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Via Federal Express

Hon. Beth O'Donnell
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Frankfort, KY 40601

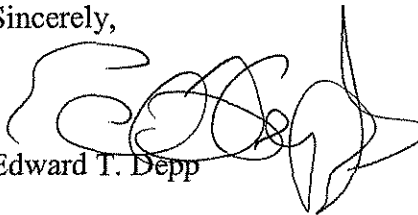
Re: *In the Matter of: Petition of North Central Telephone Cooperative Corporation, for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Interconnection Agreement with American Cellular Corporation f/k/a ACC Kentucky License LLC, Pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Case No. 2006- 00757*

Dear Executive Director O'Donnell:

I have enclosed for filing in the above-styled case the original and eleven (11) copies of the Arbitration Petition of North Central Telephone Cooperative Corporation. Please file stamp one of the enclosed copies and return it to us in the enclosed, self addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you, and if you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,



Edward T. Depp

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Enclosure

cc: Eileen Bodamer (w/encl.)
John E. Selent, Esq. (w/o encl.)
Holly C. Wallace, Esq. (w/o encl.)

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Petition of North Central Telephone Cooperative)
Corporation, for Arbitration of Certain Terms and)
Conditions of Proposed Interconnection Agreement)
with American Cellular Corporation f/k/a ACC)
Kentucky License LLC, Pursuant to the)
Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by)
the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

Case No. 2006- 00757

**ARBITRATION PETITION OF
NORTH CENTRAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION**

North Central Telephone Cooperative Corporation ("North Central"), by counsel, petitions the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (the "Commission") pursuant to Section 252(b)¹ of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), to arbitrate certain terms and conditions of a proposed interconnection agreement between North Central and American Cellular Corporation f/k/a ACC Kentucky License LLC ("ACC").

PARTIES

1. Petitioner North Central's full name and its official business address are as follows:

North Central Telephone Cooperative Corporation
872 Highway 52 By-Pass
P.O. Box 70
Lafayette, TN 37083-0070

North Central is a Tennessee non-profit corporation, and it is authorized by the Commission to provide local exchange service in Kentucky. North Central is, and at all times relevant has been, a rural local exchange carrier ("LEC") under the terms of the Act.

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 252(b)

2. The name, address, and contact number for North Central's representatives in this proceeding are as follows:

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Edward T. Depp
Holly C. Wallace
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1400 PNC Plaza
500 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 540-2300 (Telephone)
(502) 585-2207 (Facsimile)

3. Respondent ACC's full name and its official business address are as follows:

American Cellular Corporation f/k/a ACC Kentucky License LLC
14201 Wireless Way
Oklahoma City, OK, 73134

ACC is a foreign corporation registered to do business in Kentucky, and it is authorized by the Commission to provide commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") in Kentucky. ACC is, and at all times relevant has been, a CMRS provider under the terms of the Act.

4. The name and address for Sprint's point of contact and presumed representatives in this proceeding is as follows:

Leon M. Bloomfield Esq.
Wilson & Bloomfield LLP
1901 Harrison Street
Suite 1630
Oakland, CA 94612
Phone (510) 625-8250
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JURISDICTION

5. The Commission has jurisdiction over North Central's petition pursuant to section 252(b) of the Act. This petition is timely filed during the period from the 135th to the 160th day

after January 1, 2006, the date on which North Central received Sprint's bona fide request for interconnection.²

NEGOTIATIONS

6. The parties agree that the statutory bona fide negotiation window began on January 1, 2006.³

7. By letter dated December 29, 2005, Leon M. Bloomfield, on behalf of ACC, wrote to North Central noting that the arbitration window was open from May 16, 2006 through June 10, 2006. Mr. Bloomfield then proposed to expedite the negotiation process for finalizing an interconnection agreement by sending a draft agreement to North Central within the next few weeks.⁴

8. By letter dated February 24, 2006, Leon M. Bloomfield, on behalf of the Kentucky CMRS Providers, including ACC, proposed that the Kentucky Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers ("RLEC"), including North Central, engage in collective negotiations for the formation of an interconnection agreement ("ICA") template that could be entered into between a given CMRS Provider and a given RLEC, and filed with the Kentucky PUC. Enclosed with the letter was a draft Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement.⁵

² See Section 3.01 of Agreement, *In the Matter of: Petition of Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc. Seeking Resolution of Third Party Transit Traffic Issues*, Public Service Commission Case No. 2003-00045, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

³ *Id.*

⁴ December 29, 2005 letter from Leon M. Bloomfield to Tom Rowland, attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

⁵ February 24, 2006, letter from Leon M. Bloomfield to Linda Lawrence, John Selent, Eileen Bodamer and Kentucky Rural ILEC's, attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

9. On March 1, 2006, Eileen Bodamer, on behalf of several RLECs, including North Central, responded that certain RLECs did not believe it was practical to combine all of their efforts or to work with all the CMRS providers as a group.⁶

10. In the last several months, ACC and North Central have discussed the terms of an interconnection agreement. Those discussions have primarily focused on ACC's request that it be permitted to deliver traffic to North Central by means of a transit traffic arrangement with a third-party; North Central has not agreed to this concept. This and other terms of the proposed interconnection agreement between ACC and North Central remain unresolved.

11. Given the December 31, 2006 expiration of the agreement approved by the Commission in Case No. 2003-00045, it is imperative that the parties have a valid and effective interconnection agreement by the end of this year.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, North Central respectfully requests that the Commission grant the following relief:

A. That the Commission conclude the arbitration of the unresolved issues between North Central and ACC within nine months of January 1, 2006, the date on which North Central received the interconnection request.

B. That the Commission issue an order directing the parties to submit a final agreement for a proposed interconnection agreement.


C. That the Commission retain jurisdiction of this arbitration until the parties have submitted an agreement for approval by the Commission in accordance with section 252(e) of the Act.

⁶ March 1, 2006, electronic mail string from Eileen Bodamer to Leon Bloomfield *et. al.*, attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

D. That the Commission further retain jurisdiction of this arbitration and the parties hereto until ACC has complied with all implementation time frames specified in the arbitrated agreement and fully implemented the agreement.

E. That the Commission take such other and further action and order such relief as it deems appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of June, 2006.



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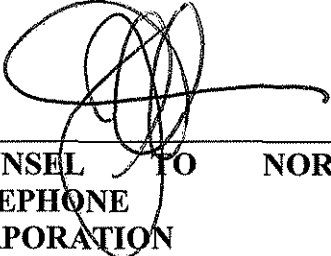
**COUNSEL TO NORTH CENTRAL
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
CORPORATION**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served by Federal Express and electronic mail on this 6th day of June, 2006, to the following individual(s):

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License LLC*



**COUNSEL TO NORTH CENTRAL
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE
CORPORATION**

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE
KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)
)
Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications,) Case No. 2003-00045
Inc. Seeking Resolution of Third Party)
Transit Traffic Issues)

AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), the Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") providers listed in Exhibit A hereto ("Signatory CMRS Providers"), and the rural independent local exchange carriers listed in Exhibit B hereto ("Rural LECs"), on their own behalf and on behalf of their past, present and future agents, employees, successors, assigns and anyone claiming for the benefit of any of them (collectively referred to as "the Parties").

