### ISP-Bound Reciprocal Compensation Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Universal Telecom, Inc. for the State of Washington

This is an Amendment ("Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), a Colorado corporation, and Universal Telecom, Inc. ("CLEC"). CLEC and Qwest shall be known jointly as the ("Parties").

# **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into an Interconnection Agreement for service in the State of Washington that was approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") per the No Action Agenda on or about September 8, 2004, as referenced in Docket No. UT-043081 (hereinafter the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the FCC released Order FCC 04-241 on October 18, 2004, in *Petition of Core Communications, Inc. for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. 160(c) from Application of the ISP Remand Order,* WC Docket No. 03-171, effective October 8, 2004 ("Core Forbearance Petition"), which modified the terms under which the Parties must compensate each other for termination of internet service provider bound traffic ("ISP-bound traffic"); and

WHEREAS, previously, the FCC issued an Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic); and

## **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

Section 7.3.6 of the Agreement, ISP-Bound Traffic, is hereby amended with the terms, conditions and rates set forth in Attachment 1 to this Amendment, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

#### Effective Date

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval by the Commission; however, Qwest will adopt the rate-affecting provisions for ISP-bound traffic as of October 8, 2004, the effective date of the Order. The parties agree that either party may retroactively bill the other for ISP-bound traffic terminated prior to the deemed effective date of this amendment, but no earlier than October 8, 2004.

### **Further Amendments**

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The provisions of this Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Amendment may not be given without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representative. No waiver by any Party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

#### Entire Agreement

The Agreement as amended (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subjects of the Agreement as amended and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subjects of the Agreement as amended.

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

Universal Telecom, Inc.	Qwest Corporation
Signature	Signature
Name Printed/Typed	L. T. Christensen Name Printed/Typed
Title	<u>Director – Interconnection Agreements</u> Title
Date	Date

# **ATTACHMENT 1**

### **1.0** Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic

1.1 Subject to the terms of this Section, intercarrier compensation for ISP-bound traffic exchanged between Qwest and CLEC will be billed at the per minute of use rate as described in Section 7.7.1 of Exhibit A, without limitation as to the number of MOU ("minutes of use") or whether the MOU are generated in "new markets" as that term has been defined by the FCC.

1.2 Identification of ISP-Bound traffic -- Qwest will presume traffic delivered to CLEC that exceeds a 3:1 ratio of terminating (Qwest to CLEC) to originating (CLEC to Qwest) traffic is ISPbound traffic. Either Party may rebut this presumption by demonstrating the factual ratio to the state Commission. Traffic exchanged that is not ISP-bound traffic will be considered to be section 251(b)(5) traffic. The provisions in this Amendment apply regardless of how the ISP-bound traffic is determined.