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Re: ICC Bill and Keep Amendment - Interconnection Agreement with Embarq Florida, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Southern Communication Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless
Docket No. 100428

Dear Ms. Cole:

Please find enclosed for approval and filing ICC Bill and Keep Amendment –Interconnection Agreement between Embarq Florida, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Southern Communication Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless. The Agreement was originally filed on October 26, 2010, in Docket No. 100428.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact my assistant Roberta Cooper at 850-599-1563.

Sincerely,

/s/ Susan S. Masterton
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cc: Southern Communication Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless

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**ICC Bill and Keep Amendment
to the Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) Interconnection Agreement between
Embarq Florida, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink**

And

Southern Communication Services, Inc., d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless

This Amendment ("Amendment") is to the Interconnection Agreement between Embarq Florida, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") and Southern Communication Services, Inc., d/b/a Southern LINC Wireless ("CMRS") (collectively, the "Parties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into an Interconnection Agreement for service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission in Docket No. 01-92, *In the Matter of Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, issued an order that changed the current state of applicable law with respect to, among other things, requirements surrounding the exchange of traffic between CMRS providers and LECs effective December 29, 2011 ("FCC Order" or "Order"); and

WHEREAS, CMRS has requested to amend the Interconnection Agreement based on the FCC Order; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to amend the Interconnection Agreement based on the FCC Order with the terms and conditions contained herein.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

Amendment Terms

The Interconnection Agreement is hereby amended by adding terms, conditions, and rates as set forth in this Amendment and Attachment 1, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

By signature on this Amendment, CMRS has elected to modify existing contract terms in order to implement the applicable provisions of the above mentioned FCC Order.

Effective Date

On April 26, 2012, CMRS requested to negotiate changes to its Interconnection Agreement due to changes in law affecting reciprocal compensation. The Parties agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment effective July 1, 2012.

Further Amendments

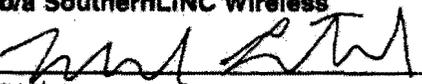
Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Interconnection Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Except as provided in the Interconnection Agreement, this Amendment may not be further amended or altered, and no waiver of any provision thereof shall be effective, except by written instrument executed by an authorized representative of both Parties.

Entire Agreement

Other than the Interconnection Agreement and its Amendments, CenturyLink and CMRS have no agreement or understanding, written or oral, relating to the terms and conditions for interconnection.

The Parties intending to be legally bound have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, which may be in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**Southern Communications Services, Inc.,
d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless**



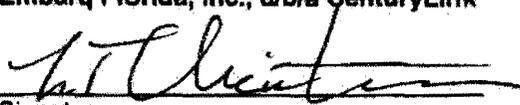
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Director, Legal & External Affairs
Title

11/16/12
Date

Embarq Florida, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink



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Date

Attachment 1

Notwithstanding anything set forth in the Interconnection Agreement to the contrary, the following terms and provisions shall govern the exchange of Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic, as defined in the Order, between the Parties.

1. General
 - 1.1. Bill and Keep shall mean the originating Party has no obligation to pay terminating charges to the terminating Party.
 - 1.2. Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic shall have the meaning set forth in 47 CFR §51.701(b) that is originated or terminated as wireless traffic by CMRS' end user.
 - 1.3. All other terms not otherwise defined in this Amendment are as defined in the Interconnection and Reciprocal Agreement .
2. Intercarrier Compensation.
 - 2.1 Bill and Keep shall apply to the exchange of Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic, solely when such traffic terminates to the end users of one of the Parties. This compensation arrangement shall supersede any previous usage-based terminating charges for End Office Call Termination, Tandem Switched Transport, Tandem Transmission charges and/or FCC – ISP Rate Caps listed in the billing section of the ICA, including but not limited to:
 - 2.1.1. End Office Switching, Tandem Switching and/or Common Transport charges; or
 - 2.1.2. Any "FCC Opt-In Compensation" or equivalent charges assessed in accordance with the interim rates previously prescribed pursuant to the *Order on Remand and Report and Order*, FCC 01-131, CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68, adopted April 18, 2001 and subsequent orders of the FCC.
 - 2.2. Notwithstanding anything in this Amendment or in the Interconnection Agreement to the contrary, Bill and Keep shall not apply to the right of CenturyLink to be compensated for Transit Traffic that transits a CenturyLink Tandem. Such Transit Traffic shall be at the same rates that existed prior to this Amendment, and any adjustment to reciprocal compensation rate element(s) that are assessed by a Party for terminating Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic pursuant to the Order shall not apply for purposes of calculating the rate(s) to be charged by CenturyLink for providing a Transit Service.
3. CMRS agrees that it will only route traffic from its own wireless End User Customers (including wireless traffic of end user customers of CMRS's wireless roaming partners) to CenturyLink for termination to CenturyLink end user customers or as Transit Traffic destined for a third party. In the event CMRS routes any traffic from third parties to CenturyLink in violation of this paragraph, CenturyLink shall be entitled to seek injunctive relief and to recover damages, including without limitation, compensation for such traffic at the rate that is then applicable to intrastate or interstate access traffic, as appropriate.
4. Subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Interconnection Agreement, based on a mutual review of existing traffic patterns, CMRS agrees to establish points of interconnection at the following CenturyLink central office locations (and the Parties agree to work together in good faith as traffic volumes increase to add points of interconnection as deemed appropriate):
 - 4.1 The Parties understand and agree that, based on existing traffic patterns, no additional points of interconnection are required, but the Parties will work together in good faith to add additional points of interconnection if traffic patterns between the Parties change significantly from those existing as of the date of this Amendment.

5. Tandem Management.

5.1 When Transit Traffic originated by a third party is routed through a CenturyLink Tandem to CMRS, and the third party is not legally obligated to compensate CenturyLink for the Transit Service provided in transporting the traffic to CMRS as a result of paragraph 999 of the FCC Order, then CMRS, upon notice from CenturyLink (which notice will be given within a reasonable time after CenturyLink receives notice from any such third party) will either:

5.1.1 Establish direct interconnection with such third party; or

5.1.2 Pay the Transit charges for such traffic.

5.2 Transit Service is provided by CenturyLink, as a local and Access Tandem Switch provider to the CMRS to enable the completion of calls originated by or terminated to end users of another Telecommunications Carrier which is connected to CenturyLink's Switches.

5.3 Except as may be contemplated by Section 5.1 above, the originating company is responsible for payment of appropriate rates to the transit company and to the terminating company. The Parties agree that it is the originating Party's sole responsibility to enter into traffic exchange agreements with third party Telecommunications Carriers prior to delivering traffic to be transited to third party Telecommunications Carriers. In the event one Party originates traffic that transits the second Party's network to reach a third party Telecommunications Carrier with whom the originating Party does not have a traffic exchange agreement, then the originating Party will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the second Party against any and all charges levied by such third party Telecommunications Carrier, to the extent that the originating company is obligated to pay such charges to the terminating company, including any termination charges related to such traffic and any attorneys fees and expenses.

6. Reservation of Rights. Effective July 1, 2012, reciprocal compensation will be bill and keep, but notwithstanding anything in this Amendment or in the Interconnection Agreement, to the contrary, and notwithstanding the execution of this Amendment by the Parties, such bill and keep arrangement shall be in all respects subject to the provisions of any future stay, revision, reconsideration, change or modification of the Order by the FCC or a court of competent jurisdiction.

7. While the Parties expressly agree to the terms and provisions of this Amendment, the Parties disagree regarding certain interconnection obligations and each Party reserves its legal rights regarding interconnection obligations, and neither Party waives any such rights in future negotiations or arbitrations.