Whereas, BellSouth has entered into various interconnection agreements with CMRS Providers under which BellSouth has offered and is providing intermediary tandem switching and transport services to such CMRS Providers for the delivery of CMRS Provider Traffic to the Rural LECs' networks for termination.

Whereas, under the "Kentucky Restructured Settlement Plan," BellSouth and the Rural LECs have established interconnection facilities and an interconnection point between their networks, and agreed to contractual terms and conditions pursuant to the "Kentucky Restructured Settlement Plan"; and

Whereas, by this Agreement, the Parties are agreeing to terms, as set forth herein, under which BellSouth may and shall deliver CMRS Provider Traffic, to the extent such traffic is delivered to BellSouth by the CMRS Providers, to the networks of the Rural LECs over the existing facilities referred to above.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual agreements, undertakings and representations contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1.00 Definitions

For purposes of this Agreement only, the Parties agree to utilize the definitions set forth in this Section 1.00.

1.01 "Act" refers to the Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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1.02 "CMRS Provider" is a telecommunications carrier providing commercial mobile radio service within the meaning of 47 C.F.R. § 20, et seq.

1.03 "CMRS Provider Traffic" is defined as Telecommunications traffic originated by a subscriber of a CMRS Provider for which BellSouth provides to a Signatory CMRS Provider intermediary tandem switching, and transport (i.e., transit functions) for delivery of such traffic to a Rural LEC for termination on the Rural LEC's network over the facilities established between BellSouth and the Rural LEC for such purposes, according to the terms of this Agreement.

1.04 "Commission" or "KPSC" means the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

1.05 "Covered CMRS Provider Traffic" is defined as CMRS Provider Traffic of a Signatory CMRS Provider for which BellSouth generates and delivers to the terminating Rural LEC accurate industry standard call detail records identifying the originating CMRS Provider and minutes of use for such CMRS Provider Traffic (currently known as "110101 format message and billing records").

1.06 "Kentucky Restructured Settlement Plan" or "KRSP" is the Order of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky dated January 23, 1991, in Phase I of Administrative Case No. 323.

1.07 "Rural LECs" are defined as those local exchange companies ("LECs") as set forth in Exhibit B to this Agreement.

1.08 "Signatory CMRS Providers" are defined as the Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers as set forth in Exhibit A to this Agreement.

1.09 "Telecommunications" is as defined in the Act.

2.00 Specific Terms

2.01 Pursuant to this Agreement, BellSouth may deliver, for termination, Signatory CMRS Provider Traffic to the Rural LECs' networks in the same manner, and over the same trunking facilities, as established pursuant to the KRSP Plan.

2.02 For purposes of this Agreement, Signatory CMRS Providers are limited to those CMRS providers that possess a CMRS license for CMRS service within a Major Trading Area(s) within Kentucky.

2.03 Reserved For Future Use.

2.04 BellSouth may deliver to the Rural LECs Signatory CMRS Provider Traffic for which BellSouth does not provide industry standard call detail records identifying the originating CMRS Provider and the minutes of CMRS Provider Traffic for each such provider (currently

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known as "110101 format message billing records") subject to all of the following terms: (a) BellSouth must establish mutually agreeable exchange of data and administrative processes with the Rural LECs to provide complete and accurate documentation of such traffic that will permit the Rural LECs to track, verify, and audit such CMRS Provider Traffic; and (b) the Rural LECs will bill BellSouth (or in those instances where the Rural LEC does not bill BellSouth, BellSouth will provide compensation through the monthly settlement process with that Rural LEC) and BellSouth shall compensate the Rural LECs in the same manner that it compensates the Rural LECs for intrastate access traffic as described in Section 2.01 above, provided, however, that the rate at which such CMRS Provider Traffic is compensated shall be \$0.027 per minute of use following the Effective Date of this Agreement and continuing through December 31, 2005. BellSouth will compensate the Rural LECs at a rate of \$0.022 per minute of use from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. The Rural LECs will adjust the billing for the total traffic over the KRSP facility which is billed (or due through settlements), and due from, BellSouth to account for the minutes of CMRS Provider Traffic that is within the scope of this paragraph. BellSouth shall make payment to the Rural LECs pursuant to this Section 2.04, in immediately available U.S. funds, no later than 30 days after the invoice date. BellSouth shall continue to bill each Signatory CMRS Provider amounts due BellSouth from the Signatory CMRS Provider under the terms of the Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth and the CMRS Provider, including all effective Annexes and Attachments thereto.

2.05 The Rural LECs agree not to seek compensation from a Signatory CMRS Provider for (1) any CMRS Provider Traffic delivered by BellSouth to the Rural LECs pursuant to this Agreement; or (2) any CMRS Provider Traffic delivered by BellSouth to the Rural LECs prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement for which BellSouth compensates or has previously compensated the Rural LECs upon the same terms and conditions required of traffic terminated under the KRSP or on terms which are otherwise agreed to by the Rural LECs.

2.06 Except as required by this Agreement, BellSouth and the Signatory CMRS Providers will treat CMRS Provider Traffic, including Covered CMRS Provider Traffic, consistent with the terms of the respective interconnection agreements between BellSouth and the Signatory CMRS Providers and all effective Annexes and Attachments thereto, including, but not limited to, the network provisioning, transport, termination, and billing and collection of such traffic.

2.07 Beginning on the Effective Date of this Agreement, and ending on December 31, 2005, the Rural LECs shall invoice, and BellSouth shall make payment to the Rural LECs for Covered CMRS Provider Traffic pursuant to this Section in immediately available U.S. funds, no later than thirty (30) days after the invoice date, at a rate of \$0.025 per minute of use unless an interconnection agreement between the Signatory CMRS Provider and the Rural LEC governs pursuant to the provisions and conditions set forth in Section 2.08. Beginning on January 1, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2006, and unless an interconnection agreement between the Signatory CMRS Provider and the Rural LEC governs pursuant to the provisions and conditions set forth in Section 2.08, the Rural LECs shall invoice, and BellSouth shall make payment to the Rural LECs pursuant to this Section for Covered CMRS Provider Traffic in immediately available U.S. funds, no later than thirty (30) days after the invoice date, at a rate of \$0.015 per

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minute of use. Subject to the audit provisions set forth below in this subsection, the Signatory CMRS Providers and the Rural LECs agree to accept BellSouth's measurement of minutes of use and industry standard call detail records as the basis for the billing from and compensation to the Rural LECs for Covered CMRS Provider Traffic as set forth in this Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any party may request an audit of such measurements within twelve months of the applicable billing date. The Rural LECs will deduct the minutes of use for Covered CMRS Provider Traffic described in this Section from the total KRSP facility minutes of use which is billed to (or due through settlements), and due from, BellSouth. Beginning on the Effective Date of this Agreement and through the period ending on December 31, 2006, the Signatory CMRS Providers shall compensate BellSouth for Covered CMRS Provider Traffic at a rate of \$0.015 per minute of use, unless an interconnection agreement between the Signatory CMRS Provider and the Rural LEC governs pursuant to the provisions and conditions set forth in Section 2.08. BellSouth shall continue to bill each Signatory CMRS Provider amounts due BellSouth from the Signatory CMRS Provider for transit functions performed by BellSouth under the terms of the interconnection agreement between BellSouth and the Signatory CMRS Provider, including all effective Annexes and Attachments.

