provided below.

The Parties agree to implement the Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic provision of Section IV. Billing, Paragraph 1 of this Agreement as of July 1, 2012 in accordance with the "FCC" *USF/ICC Transformation Order FCC 11-161*.

Either Party may terminate this agreement after the initial term by providing the other Party ninety (90) days written notice. Upon receipt of termination notice, renegotiation may be requested by either Party and in such case the terms of this agreement will remain in effect until the earlier of the date when a new agreement becomes effective, or the date when all relevant time periods and extensions of such periods for negotiation and/or arbitration pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252 passes with no new agreement having become effective.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, either Party may terminate this Agreement, in the event of a default by the other Party, provided that the non-defaulting Party notifies the defaulting Party in writing of the alleged default and the defaulting Party does not cure the alleged default within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the written notice thereof.

## **SECTION XII**

### **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any dispute between the Parties regarding the interpretation or enforcement of this Agreement or any of its terms shall be

addressed by good faith negotiation between the Parties. To initiate such negotiation, a Party must provide to the other Party written notice of the dispute that includes both a detailed description of the dispute or alleged nonperformance and the name of an individual who will serve as the initiating Party's representative in the negotiation. The other Party shall have ten (10) business days to designate its own representative in the negotiation. The Parties' representatives shall meet at least once within forty-five (45) days after the date of the initiating Party's written notice in an attempt to reach a good faith resolution of the dispute. Upon agreement, the Parties' representatives may utilize other alternative dispute resolution procedures such as private mediation to assist in the negotiations.

If the Parties have been unable to resolve the dispute within ninety (90) days of the date of the initiating Party's written notice, either Party may pursue any remedy pursuant to law, equity, or otherwise, including but not limited to, instituting an appropriate proceeding before the Commission.

### **SECTION XIII**

#### **THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is not intended to benefit any person or entity not a party to it and no third party beneficiaries are created by this Agreement.

### **SECTION XIV**

#### **GOVERNING LAW, CHANGE OF LAW, AND VENUE**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Act and the State Commission's and FCC's Rules and Regulations, except insofar as state law may control any aspect of this agreement, in which case the domestic laws of the state in which service is being provided, without regard to its conflict of laws principles, shall govern.

In the event of a change in applicable law (including, without limitation, any legislative, regulatory, judicial or other legal action) that materially affects any material term

of this Agreement, the rights or obligations of either Party hereunder, or the ability of either Party to perform any material provision hereof, the Parties shall renegotiate in good faith to modify such affected provisions as may be required or permitted as a result of such legislative, regulatory, judicial or other legal action.

## **SECTION XV**

### **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement incorporates all terms of the agreement between the Parties, and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, proposals, and undertakings with respect to the subject matter thereof. This Agreement may not be modified except in writing signed by both Parties. This Agreement is a result of a negotiation between the Parties, and it was jointly drafted by both Parties.

## **SECTION XVI**

### **NOTICE**

In the event any notices are required to be sent under the terms of this Agreement, they may be sent by mail and are deemed to have been given on the date received. Notice may also be affected by personal delivery or by overnight courier, and will be effective upon receipt. Notice may also be provided by facsimile, which will be effective on the next business day following the date of transmission; provided, however, notices to a Party's 24-hour maintenance contact number will be by telephone and/or facsimile and will be deemed to have been received on the date transmitted. The Parties will provide the appropriate telephone and facsimile numbers to each other.

Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, notice will be directed as follows for Sprint:

Business Name: Sprint Corporation  
Mailstop: KSOPHC0106 – 1A153  
Shipping Address: 6240 Sprint Parkway

City/State/Zip Code: Overland Park, KS 66251

Attention: Douglas Ball, Director, Switched Access  
Planning

With a copy to:

Business Name: Sprint

Attn: Legal/Telecom Management Group

Shipping Address: PO Box 7966

City/State/Zip Code: Overland Park, KS 66207-0966

For overnight delivery only: Legal/Telecom Management Group

Mailstop: KSOPHN0312-3A318

Shipping Address: 6450 Sprint Parkway

City/State/Zip Code: Overland Park, KS 66251

Phone: (913) 827-0331

Bills and payments shall be effective when received:

Business Name: Sprint

Access Verification

6500 Sprint Parkway

Mailstop: KSOPHL0412

Overland Park, KS 66251

or to such other location as Sprint may direct in writing.

