Amendment No. 3 to the Interconnection Agreement Between TSS Digital Services, LLC for Washington and Qwest Corporation f.k.a U S WEST Communications, Inc.

This Amendment No. 3 ("Amendment") is made and entered into by and between TSS Digital Services, LLC ("TSS") and Qwest Corporation f.k.a. U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("Qwest").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, TSS and U S WEST Communications, Inc. entered into an Interconnection Agreement for service in the state of Washington that was executed by TSS on May 26, 2000 and U S WEST Communications, Inc. on May 30, 2000 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, TSS and Qwest desire to amend the Agreement by adding the terms, conditions and rates 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:

1. Amendment Terms.

This Amendment is made in order to replace the Interim Line Sharing Agreement TSS entered into on June 14, 2000 and to add terms, conditions and rates for Line Sharing as set forth in Attachment 1, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

2. Effective Date.

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon the appropriate state Commission; however, the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution. To accommodate this need, TSS must generate, if necessary, an updated Customer Questionnaire. In addition to the Questionnaire, all system updates will need to be completed by Qwest. TSS will be notified when all system changes have been made. Actual order processing may begin once these requirements have been met.

3. Further Amendments.

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Neither the Agreement nor this Amendment may be further amended or altered except by written instrument executed by an authorized representative of both Parties.

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Attachment 1

1. Line Sharing

1.1 Description

Line Sharing provides TSS with the opportunity to offer advanced services simultaneously with an existing end user's analog voice-grade (POTS) service on a single copper loop referred to herein as the "Shared Loop" or "Line Sharing," by using the frequency range above the voice band on the copper loop. This frequency range will be referred to herein as the high frequency spectrum network element or "HUNE." The POTS service must be provided to the end user by Qwest.

1.2 Terms and Conditions

1.2.1 General

- 1.2.1.1 To order the HUNE, TSS must have a POTS splitter installed in the Qwest Wire Center that serves the end user as provided for in either Section 1.3 or Section 1.4 and the end user must have dial tone originating from a Qwest switch in that Wire Center. TSS must provide the end user with, and is responsible for the installation of any equipment necessary for the end user to receive separate voice and data service across a single copper loop.
- 1.2.1.2 POTS splitters must meet the requirements for central office equipment collocation set by the FCC or be compliant with ANSI T1.413.
- 1.2.1.3 TSS may use the HUNE to provide any xDSL services that are compatible with Qwest's POTS service. Such services that currently are presumed to meet this standard are ADSL, RADSL, G.lite and Multiple Virtual Line transmission systems. In the future, additional services may be used by TSS, to the extent those services are deemed acceptable for Line Sharing deployment under applicable FCC rules.
- 1.2.1.4 Neither TSS nor Qwest may utilize the high frequency portion of a given copper loop if a different telecommunications carrier already is using the frequency range above the voice band on that loop to provide data services, unless the end user of that loop or Qwest or the TSS, with Proof of Authorization from the end user, disconnects the service of the original telecommunications carrier being provided on the frequency range above the voice band.

cover the cost of the cabling, plus any additional pass through vendor invoice costs such as applicable state taxes, shipping and handling, incurred by Qwest. In the alternative, TSS may provide all such cabling to Qwest. Qwest will not be responsible for any inability to obtain cabling from vendors because of equipment shortages or equipment delays.

- 1.3.5 Two Interconnection Tie Pairs (ITPs) and two pre-wired DS0 terminations will be needed to connect POTS splitters to the Qwest network. One ITP will carry both voice and data traffic from the COSMIC/MDF to an appropriate intermediate distribution frame. From this frame, one DS0 termination will carry both voice and data traffic to the POTS splitter located in TSS's Collocation area. The voice and data traffic will be separated at the POTS splitter. The data traffic will be routed to the TSS's network within its Collocation area. The voice traffic will be routed to the COSMIC/MDF switch termination, COSMIC/MDF via the intermediate distribution frame, using a second DS0 termination and a second ITP.
- 1.3.6 The demarcation point between Qwest's network and TSS's network will be the place where the combined voice and data loop is cross connected to the intermediate distribution frame.