2.08 Nothing herein shall affect, modify, or supercede any existing interconnection agreement between a Signatory CMRS Provider and a Rural LEC. Such existing interconnection agreements shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with the existing terms and conditions contained in such agreements. Nothing herein shall affect any Party's right to seek interconnection with any carrier, including with a carrier that is a Party to this Agreement, or preclude any Party from negotiating an interconnection agreement with another Party consistent with Sections 251 and 252 of the Act. Moreover, in the event that a Signatory CMRS Provider and a Rural LEC execute an interconnection agreement after the Effective Date of this Agreement, such agreement shall supersede the rights and obligations set forth in this Agreement only to the extent the interconnection agreement specifically provides for the termination of CMRS Provider Traffic otherwise covered by this Agreement.

2.09 This Agreement applies solely to the Telecommunications traffic specifically defined within the scope of this Agreement. As such, the terms of this Agreement do not apply to any other facilities, any other traffic that is switched or transported over any other facilities, or to traffic of any carrier that is not a CMRS Provider. For any other CMRS Provider Traffic that BellSouth delivers to a Rural LEC for termination that is not covered under Sections 2.04 and 2.07 of this Agreement (i.e., traffic from a CMRS Provider that is not a signatory to this Agreement), BellSouth agrees to compensate the Rural LECs for such traffic during the term of this Agreement under the same terms and conditions as traffic terminated by BellSouth under the KRSP.

2.10 For Covered CMRS Provider Traffic, BellSouth is responsible for providing to the appropriate terminating Rural LEC accurate industry standard call detail records identifying the originating CMRS Provider and the minutes of CMRS Provider Traffic for each such provider (currently known as "110101 format message and billing records"). BellSouth will provide such records to the terminating Rural LEC not later than 60 days after such usage occurs. The Signatory CMRS Providers are responsible for providing to BellSouth complete and

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accurate information regarding the billing address and billing contacts for the Signatory CMRS Providers. BellSouth will provide its billing address and contact information to the Rural LECs.

2.11 The terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement only apply on and after the Effective Date of this Agreement. With respect to the Signatory CMRS Providers, BellSouth agrees not to seek any additional compensation from a Signatory CMRS Provider for any Covered CMRS Provider Traffic for which BellSouth has paid, or has agreed to pay, the Rural LECs prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement.

2.12 Any undisputed charges incurred pursuant to this Agreement that are not timely paid by BellSouth to the Rural LECs, or are not timely paid by a Signatory CMRS Provider to BellSouth, will accrue interest from the date such amounts were due at the lesser of (i) one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month or (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under applicable law. The Parties agree that interest shall accrue and be paid on all overdue disputed amounts that are resolved in favor of the non-disputing party.

3.00 Term and Termination of the Agreement

3.01 This Agreement will become effective on the first calendar day of the month following KPSC approval (the "Effective Date"). This Agreement has an absolute termination date of December 31, 2006 regardless of, and in addition to, any other provisions herein under which this Agreement may be terminated by any Party. Therefore, all duties, rights, and obligations hereunder terminate on December 31, 2006. BellSouth and the Rural LECs shall commence no later than January 1, 2006 the negotiation of interconnection agreements as may be necessary to govern BellSouth's provision of transit service defining the relative rights and responsibilities between BellSouth and the Rural LECs with respect to any continuing CMRS provider traffic terminated to the Rural LECs. In the event that any Signatory CMRS provider desires to continue to route CMRS Provider Traffic destined for the Rural LECs through BellSouth's network after the expiration of this Agreement, the Signatory CMRS provider must initiate interconnection negotiations with the Rural LECs consistent with Section 251 and Section 252 of the Act by no later than January 1, 2006. Such negotiations, which may include but are not limited to rates, terms, and conditions of interconnection between and among the Parties, shall be conducted in good faith. In the event such negotiations are unsuccessful and the Commission is asked to arbitrate any open issues, the Parties shall submit to the arbitration processes and deadlines as set forth in Section 252(b) of the Act to settle any open issues relating to interconnection and compensation arrangements between and among the Parties. For purposes of determining all deadlines related to the negotiation and arbitration pursuant to this Section, the request date for all negotiations shall be deemed to be January 1, 2006 unless the actual request date for negotiations under Section 251 and 252 of the Act is earlier. The Parties agree that this Agreement will not prejudice the negotiations in any way.

3.02 In the event of Default by a Party, as defined below in this subsection, any of the non-defaulting Parties may terminate any and all terms and conditions of this Agreement with respect to the defaulting Party provided that a non-defaulting Party seeking termination with respect to the defaulting Party notifies the defaulting Party and the KPSC and any other affected

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Party in writing of the Default, the defaulting Party does not cure the alleged Default with thirty (30) days after receipt of such written notice, and the KPSC consents to the termination. With respect to a Defaulting Party, Default is defined as: (a) that Party's material breach of any of the material terms of this Agreement, including the compensation terms; or (b) any aspect of a Party's operations or actions that are determined by a court with proper jurisdiction or the Commission to be unlawful or not authorized.

3.03 The Parties agreement to the terms and conditions of this Agreement related to the network arrangement for CMRS Provider Traffic, including specifically, but not limited to, BellSouth's provision of tandem switching of CMRS Provider Traffic and the delivery of that CMRS Provider Traffic to the Rural LECs over the same trunks that BellSouth uses to deliver its own interexchange service traffic, and compensation arrangements between and among the Parties for the Rural LEC's termination of such CMRS Provider Traffic, is a voluntary arrangement and represents a compromise between and among the Parties for the limited purpose of this Agreement, and does not create and should not be construed to create any obligations that do not otherwise apply to any Party. Notwithstanding the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, each Party has the right, at its sole discretion, to modify its network (including but not limited to the right to design and deploy its own network and facilities, upgrade its network, modify its end office and tandem switching hierarchy and/or architecture, modify trunking arrangements with other carriers, install new equipment or software, maintain its network, determine and designate the tandem switch(es) which its end offices will subtend for any traffic), except that the Parties agree for the limited term during which this Agreement remains in place between and among the Parties, they will not make any such modifications which materially alter, interfere with, disrupt, or discontinue the ability of the Signatory CMRS Providers to deliver CMRS Provider Traffic to the Rural LECs via BellSouth's network. This agreement to commit to keep in place these network arrangements for the limited term of this Agreement does not affect any Party's right to modify such arrangements following the term of this Agreement.

