

ICC Bill-and-Keep Amendment
to the
CMRS Interconnection Agreement
between
United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink
and
United States Cellular Corporation

This Amendment ("Amendment") is to the CMRS Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") between United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink and United States Cellular Corporation (collectively, the "Parties").

RECITALS

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

WHEREAS, United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") is the successor in interest to United Telephone Company of the Northwest; and

WHEREAS, United States Cellular Corporation was incorrectly identified as United States Cellular, Inc. in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, United States Cellular Corporation ("CMRS") was and is the appropriate legal entity to enter into the interconnection agreement with United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement to reflect the appropriate legal entities that will be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement and any subsequent amendments to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released on November 18, 2011 a "Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" in *Connect America Fund, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, High-Cost Universal Service Support, Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link-Up, Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, GN Docket No. 09-51, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, WT Docket No. 10-208, FCC 11-161 ("*USF/ICC Transformation Order*"), as modified by Order on Reconsideration (rel. Dec. 23, 2011) ("*USF/ICC Transformation Order on Reconsideration*") (collectively referred to as the "*ICC Transformation Orders*"); and

WHEREAS, CMRS has requested to amend the Agreement based on the change-in-law reflected in the FCC's *ICC Transformation Orders* and the FCC's rules that were revised as a result of the *ICC Transformation Orders*; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to amend the Interconnection Agreement based on the FCC Order with the terms and conditions contained herein revised as a result of the *ICC Transformation Orders*.

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, and Table One, are 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 FCC's *ICC Transformation Orders* and the FCC rules revised pursuant thereto.

Effective Date

On April 12, 2011, 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.

United States Cellular Corporation

CenturyLink

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David Fiala
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Signature By: L T Christensen

David Fiala
Name Printed/Typed
Director – Telco Billing, Contract & Number Management
Title
12/19/2012
Date

L. T. Christensen
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Director – Wholesale Contracts
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12/20/2012
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 described in the FCC's *ICC Transformation Orders* and the FCC rules revised pursuant thereto.

1. General

- 1.1. "Bill-and-Keep" is defined, as referenced in 47 C.F.R. 51.713, as an arrangement in which carriers exchanging telecommunications traffic do not charge each other for specific transport and/or termination functions or services. 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 use customers. For purposes of this Amendment and the Interconnection Agreement, the term Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic shall include wireless traffic that is originated by the end user customers of CMRS' wireless roaming partners.
- 1.3. All other terms not otherwise defined in this Amendment are as defined in the Interconnection 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 of:
 - 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. 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 (i.e., Transit Traffic not originated by CenturyLink or a CenturyLink affiliate or subsidiary) 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 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.

TABLE ONE

WIRELESS PRICING	WASHINGTON	
RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION		
Local traffic Termination - Per Minute of Use	Bill and Keep	NA
TRANSIT COMPENSATION		
Transit - Per Minute of Use	.006085	NA
Third Party Originated Transit - Per Minute of Use	.006085	NA