1.4 Common Area Splitter Collocation

- 1.4.1 Section 1.4.5 of this Amendment is intended to provide a technical description of the network architecture required for line sharing based on current Qwest central office configurations. Neither TSS nor Qwest intend for this Section to have any legal effect on the price of unbundled network elements ordered by the Commission or agreed to by Qwest and TSS except as expressly noted.
- 14.2 If TSS elects to have POTS splitters installed in Qwest Wire Centers via Common Area Splitter Collocation, the POTS splitters will be installed in those Wire Centers in one of the following locations: (a) in a relay rack as close to TSS's DSO termination points as possible; (b) on an intermediate distribution frame to the extent such a frame is available; or (c) where options (a) and (b) are not available due to physical space limitations in the Wire Centers, or in Wire Centers with network access line counts of less than 10,000, on the COSMIC/MDF or in some other appropriate location such as an existing Qwest relay rack or bay. TSS either may purchase POTS splitters or have Qwest purchase POTS splitters on its behalf subject to full reimbursement as described in Section 2. Qwest will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the POTS splitters, but TSS will lease the POTS splitters to Qwest at no cost. Qwest may co-mingle the POTS splitter shelves of different CLECs in a

- 24, 2000, those applications will continue to be governed by the rates, terms and conditions of the Interim Line Sharing Agreement. All subsequent applications will be governed by this Amendment. The rates, terms and conditions of the Interim Line Sharing Agreement are incorporated into this Amendment, as Exhibit A attached here:o and incorporated herein, to govern applications submitted by the CLECs between March 24, 2000 and April 10, 2000.
- 1.5.2 New applications for installation of POTS splitters will be processed in the manner outlined in the Collocation Section of TSS's Underlying Agreement.
- 1.5.3 TSS may submit applications for additional DS0 termination installations and or reclassifications to support Line Sharing. Qwest will process any such applications for augmentation and/or reclassification of DS0 terminations under intervals as outlined below in Section 1.5.3.1.1.
 - 1.5.3.1 Augmentation intervals will be 30 days, subject to the following terms and conditions identified below:
 - 1.5.3.1.1 TSS will provide a quarterly forecast to Qwest in advance of placing applications. Upon receipt of the initial forecast, the interval for augments forecasted in the first month will be 60 days. The interval for each subsequent month will be 30 days.
 - 1.5.3.1.2 The forecast must included, at a minimum, the following:
 - (a) Month each application will be sent;
 - (b) The Wire Center by common name for each application;
 - (c) Type of terminations required for each level of connection; and
 - (d) Whether the termination types are the same as existing or, if different, what numbering requested on the block.
 - 1.5.3.1.3 The interval for reclassification will be fifteen (15) days, subject to the following terms and conditions. If requested reclassification engineering results in additional requirements for DSO TIE Cable

through 26 of the Interim Line Sharing Agreement will remain effective until such time as an Amendment is entered into between the Parties, as described in the preceding sentence.

3. Ordering Process

3.1 Shared Loop

- 3.1.1 As a part of the pre-order process, TSS can access loop characteristic information through the Loop Information Tool. TSS will determine, in its sole discretion and at its risk, whether to order the HUNE across any specific copper loop. Qwest and TSS will work together to modify the Loop Information Tool to better support Line Sharing.
- 3.1.2 The appropriate DS0 termination frame terminations dedicated to POTS splitters will be provided on the Line Sharing APOT form one day prior to the ready for service date or at an interval ordered by the Commission or further agreed to by Qwest and TSS in writing. Qwest will administer all cross connects/jumpers.
- 3.1.3 Basic Installation "lift and lay" procedures will be used for all Shared Loop orders. Under this approach, a Qwest technician "lifts" the loop from its current termination in a Qwest Wire Center and "lays" it on a new termination connecting to TSS's Collocated equipment in the same Wire Center.
- 3.1.4 Qwest will provision the Shared Loop within the standard unbundled loop provisioning interval at least 90% of the time. Qwest and TSS acknowledge that this interval may be subject to improvement based on systems mechanization and/or relevant legal or regulatory requirements.
- 3.1.5 TSS shall not place orders for Shared Loops until all work necessary to provision Line Sharing in a given Qwest Wire Center, including, but not limited to, POTS splitter installation and DS0 termination reclassification, has been completed.