3.04 The Parties understand and agree that this Agreement will be filed with the Commission in Docket No. 2003-00045. The Parties agree that they will support approval of this Agreement before the Commission in settlement of such Docket as it relates to the issues in this Agreement.

4.00 No Waiver

4.01 The Parties agree that this Agreement represents a voluntary arrangement and compromise between and among the Parties, including the terms and conditions for compensation, and any compensation terms hereunder should not be construed as the agreement of any Party as to the appropriateness of such level of compensation.

4.02 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create legal or regulatory requirements for the Parties that do not otherwise apply. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver by any of the Parties of any of the rights afforded, or obligations imposed, by Sections 251 or 252 of the Act. The terms of the arrangements set forth in this Agreement shall not prejudice the outcome of any subsequent interconnection negotiations or arbitrations

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between or among the Parties or any Commission arbitration.

4.03 Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude any Party from participating in any Commission proceeding or proceeding before the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") relating to any issue, including matters specifically related to the subject matter of this Agreement or from petitioning the Commission or the FCC to resolve any issue, including matters specifically related to the subject matter of this Agreement. The Parties reach this Agreement without waiving or prejudicing any positions they have taken previously, or may take in the future, in any judicial, legislative, regulatory, or other public forum addressing any matters, including matters specifically related to, or other types of arrangements prescribed in, this Agreement.

5.00 Warranties

5.01 The Parties represent and warrant that they have the sole right and exclusive authority to execute this Agreement and to make or receive payments hereunder.

5.02 The Parties represent and warrant that they have fully read and understand the terms of this Agreement, and have freely and voluntarily executed this Agreement. The Parties represent and warrant that they enter into this Agreement without reliance upon any statement, inducement, promise or representation of the other Party or anyone else not fully expressed herein.

5.03 The Parties agree that the terms and conditions set forth herein will be made available on a nondiscriminatory basis to any CMRS Provider in Kentucky that becomes similarly situated to the Signatory CMRS Providers, provided that such similarly situated CMRS Providers agree to the terms of this Agreement. BellSouth shall provide written notice to the Rural LECs at least 30 days prior to any additional CMRS Provider becoming a party to this Agreement. This Agreement will be amended to include such additional CMRS Providers.

5.04 The Parties agree that in the event that the KPSC or the FCC renders an effective decision establishing the rights and obligations of the originating, terminating and intermediary carriers, then upon request of any Party hereto, the Parties will renegotiate all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement to be consistent with all controlling laws and regulations. In the event that the Parties are unable to reach a new agreement for alternative arrangements, the affected Parties shall petition the KPSC to determine the rights and obligations of the Parties. The effective date of any new agreement will be mutually agreed by the Parties or determined by the KPSC.

6.00 Entire Agreement and Successors in Interest

6.01 This Agreement reflects the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties with respect to the scope of the subject matters addressed herein, supersedes all prior agreements, arrangements, understandings, communications, representations or warranties, both oral and written, related to the subject matter hereof, and shall be binding upon and inure to the

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benefit of the executors, administrators, personal representatives, heirs, assigns, and successors of each Party.

7.00 Severability of Provisions

7.01 The Parties agree that any provision of this Agreement, which is or becomes prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability, without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction. In the event of the prohibition or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement in any jurisdiction, the Parties agree to negotiate in good faith to revise such provision to accomplish the intent of the Parties in a manner permissible and enforceable within such jurisdiction.

8.0 Governing Law

8.01 This Agreement including all matters of construction, validity and performance shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky without giving effect to the choice of law or conflicts of law provisions thereof.

9.0 Additional Documents and Negotiations

9.01 The Parties agree to cooperate fully and execute any and all supplementary documents and to take all additional actions that may be necessary or appropriate to give full force and effect to the terms and intent of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, resolving any and all operational issues associated with the implementation of this Agreement.

9.02 Upon execution of this Agreement, the Parties agree to work cooperatively to identify and resolve any other issues associated with the delivery of traffic between the Parties that is within the scope of this Agreement.

10.0 Counterparts

10.01 This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

11.0 Dispute Resolution

11.01 Any dispute between or among any of the Parties regarding the interpretation or enforcement of this Agreement, or any of its terms and conditions, shall be addressed by good faith negotiation between and among the Parties, in the first instance. Should such negotiations fail to resolve the dispute in a reasonable time, any Party to the dispute may initiate an appropriate action at the KPSC to resolve the dispute. Pending such resolution, all the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and the Parties shall continue to perform the services described in this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties have fully executed this Agreement as of _____, 2004.

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: _____

Title: _____

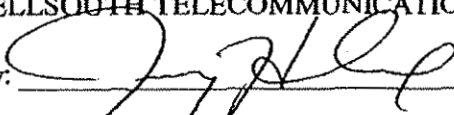
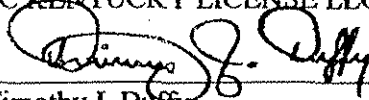

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EXHIBIT A
Signatory CMRS Providers

AMERICAN CELLULAR CORPORATION
f/k/a ACC KENTUCKY LICENSE LLC

By: 

Timothy J. Duffy

Title: Sr. Vice President & CTO

EXHIBIT A
Signatory CMRS Providers

AT&T WIRELESS PCS, LLC, on behalf of itself
and its affiliate, Tritel Communications, Inc.


By: 
Title: Director - Industry Relations

EXHIBIT A
Signatory CMRS Providers

BELLSOUTH MOBILITY LLC d/b/a CINGULAR
WIRELESS and BELLSOUTH PERSONAL
COMMUNICATIONS LLC d/b/a CINGULAR
WIRELESS

By: Michael J. VanWinkle

Title: Director - Sem- Network

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EXHIBIT A
Signatory CMRS Providers

SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P., on behalf of itself
and SprintCom, Inc., d/b/a SPRINT PCS

By: W. Richard Martin

Title: Vice President - External Affairs

EXHIBIT B

BALLARD RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORP., INC.

By: *Harold E. Tucker*

Title: *General Manager*

BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

By: _____

Title: _____

DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORP., INC.

By: _____

Title: _____

FOOTHILLS RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORP., INC.

By: _____

Title: _____

COALFIELDS TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

By: _____

Title: _____

EXHIBIT B

BALLARD RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORP., INC.

By: _____

Title: _____

BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

By: Alison Wiloughby

Title: VP Gen Mgr.

DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORP., INC.

By: _____

Title: _____

FOOTHILLS RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORP., INC.