Notices shall be effective when received or within three (3) business days of being sent via first class mail, whichever is sooner, in the case of TDS TELECOM to:

Business Name: TDS Telecommunications Corporation  
Mailing/Shipping Address: 10025 Investment Drive, Suite 200  
City/State/Zip Code: Knoxville, TN 37933  
Attention: Carrier Relations  
Phone: (865) 966-4700

With a copy to:

Business Name: TDS Telecommunications Corporation  
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 5366  
City/State/Zip Code: Madison, WI 53705-0366  
Attention: Legal Affairs

Bills shall be effective when received or within three (3) business days of being sent via first class mail, whichever is sooner, in the case of TDS TELECOM to:

Business Name: TDS Telecommunications Corporation  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5158  
City/State/Zip Code: Madison, WI 53562-0988  
Attention: Recip Comp Verification  
Email: invoiceverification@tdstelecom.com

or to such other location as the receiving Party may direct in writing. Payments are to be sent to the address on the invoice.

Sprint shall ensure bills and payments reference the specific TDS TELECOM company name(s) or BANs for which traffic is being billed or paid.

## **SECTION XVII**

### **ASSIGNMENT**

Either Party may assign this Agreement upon the written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no consent shall be required for the assignment of this Agreement in the context of the

sale of all or substantially all of the assets or stocks of either of the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either Party may assign this Agreement or any rights or obligations hereunder to an affiliate of such Party without the consent of the other Party. The effectiveness of an assignment shall be conditioned upon the assignee's written assumption of the rights, obligations, and duties of the assigning Party.

## **SECTION XVIII**

### **AUDITS**

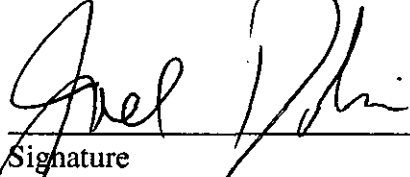
Each Party is responsible for the accuracy of its data as submitted to the other Party. Upon no less than sixty (60) days advance written notice, either Party may conduct an audit of the other Party's books and records pertaining to the services provided under this Agreement not more than once per twelve (12) month period to evaluate the other Party's accuracy of billing, data and invoicing in accordance with this Agreement. Any audit shall be performed as follows: (a) subject to the reasonable scheduling requirements and limitations of the audited Party, (b) at the auditing Party's sole expense, (c) of a reasonable scope and duration, (d) in a manner so as not to interfere with the audited Party's business operations, and (e) in compliance with the audited Party's security rules.

## **SECTION XIX**

By voluntarily entering into this Agreement, neither Party is conceding that any of the terms herein could have been ordered by the Commission in an arbitration governed by Section 252(c) of the Act. To the contrary, each Party has voluntarily agreed to numerous terms "without regard to the standards set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 251 of [the Act]."

The Parties acknowledge that TDS TELECOM may be entitled to a rural exemption as provided by 47 U.S.C. 251(f) and TDS TELECOM does not waive such exemption.

**TDS Telecommunications Corporation** (not individually but as agent for the TDS TELECOM affiliates identified on Appendix A)

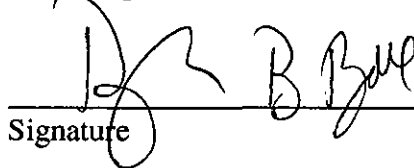
 6/10/14  
Signature (Date)

Printed name and title:

Joel Dohmeier

Director – Regulatory Revenue, Strategy & Compliance

**Sprint Spectrum L.P.**

 5/29/14  
Signature (Date)

Printed name and title:

Douglas Ball

Director, Switched Access Planning

Signature Page to CMRS Agreement between TDS Telecommunications Corp. (OH Cos) and Sprint Spectrum, L.P., dated the 1st day of June 2014.

**Appendix A**

**TDS Communications Corp. Subsidiaries and Affiliates**

Arcadia Telephone Company

Continental Telephone Company

Little Miami Communications Corporation

Oakwood Telephone Company

The Vanlue Telephone Company

As of the date of this agreement, TDS TELECOM represents and warrants that each of the above entities operates as an incumbent local exchange carrier, and a rate-of-return regulated rural telephone company as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 51.5.



## **Appendix B**

### **InterMTA Percentage**

Mobile to Land

0%

### **Measurement and Billing:**

Where Traffic is exchanged via direct interconnection between the Parties, each Party shall measure terminating traffic and use such measurement for billing purposes according to this Agreement.

Where Traffic is exchanged between the Parties indirectly via a third party tandem, TDS TELECOM may obtain usage records or a monthly traffic distribution report from the tandem operator summarizing traffic originated by Sprint and terminating to TDS TELECOM. This report information shall be used by TDS TELECOM for billing Sprint applicable charges for Traffic terminating to TDS TELECOM. Sprint shall measure the traffic originated by TDS TELECOM and terminated to Sprint through its own recording equipment for billing TDS TELECOM applicable charges for Traffic terminating to Sprint.

In the event of unrecoverable data loss or errors in usage recording, Sprint agrees to receive and pay bills rendered based on estimated usage calculated as an average of the preceding three (3) months' bills where accurate traffic data was available.

## **Appendix C**

### **Point(s) of Connection**

No direct interconnection at this time.