3.2 Common Area Splitter Collocation

- 3.2.1 New POTS splitter shelves may be ordered via a single Collocation application form and quote preparation fee. The Collocation intervals contained in this Amendment will apply.
- 3.2.2 New POTS splitter shelves may be ordered with an existing Collocation arrangement. TSS must submit a new

- 4.3.3 Qwest will test for electrical faults (i.e., opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage) on Shared Loops in response to trouble tickets initiated by TSS. When trouble tickets are initiated by TSS, and such trouble is not located in Qwest's network, Qwest will assess TSS the charge specified in Section 2.
- 4.3.4 When trouble reported by TSS is not isolated or identified by tests for electrical faults (i.e., opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage), TSS may request that Qwest perform additional testing and Qwest may decide to notio perform requested testing where it believes in good faith that additional testing is unnecessary because the test requested has already been performed or otherwise duplicates the results of a previously performed test. In this case, Qwest will provide TSS with the relevant test results on a case-by-case basis. additional testing uncovers electrical fault trouble(e.g. in the portion of the network for which Qwest is responsible, TSS will not be charged by Qwest for the testing. If this additional testing uncovers a problem in the portion of the network for which TSS is responsible. Qwest will assess TSS the charge specified in Section 2.
- 4.4 When POTS splitters are installed in Qwest Wire Centers via Common Area Splitter Collocation, TSS will order and install additional splitter cards as necessary to increase the capacity of the POTS splitters. TSS will leave one unused, spare splitter card in every shelf to be used for repair and maintenance until such time as the card must be used to fill the shelf to capacity.
- 4.5 When POTS splitters are installed in Qwest Wire Centers via standard Collocation arrangements, TSS may install test access equipment in its Collocation areas in those Wire Centers for the purpose of testing Shared Loops. This equipment will meet the requirements for central office equipment set by the FCC.
- 4.6 Qwest and TSS will work together to address end user initiated repair requests and to prevent adverse impacts to the end user.

5. Other

Quest and TSS agree to the foregoing rates, terms, and conditions for Line Sharing without waiving current or future relevant legal rights and without prejudicing any position Qwest or TSS may take on relevant issues before state or federal regulatory or legislative bodies or courts of competent jurisdiction. This section specifically contemplates, but is not limited to, the following: (i) the positions Qwest and TSS take in any cost docket related to Line Sharing; and (ii) the positions Qwest or TSS might take before the FCC or any state public utility commission related to the rates, terms, and conditions under which Qwest must provide TSS with access to Shared Loops.

EXHIBIT A INTERIM LINE SHARING AGREEMENT

This Interim Line Sharing Agreement ("Agreement") between U.S.WEST Communications, Inc. ("ILEC") and @Link Networks, Inc., Arrival Communications, Inc., BridgeBand Communications, Inc., CDS Networks, Inc., Contact Communications, DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company, Jato Communications Corp. on behalf of its operating subsidiaries Jato Operating Corp. and Jato Operating Two Corp., Montana Wireless, Inc., MULTIBAND Communications, Inc., New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks, NorthPoint Communications, Inc., RHYTHMS LINKS, INC., and Western Telephone Integrated Communications, Inc. ("CLEC" or "CLECs") is entered into this 24th day of April, 2000, to govern deployment of line sharing in the states of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The Agreement is effective as of the date referenced in the preceding sentence and will terminate on a state-by-state, CLEC-by-CLEC basis when line sharing amendments to the interconnection agreements between ILEC and CLECs are approved by the relevant state public utility commissions as required by paragraph 36 below. ILEC and CLECs are referred to in this Agreement individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

GENERAL

- 1. ILEC will provide TSS with access to the frequency range above the voiceband on a copper loop facility used to carry analog circuit-switched voiceband transmissions. This frequency range will be referred to in this document as the "high frequency spectrum network element" or "HUNE". TSS may use this access to provision any voice compatible xDSL technologies. Specifically permissible are ADSL, RADSL, G.lite and any other xDSL technology that is presumed to be acceptable for shared line deployment in accordance with FCC rules. Under this Agreement, "line sharing" is defined as the situation that exists when the TSS has access to the HUNE and provides xDSL services on a loop that also carries ILEC POTS.
- 2. To order the HUNE, a TSS must have a POTS splitter installed in the central office that serves the end-user of the loop. In addition, the TSS must provide the end-user with, and is responsible for the installation of, a splitter, filter(s) and/or other equipment necessary for the end-user to receive separate voice and data services across the loop.
- 3. On or before June 6, 2000, ILEC will begin accepting orders for the HUNE on lines served out of every central office where TSS has a POTS splitter installed.
- 4. Prior to July 31, 2000, the CLECs will not request conditioning of shared lines to remove load coils, bridged taps or electronics. If ILEC begins conditioning lines for its xDSL services, CLECs will have the same option. By July 31, 2000, unless another date is agreed to by ILEC and CLEC in writing, the CLEC will be able to request conditioning of a shared line. ILEC will perform requested conditioning, including de-loading and removal of excess bridged taps, unless ILEC demonstrates in advance that conditioning that shared line will significantly degrade the end-user's analog voice service.