By: _____

Title: _____

COALFIELDS TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

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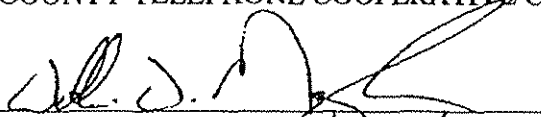
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Title: Vice President

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By: Gregory A. Dale

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MOUNTAIN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

By: _____

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Title: President & CEO _____

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THACKER-GRIGSBY TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

By: Robert C. Thacker

Title: Pres.

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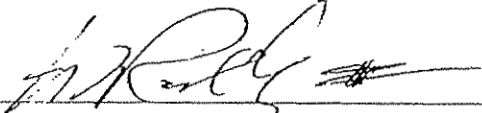
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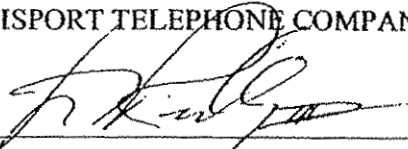
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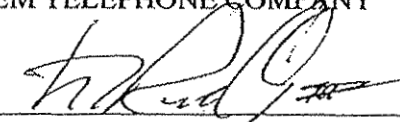
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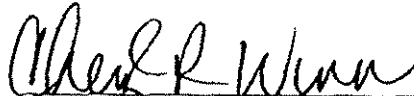
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served on the individuals on the attached Service List by mailing a copy thereof, this 23rd day of April 2004.


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VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL

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Re: Request for Interconnection Negotiations pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act and Section 3.01 of the Settlement Agreement in Kentucky Public Service Commission Case No. 2003-00045

Dear Mr. Rowland:

Effective January 1, 2006, and in accordance with Section 3.01 of the Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") dated May 1, 2004, entered into in the above-referenced docket between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., certain Kentucky Incumbent Rural Independent Telephone Companies ("ICOs") including North Central Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and certain wireless carriers including American Cellular Corporation f/k/a ACC Kentucky License LLC ("ACC"), ACC hereby requests negotiations of an interconnection agreement with North Central Telephone Cooperative, Inc. pursuant to, and consistent with, Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act").

Please note that pursuant to the Act and the Settlement Agreement, the window for initiating arbitration will open on May 16, 2006 and remain open until June 10, 2006. During this arbitration window either party may of course petition the Kentucky Public Service Commission to arbitrate all outstanding issues that remain between the parties regarding the interconnection agreement.

In order to expedite this process, I intend to send you an electronic copy of a draft interconnection agreement for your consideration within the coming weeks.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions regarding this request for interconnection.

Sincerely,



Leon M. Bloomfield

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February 24, 2006

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Kentucky Rural ILECs
(See distribution list below)

Re: Collective CMRS – Kentucky Rural ILEC Interconnection Negotiations

Dear Kentucky Rural ILECs, Ms. Lowrance, Ms. Bodamer and Mr. Selent:

This letter is being sent on behalf of the Kentucky CMRS Providers (“CMRS Providers”)¹ to Ms. Lowrance, Ms. Bodamer, Mr. Selent, and each Kentucky Rural ILEC (“the RLECs”)² that was a signatory to the Agreement entered into between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., the CMRS Providers and the RLECs in Kentucky Public Service

¹ For purposes of this letter, the Kentucky CMRS Providers include: American Cellular Corporation f/k/a ACC Kentucky License LLC (“ACC”), New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, successor to BellSouth Mobility LLC and BellSouth Personal Communications LLC and Cincinnati SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Cingular Wireless (“Cingular”), Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, GTE Wireless of the Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Kentucky RSA No. 1 Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (collectively “Verizon Wireless”), Sprint Spectrum L.P., on behalf of itself and SprintCom, Inc., d/b/a Sprint PCS (“Sprint PCS”), and T-Mobile USA, Inc. (“T-Mobile”).

² The Kentucky Rural ILEC signatories to the Agreement include: AllTel Kentucky, Inc., Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corp., Inc., Brandenburg Telephone Company, Inc., Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., Coalfields Telephone Company, Inc., Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Lewisport Telephone Company, Leslie County Telephone Company, Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., North Central Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative, Salem Telephone Company, South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc., and West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Per our understanding of Mr. Selent’s response to the BFRs, this letter is being sent only to him and not to his clients.

Kentucky Rural ILECs
Linda Lowrance
Eileen Bodamer
John Selent
February 24, 2006
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Commission Case No. 2003-00045 ("Agreement").

As you know, in accordance with Section 3.01 of the Agreement, the CMRS Providers have respectively sent a request for negotiations of an interconnection agreement ("ICA") pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act") to each RLEC with whom a given CMRS Provider does not already have an ICA. Based on the responses received, it appears that some of the RLECs have an interest and willingness to engage in collective negotiations.

Thus, the purpose of this letter is to invite all of the RLECs to engage in collective negotiations of an ICA template that could be entered into between a given CMRS Provider and a given RLEC, and filed with the Kentucky PUC. Given the nature of the anticipated issues in these negotiations and the sheer number of carriers involved, the CMRS Providers believe that consolidated negotiations would be beneficial to all interested parties and ultimately enable resolution of any issues in the most efficient and cost effective manner. As to such proposed collective negotiations, each party would certainly retain its right to either withdraw from such negotiations, or conduct separate collateral individual negotiations with any other party to the joint negotiations.

Also, please find enclosed for your review and consideration an electronic copy of the CMRS Providers' proposed ICA template for discussion purposes.

Given the relatively short time frame we are all working with, please let us know as soon as possible, and if at all possible by March 10, 2006, if you are amenable to consolidated negotiations and, if so, proposed dates for an initial telephone call to start the negotiation process.

Sincerely,

Leon M. Bloomfield

On behalf of the
Kentucky CMRS Providers

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**INTERCONNECTION
AND RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT**

This Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement (“Agreement”) is effective on _____, by and between _____, (hereinafter “ILEC”), and _____, (hereinafter “CMRS Carrier”). ILEC and CMRS Carrier are referred herein collectively as “Parties” and individually as “Party.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, ILEC is a local exchange carrier in the State of Kentucky; and,

WHEREAS, CMRS Carrier is a commercial mobile radio service carrier licensed to operate in the MTAs that encompass the State of Kentucky; and,

WHEREAS, ILEC and CMRS Carrier desire to interconnect their networks pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the “Act”) for the purpose of exchanging Traffic between the Parties’ customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

**SECTION I
SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall cover Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation arrangements between the Parties’ respective networks in Kentucky.

**SECTION II
DEFINITIONS**

Any term used in this Agreement that is not specifically defined herein will have the definitions assigned to it (if any) in the Act. Any term used in this Agreement that is not defined herein or in the Act will be interpreted in light of its ordinary meaning and usage, including any special or technical meaning or usage which such term may have within the telecommunications industry.

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this Section:

“Act” means the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*), as amended, and as from time to time interpreted in the duly authorized orders and regulations of the FCC.

“CMRS” or “Commercial Mobile Radio Service” is as defined in the Act.

“Commission” means the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

“Direct Interconnection Facilities” means dedicated transport facilities installed between a CMRS Carrier Mobile Switching Center (“MSC”) and an ILEC switch (e.g., tandem, host switch, and/or end office).

“FCC” means the Federal Communications Commission.

“Interconnection” is the linking of two networks for the mutual exchange of Traffic. This term does not include the Transport and Termination of Traffic.

“IntraMTA Traffic” is wireless to wireline and wireline to wireless calls which originate and terminate within the same MTA based on the location of the cell site serving the wireless subscriber at the beginning of the call and the central office for the landline end-user.

“InterMTA Traffic” is wireless to wireline and wireline to wireless calls which do not originate and terminate within the same MTA based on the location of the cell site serving the wireless subscriber at the beginning of the call and the central office for the landline end-user.

“Major Trading Area” (MTA) means a geographic area established by Rand McNally’s 1992 Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide, 123rd edition, at pages 38-39 and used by the FCC in defining CMRS license boundaries for CMRS carriers for purposes of Sections 251 and 252 of the Act.

“Reciprocal Compensation” means the arrangement between the Parties in which each Party receives compensation from the other for the Transport and Termination on each Party’s network facilities of IntraMTA Traffic that originates on the network facilities of the other Party.

“Termination” means the switching of IntraMTA Traffic at the terminating Party’s end-office switch, or equivalent facility, and the delivery of such IntraMTA Traffic to the called Party.

“Traffic” means all IntraMTA Traffic and InterMTA Traffic that originates on one Party’s network, and terminates on the other Party’s network and is otherwise exchanged pursuant to this Agreement.

“Transport” means the transmission and any necessary tandem switching by a Party of IntraMTA Traffic from the point(s) of interconnection between the Parties to the terminating Party’s end-office switch or equivalent facility that directly serves the called Party.

SECTION III INTERPRETATION AND CONSTRUCTION

The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be subject to any and all applicable laws, rules, regulations or guidelines that subsequently may be prescribed by federal or state government authority. To the extent required by any such subsequently prescribed law, rule,

regulation or guideline, the Parties agree to negotiate in good faith toward an agreement to modify, in writing, any affected term or condition of this Agreement to it into compliance with such law, rule, regulation or guideline. The headings of the Sections of this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the meaning of the Agreement.

The Parties enter into this Agreement without waiving any of their rights, remedies, or arguments, , and without prejudice to any position either may take with respect to similar future agreements between the Parties or with respect to positions they may have taken previously, or may take in the future in any legislative, regulatory or other public forum addressing any matters including matters, related to the rates to be charged for Transport and Termination of IntraMTA Traffic or the types of arrangements prescribed by this Agreement.

In the event that any effective legislative, regulatory, judicial or other legal action materially affects any material terms of this Agreement or the ability of the Parties to perform any material terms of this Agreement, either Party may, on thirty (30) days' written notice, require that such terms be renegotiated, and the Parties shall renegotiate in good faith such mutually acceptable new terms as may be required. In the event that such new terms are not renegotiated within ninety (90) days after such notice, either Party may initiate the Dispute Resolution procedure set forth herein.

SECTION IV TRAFFIC EXCHANGE AND COMPENSATION

The Parties may elect to exchange Traffic directly and/or indirectly as specified in Sections A. and B. below. The Parties agree that they shall compensate each other for the Traffic exchanged on a reciprocal and symmetrical basis at the rates specified in Appendix A.

A. Direct Interconnection

1. Upon CMRS Carrier's request, ILEC and CMRS Carrier shall interconnect their respective networks with a Direct Interconnection Facility. CMRS Carrier may purchase such facilities from a third party and/or from ILEC. The rates for facilities purchased from ILEC are specified in Appendix A. CMRS Carrier will bill ILEC for ILEC's portion of the Direct Interconnection Facility based upon the agreed to Usage Factor specified in Appendix A. Each Party shall be financially responsible for any additional costs for the origination of its traffic.
2. Notwithstanding the above, either Party may directly interconnect to the other Party with a one-way trunk at its own expense.

B. Indirect Interconnection

1. All Traffic that is not exchanged via Direct Interconnection Facilities shall be exchanged indirectly through one or more third-party networks.

2. Each Party shall be responsible for (a) all transit charges, if any, generated by calls originated on their respective networks and (b) all costs of the facilities linking its own switch(es) to the third-party transiting tandem..

C. Transit Service

1. Where a third-party carrier subtends an ILEC tandem, ILEC shall provide a transit service to CMRS Carrier which shall include performing an intermediate switching and a transport function for the exchange of traffic between CMRS Carrier and the third-party carrier subtending the ILEC tandem. CMRS Carrier shall pay for all mobile-originated traffic transited by the ILEC at the rates specified in Appendix A.
2. Absent the express written consent of the CMRS Carrier, CMRS Carrier shall not be responsible for any charges that a third-party carrier subtending the ILEC tandem may assess on the ILEC for the termination of transited mobile-originated traffic delivered pursuant to this Agreement.

- D. **Billing.** Each Party shall bill the other Party for calls which the billing Party terminates to its own customers and which were originated by the billed Party. Rates and billing procedures are set forth on the attached Appendix A, which is incorporated by reference. The billed Party shall pay the billing Party for all undisputed charges properly listed on the bill. All bills are due when rendered and considered past due forty-five (45) days after the bill date. If any undisputed amount due on a billing statement is not received on the payment due date, then the billing Party may charge, and the billed Party agrees to pay interest on the past due balance at a rate equal to one and one-half percent (1½%) per month or the maximum non-usurious rate of interest under applicable law. Late payment charges will be included on the next statement.

All bills provided pursuant to this Agreement must be submitted to the non-billing Party within one-year of the date the service was provided or any such charges will be deemed waived.

- E. **Taxes.** The Parties agree that the Party collecting revenues shall be responsible for collecting, reporting and remitting all taxes associated therewith, provided that the tax liability shall remain with the Party upon whom it is originally imposed.

SECTION V 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 VI
LIABILITY

- A. 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 to the extent of damages caused by the negligence of the indemnified Party.
- B. 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.
- C. The liability of either Party to the other Party for damages arising out of failures, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or defects occurring in the course of furnishing any services, arrangements, or facilities hereunder shall be determined in accordance with the terms of applicable tariff(s) of the Party. In the event no tariff(s) apply, the providing Party's liability shall not exceed an amount equal to the pro-rata monthly charge for the period in which such failures, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or defects occur. Recovery of said amount shall be the injured Party's sole and exclusive remedy against the providing Party for such failures, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or defects.