However, the deployment schedules set forth in this Agreement may be impacted. If impacted, the deployment will follow the terms and conditions described above.

- (b) If ILEC is acting as purchasing agent for more than one CLEC in a central office and is unable to procure line sharing equipment for one or more of the CLECs in a timely manner, then none of the CLECs using the ILEC as purchasing agent will be able to order the HUNE in that central office until the equipment is installed for all such CLECs. This requirement does not apply to a CLEC that, upon being contacted by the ILEC of the equipment shortage, provides its own equipment to ILEC for installation. The CLEC will be notified by the ILEC of the required material on-site date for that central office and will have 2 business days to determine if the CLEC will be able to provide its own equipment.
- CLEC and ILEC may use any POTS splitter that meets the requirements for central office equipment collocation set by the FCC in its March 31, 1999 order in CC Docket No. 98-147.
- 10. If a CLEC requests that a central office where it is not currently collocated be provisioned for line sharing, the CLEC will indicate its request on the collocation application for that central office.
- 11. CLEC will provide ILEC with applications for placement of POTS splitters in central offices based on the order set forth on the confidential Central Office Deployment List agreed to jointly by the CLECs and the ILEC and on the schedule set forth below. If the application date is missed by any CLEC, ILEC will accept the CLEC's late applications and install the POTS splitter within 30 days of the end of the schedule for the state where the central office is located or the normal interval for collocation under the CLEC's interconnection agreement, whichever is later. ILEC and CLEC will work together to resolve any problems with order-related data included on the applications within 5 business days of the CLEC receiving notification of the problems from ILEC. If the Parties are unable to resolve the problems after 5 business days, the application will be treated as a late application as defined above. Any changes received from the CLEC after 5 business days of the initial application date will also result in the application be treated as a late application.

First 145 Central Offices March 24, 2000
Next 85 Central Offices March 29, 2000
Next 65 Central Offices April 3, 2000
Remaining Central Offices April 10, 2000

12. Assuming CLEC reuses existing TIE cable capacity, ILEC will complete the TIE cable reclassification necessary to permit a CLEC to complete placement of POTS splitters in its own collocation areas in the central offices identified on the Central Office Deployment List based on the following schedule:

DATE	TOTAL NUMBER OF CUMULATIVE CENTRAL OFFICES
May 15, 2000	40-50

- and education of the shared line end-user; (f) the CLEC's forecasts of shared line orders; and (g) the process for conditioning loops for line sharing.
- 17. Beginning on April 1, 2000, the CLECs will provide ILEC with non-binding, good-faith rolling quarterly forecasts for shared line volumes on a state-by-state, central office-by-central office basis. Additionally, CLEC will provide a 1.5 year non-binding, good-faith forecast by quarter to ILEC by June 1, 2000. ILEC will keep CLEC forecasts confidential and will not share such forecasts with any person involved in ILEC retail operations, product planning or marketing.

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

- 18. ILEC will allow the CLECs to access the combined voice and data line at the point where it is cross-connected to the POTS splitter. Under the scenario described in paragraph 7(a) above, the point of demarcation will be at the place where the data loop leaves the POTS splitter on its way to the CLEC's collocated equipment. Under the scenario described in paragraph 7(b) above, the point of demarcation will be where the shared line is cross-connected to the POTS splitter.
- 19. ILEC will be responsible for repairing voice services provided over the shared line and the physical line between the network interface device at the end-user premise and the point of demarcation in the central office. ILEC also will be responsible for inside wiring in accordance with the terms and conditions of inside wire maintenance agreements, if any, between ILEC and the end-users. CLECs will be responsible for repairing data services provided over the HUNE portion of the shared line. Each Party will be responsible for maintaining its own equipment. The Party that controls the POTS splitter will be responsible for maintaining it.
- 20. ILEC and CLEC are continuing to develop repair and maintenance procedures and agree to document final agreed-to procedures in a methods and procedures document that will be available on ILEC's web site. In the interim, ILEC and CLEC agree that the following general principles will guide the repair and maintenance process:
 - (a) If an end-user complains of a voice problem that may be related to the use of the shared line for data services, CLEC and ILEC will work together and with the end-user to solve the problem to the satisfact on of the end-user. ILEC will not disconnect the data service without the written permission of the CLEC unless the end-user's voice service is so degraded that the enduser cannot originate or receive voice grade calls.
 - (b) Each Party is responsible for its own end-user base and will have the responsibility for resolution of any service trouble report(s) from its end-users. ILEC will test for electrical faults (i.e., opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage) on the shared line in response to trouble tickets initiated by the CLEC.

cable reclassification		engineering and labor
Repair and Maintenance	Trouble Isolation and Additional Testing	Paragraph 20 (c) and (d)
Line Conditioning	Load Coil and Excess Bridged Tap Removal	IA price

^{*} The relevant interconnection agreement between ILEC and CLEC.

- 24. ILEC and CLECs will continue work to arrive at appropriate cost recovery for operational support systems upgrades related to the shared line.
- 25. CLECs may choose from either of the following options for an interim recurring shared line rate:
 - (a) A rate of \$5.40 per month per shared line; or
 - (b) A rate of \$0 per month per shared line until January 1, 2001. On January 1, 2001, the interim recurring shared line rate will change to \$8.25 unless ILEC continues to charge a rate of \$0 per month per shared line to one or more CLECs as of that date. In the event ILEC continues to charge a rate of \$0 per month per shared line to one or more CLECs as of January 1, 2001, ILEC will continue to charge all CLECs that selected this interim recurring shared line rate option a rate of \$0 per month per shared line until such time as it begins to charge all CLECs \$8.25 per month per shared line.

CLECs must select one of the foregoing options for an interim recurring shared line rate by May 1, 2000, and must notify ILEC of their selection through their account teams. Once a selection is made, a CLEC cannot change its selection.

- 26. All interim prices will be subject to true up based on either mutually agreed to permanent pricing or permanent pricing established in a line sharing cost proceeding conducted by state public utility commissions. In the event interim prices are established by state public utility commissions before permanent prices are established, either through arbitration or some other mechanism, the interim prices established in this Agreement will be changed to reflect the interim prices mandated by the state public utility commissions; however, no true up will be performed until mutually agreed to permanent prices are established or permanent prices are established by state public utility commissions.
- 27. During the 60 day period immediately following the effective date of this Agreement, the Parties agree to negotiate in good faith in an effort to arrive at mutually agreed to permanent pricing for all of the elements listed in paragraph 23 above and operational support system upgrades related to line sharing. If at the conclusion of this 60 day period, the Parties have been unable to mutually agree to permanent pricing for some or all of such elements and/or operational support system upgrades related to line sharing, the Parties agree to ask the state public utility commissions for each of the states listed in the introductory paragraph of this Agreement to initiate a line sharing cost preceeding to establish permanent pricing for all elements, potentially including operational support system upgrades related to line sharing, still in dispute at that time.

locations or pursuant to some other limitation, then the modified or different rates, terms, and conditions only will be made available to interested Parties in those locations or subject to those same limitations. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, this paragraph will not be incorporated into any interconnection agreement amendments entered into between ILEC and CLECs pursuant to paragraph 36 below.

- This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall together constitute but one and the same document. This Agreement may be executed where indicated below either by an original signature of a duly authorized representative of each Party or by a facsimile of such a signature.
- 36. ILEC and CLECs acknowledge the need to execute amendments to their interconnection agreements by June 6, 2000, to govern line sharing. The Parties further acknowledge that the rates, terms, and conditions of this Agreement will form the basis for the negotiation of the amendment. This Agreement will terminate upon execution of such amendments and will be replaced by the amendments. ILEC and CLEC further agree that any applicable window for petitioning a state public utility commission for arbitration of an interconnection agreement amendment for line sharing that would expire before June 6, 2000 is extended to June 16, 2000.
- 37. The Parties will work together to schedule a conference call with the state public utility commissions for each state listed in the introductory paragraph to this Agreement to explain this Agreement and answer any questions related to the Agreement. The Parties agree to work together to schedule and provide notice of the call in the most efficient and expeditious manner possible. The Parties further agree to respond to any questions or information requests from state public utility commissions in a joint manner and, in so doing, take all reasonable steps to preserve the confidentiality of the Central Office Deployment List.
- 38. The Parties will work together in good faith to address any problems that may arise in the execution of any part of this Agreement.

Any CLEC that is not a party to this Agreement may opt into this Agreement at any time prior to its expiration. CLECs must notify ILEC of which of the two options for interim shared line rates outlined in paragraph 25 above it selects at the time it opts into this Agreement or by May 1, 2000, whichever is later.