SECTION VII
TERM OF AGREEMENT

- A. This Agreement shall commence on the effective date stated on the first page, subject to its approval by the Commission and shall terminate two (2) years after the effective date.
- B. This Agreement shall renew automatically for successive one (1) year terms, commencing on the termination date of the initial term or latest renewal term. The automatic renewal shall take effect without notice to either Party, except that either Party may elect not to renew and terminate by giving the other Party written notice of its intention not to renew at least ninety (90) days prior to each anniversary date.
- C. Either Party may request for this Agreement to be renegotiated upon the expiration of the initial two (2) year term or upon any termination of this Agreement. Not later than forty-five (45) days from the receipt of initial request for renegotiations, the Parties shall commence negotiation, which shall be conducted in good faith. Except in cases in which this Agreement has been terminated for Default pursuant to Section VII.D., the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in force during the negotiation and up to the time that a

successor agreement is executed by the Parties and, to the extent necessary, approved by the Commission.

- D. If either Party defaults in the payment of any undisputed amount due hereunder, and such default shall continue for sixty (60) days after written notice thereof, the other Party may terminate this Agreement and services hereunder by written notice provided the other Party has provided the defaulting Party and the appropriate federal and/or state regulatory bodies with written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to terminating service and received any requisite permission from the appropriate federal and/or state regulatory body.
- E. Termination of this Agreement for any cause shall not release either party from any liability which at the time of termination had already accrued to the other Party or which thereafter accrues in any respect for any act or omission occurring prior to the termination relating to an obligation which is expressly stated in this Agreement. The Parties' obligations under this Agreement which by their nature are intended to continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

SECTION VIII DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

- A. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, will be resolved by both Parties according to the procedures set forth below.
- B. The Parties desire to resolve disputes arising out of this Agreement without litigation. Accordingly, except for action seeking a temporary restraining order or injunction related to the purposes of this Agreement, or suit to compel compliance with this dispute resolution process, the Parties agree to use the following alternative dispute resolution procedure as their sole remedy with respect to any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach.
- C. At the written request of a Party, each Party will appoint a knowledgeable, responsible representative to meet and negotiate in good faith to resolve any dispute arising under this Agreement. The Parties intend that these negotiations be conducted by non-lawyer, business representatives. The location, format, frequency, duration and conclusion of these discussions will be left to the discretion of the representatives. Prior to arbitration described below, the representatives will utilize other alternative dispute resolution procedures such as mediation to assist in the negotiations. Discussions and correspondence among the representatives for purposes of these negotiations will be treated as confidential information developed for purposes of settlement, exempt from discovery and production, which will not be admissible in the arbitration described below or in any lawsuit without the concurrence of all Parties. Documents identified in or provided with such communications, which are not

prepared for purposes of the negotiations, are not so exempted and may, if otherwise admissible, be admitted in evidence in the arbitration or lawsuit.

- D. If the negotiations do not resolve the dispute within sixty (60) days of the initial written request, then either Party may pursue any remedy available pursuant to law, equity or agency mechanism; provided that upon mutual agreement of the Parties such disputes may also be submitted to binding arbitration. Each Party will bear its own costs of these procedures. The Parties shall equally split the fees of any mutually agreed upon arbitration procedure and the associated arbitrator.
- E. The Parties shall continue providing services to each other during the pendency of any dispute resolution procedure, and the parties shall continue to perform their obligations, including making payments, in accordance with this Agreement.

SECTION IX 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 X GOVERNING LAW, FORUM, AND VENUE

To the extent not governed by the laws and regulations of the United States, this Agreement shall be governed by the laws and regulations of the State of Kentucky. Disputes arising under this Agreement, or under the use of service provided under this Agreement, shall be resolved in state or federal court in Kentucky, the Commission or the FCC.

SECTION XI FORCE MAJEURE

The Parties shall comply with any applicable orders, rules or regulations of the FCC, Commission and federal and state law during the term of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, a Party shall not be liable nor deemed to be in default for any delay or failure of performance under this Agreement resulting directly from acts of God, civil or military authority, acts of public enemy, war, hurricanes, tornadoes, storms, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods, government regulation, strikes, lockouts or other work interruptions by employees or agents not within the control of the non-performing Party.

SECTION XII 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, which modification shall become effective thirty (30) days after its execution, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties. The undersigned signatories represent they have the authority to execute this

Agreement on behalf of their respective companies. This Agreement can be executed in separate parts which together will constitute a single, integrated Agreement.

SECTION XIII
NOTICE

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

Business Name:
Mailing Address:
City/State/Zip Code:
Attention:
Contact Phone Number:

With a copy to:

Business Name:
Mailing Address:
City/State/Zip Code:
Attention:
Contact Phone Number:

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

Business Name:
Mailing Address:
City/State/Zip Code:
Attention:
Contact Phone Number:

Bills and payments shall be effective when received via fax or delivery or within three (3) business days of being sent via first class mail, whichever is sooner, in the case of CMRS Carrier to:

Business Name:
Mailing Address:
City/State/Zip Code:
Attention:
Contact Phone Number:

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

Business Name:
Mailing Address:
City/State/Zip Code:
Attention:
Contact Phone Number:

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

SECTION XIV ASSIGNABILITY

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 stock 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.

SECTION XV MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit CMRS Carrier from enlarging its CMRS network through management contracts with third parties for the construction and operation of a CMRS system under the CMRS Carrier's license. Traffic originating on such extended networks shall be treated as CMRS Carrier Traffic subject to the terms, conditions, and rates of this Agreement. Traffic traversing such extended networks shall be deemed to be and treated under this Agreement as CMRS Carrier Traffic when it originates on such extended network and terminates on ILEC's network, and as ILEC's Traffic when it originates upon ILEC's network and terminates upon such extended network. Traffic traversing on such extended networks shall be subject to the terms, conditions, and rates of this Agreement.
- B. **Dialing Parity:** Pursuant to 47 CFR section 51.207 and 47 USC section 251(b)(3), ILEC shall perform all necessary translations at its own expense to provide its end users the same dialing treatment to call a CMRS Carrier assigned NXX that its end user is provided when dialing an NXX assigned to an incumbent LEC in the same rate center as the CMRS Carrier assigned NXX regardless of whether calls are delivered directly or indirectly.
- C. **Rating:** For rating purposes, calls to an NXX assigned to CMRS Carrier shall be included in any ILEC local exchange calling service, extended area calling service, optional calling scope, or similar program regardless of whether calls are delivered directly or indirectly.

D. **Network Changes.** If a Party makes a change in the information necessary for the transmission and routing of services using that Party's network, including the policies and practices incorporated into this agreement that will materially affect the parties' *interconnection*, or any other change in its network which will materially affect the interoperability of its network with the other Party's network, the Party making the change shall publish at least ninety (90) days in advance of such change, and shall use reasonable efforts to publish at least one hundred eighty (180) days notice where practicable; provided, however, that if an earlier publication is required by the FCC's or Commission' rules, including, e.g., the Network Disclosure rules set forth in the FCC Regulations, the Party will comply with such rules.

E. *Default Routing*

1. Local Number Portability ("LNP") provides an End User with the ability to retain an existing telephone number when changing from one telecommunications carrier to another. The Parties recognize that some of the traffic to be exchanged under this Agreement may be destined for telephone numbers that have been ported.
2. 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.
3. The Parties shall provide LNP query, routing, and transport services in accordance with rules and regulations as prescribed by the FCC and the guidelines set forth by the North American Numbering Council ("NANC"). The applicable charges for LNP query, routing, and transport services on Schedule 1 shall be assessed per query performed.
4. If a Party does not fulfill its N-1 carrier responsibility, and the other Party performs queries on calls to telephone numbers with portable NXXs received from the N-1 carrier and routes the call to the appropriate switch or network in which the telephone number resides, the N-1 carrier shall be responsible for payment of charges to the other Party for any queries, routing, and transport functions the other Party performs on its behalf. In addition, the N-1 carrier shall be responsible for payment of the reciprocal compensation charges assessed by the terminating carrier and/or the transit charges assessed by a tandem provider associated with each such call.

SECTION XVI
NONDISCLOSURE OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

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 FCC and similar information (“Confidential Information”). Confidential Information shall include (i) all information delivered in written or electronic form and marked “confidential” or “proprietary” or bearing mark of similar import; or (ii) information derived by the Recipient from a Disclosing Party’s usage of the Recipient’s network including customer account data and CPNI. For purposes of this Section XVI, the Disclosing Party shall mean the owner of the Confidential Information, and the Recipient shall mean the Party to whom Confidential Information is disclosed. Information disclosed orally shall not be considered Confidential Information unless Disclosing Party advises Recipient prior to disclosure that such information is Confidential Information and such information is reduced to writing by the Disclosing Party and delivered to the Recipient within seventy-two (72) hours of disclosure. 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.

Information shall not be deemed Confidential Information and the 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 by 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 provided the Recipient shall give at least thirty (30) days notice (or such lesser time as may be sufficient based on the time of the request) to the Disclosing Party to enable the Disclosing Party to seek a protective order. Each Party agrees that the 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 XVII
COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 252(I)

In accordance with Section 252(i) of the Act, ILEC shall make available any interconnection service, or network element provided under an agreement approved under this section to which it is a party to CMRS Carrier upon the same terms and conditions as those provided in the agreement.

By: ILEC

Signature (date)

Printed name and title: _____

By: CMRS Carrier

Signature (date)

Printed name and title: _____

Signature Page dated _____, 2005 to Interconnection Agreement between ILEC and CMRS Carrier.

terminated to CMRS Carrier. This information may be used by CMRS Carrier for invoicing ILEC for terminating Traffic to CMRS Carrier.

- d) To the extent that the Parties rely on industry standard records or reports, the Parties agree to accept those reports or records as an accurate statement of Traffic exchanged between the Parties. Either Party may perform an audit of the other Party's billing information related to terminating minutes of use of the billed Party. The Parties agree that such audits shall be performed no more than one time per calendar year. Each Party shall bear its own expenses associated with such audit. The audits shall be conducted on the premises of the audited Party during normal business hours.

2. Based on Factors

- a) *Traffic Ratio*: In the event one of the Parties is unable to measure traffic pursuant to Section D.1, above, the Parties agree to the following Traffic Ratio Factors to estimate the proportion of total Traffic exchanged between the Parties' networks to be:

Mobile-to-Land	TBD%
Land-to-Mobile	TBD%

- b) To the extent a CMRS Carrier or an ILEC has, or subsequently obtains, the ability to measure terminating usage, the CMRS Carrier or ILEC may begin billing pursuant to Section D.1 above
- c) Either Party may request to revise the default percentages no more than once every six (6) months, based on the previous six (6) months average of actual usage. At the written request of either Party to revise the default percentages for reciprocal compensation, the default percentages will be adjusted based on the Parties' respective percentages of all intraMTA traffic exchanged by the Parties. Any adjustments to the default percentages that is agreed upon by the Parties or otherwise resolved pursuant to Section VIII, will be effective the next billing cycle after the receipt of the written request. In the event of a dispute regarding the adjustment, if any, to the factors, the dispute will be resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section VIII.

E. **Form of Billing:** When billing is based on Traffic factors, the CMRS Carrier may elect to use either mutual or net billing arrangements.

F. **Billing Interval:** Either Party may elect to bill on a monthly or quarterly basis. If either Party wishes to revise its billing method it may do so upon (30) thirty days' written notice to the other Party.

G. **De Minimis Exemption:** Until the total traffic exchanged between the Parties reaches 7,500 minutes each month for three consecutive months the Parties agree that the only compensation will be in the form of the reciprocal Transport and Termination service provided by the other Party, and no billings will be issued by either Party.

II. INTERMTA TRAFFIC

A. **InterMTA Factor:** The Parties agree to the following InterMTA Traffic Factor to estimate the InterMTA portion of the total traffic originated on CMRS Carrier's network and terminated on ILEC's network:

1. TBD% of terminating CMRS Carrier MOUs.
2. The TBD% interMTA factor will be paid only by the CMRS Carrier and will be split evenly (50/50) between intrastate and interstate jurisdictions (i.e., 50% will be charged at ILEC's tariffed intrastate access rates and 50% will be charged at ILEC's tariffed interstate access rates).

III. FACILITIES

A. Usage Factor

1. The Usage Factor applies to the facility charges incurred for the Direct Interconnection Facility and is based on the proportionate use of the facility by the Parties.
2. The Usage Factor will be the same as the Traffic Ratio factor in D.2.a. above, or as otherwise amended per this Agreement.

B. ILEC Leased Direct Interconnection Facilities \$TBD

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Subject: RE: Kentucky Rural ILECs and Wireless Carrier Interconnection Negotiations

Leon,

I have asked my companies about a joint negotiation as requested in your email letter of Friday the 24th. I have queried Gearheart, Foothills, North Central, Peoples Rural, Mountain Rural, and South Central regarding their interest in participating in such a group.

All of my clients (listed above) do not feel it is practical to combine all of their efforts or to work with all the CMRS providers as a group. While they are open to working together to the extent feasible with ACC (or any one CMRS provider), their issues and progress with the other carriers are too diverse to make this a practical approach. The ITCs themselves are also in differing aspects of what they need accomplished. In several instances my clients already have or feel they will soon have an agreement with some of the CMRS providers ACC proposes to include in this combined effort. Nearly all of the ITCs have an agreement with one or more CMRS carrier.

We appreciate your making this suggestion and I am reviewing your template.

As a housekeeping matter, I have corrected the email addresses for North Central and Gearheart - they were incorrect in your original email. Otherwise, I have kept all the same people on your list except for AllTel. We do not consider them an ITC in Kentucky.

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