

**AMENDMENT TO  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN  
WISCONSIN BELL, INC. d/b/a SBC WISCONSIN  
AND  
TALK AMERICA INC.**

Whereas, Wisconsin Bell, Inc.<sup>1</sup> d/b/a SBC Wisconsin ("SBC Wisconsin") and Talk America Inc. ("CLEC") (collectively, the "Parties") entered into an Agreement relating to local interconnection which became effective on April 27, 2003, ("Agreement") and which permits the Parties to mutually amend the Agreement in writing; and

Whereas, on July 9, 2003, in its UNE Compliance Order in Docket 6720-TI-161 ("WI UNE Compliance Order"), the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin ("PSCW") directed SBC Wisconsin to amend its interconnection agreements to incorporate the PSCW's determinations;

It is therefore agreed in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein that the Agreement is amended as follows:

**1. Add the following as paragraph 9.6.1 of Article IX :**

**SBC-Wisconsin** will not require the BFR process for switch features that have been activated and loaded in the switch and that have been requested or provisioned previously in a UNE switch and that have been requested or provisioned previously in a UNE environment, i.e., ordering, billing and provisioning processes have been implemented. ("Loaded" in the switch means that it is included in the software installed in the switch. "Activated" in the switch means that the licensing fees are current; that no further license, right to use, or other fee needs to be paid to, and no enabling code or other mechanism or method needs to be obtained from, a third party; and that translations and USOCs for use with ULS are in place.)

2. Delete the current UNE price schedule and replace with the attached UNE price schedule. The rates listed in the UNE price schedule shall be implemented consistent with the WI UNE Compliance Order and CLEC's underlying Agreement.

3. To the extent the underlying Agreement does not contain terms and conditions for UNE(s) listed in the UNE price schedule attached to this Amendment, this Amendment does not provide CLEC with the ability to obtain and/or order such UNE(s). Rather, CLEC must negotiate a separate amendment incorporating the appropriate terms and conditions into the underlying Agreement before ordering and/or obtaining any such UNE(s).

4. This Amendment shall not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the Agreement, but rather shall be coterminous with the underlying Agreement.

5. EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

6. In entering into this Amendment, the Parties acknowledge and agree that neither Party is waiving any of its rights, remedies or arguments with respect to any orders, decisions, legislation or proceedings and any remands thereof, including but not limited to its rights under the United States Supreme Court's opinion in *Verizon v. FCC, et al*, 535 U.S. 467 (2002); the D.C. Circuit's decision in *United States Telecom Association, et. al v. FCC*, 290 F.3d 415 (D.C. Cir. 2002) ("*USTA decision*"); the FCC's Triennial Review Order, adopted on February 20, 2003, on remand from the *USTA decision* and pursuant to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Review of Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, CC Docket No. 01-338 (FCC 01-361) (rel. Dec. 20,

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<sup>1</sup> Wisconsin Bell, Inc. ("Wisconsin Bell"), a Wisconsin corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ameritech Corporation, which owns the former Bell operating companies in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. Wisconsin Bell offers telecommunications services and operates under the names "SBC Wisconsin" and "SBC Ameritech Wisconsin", pursuant to assumed name filings with the State of Wisconsin. Ameritech Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of SBC Communications, Inc.

2001); the FCC's Order *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, 15 FCC Rcd 1760 (FCC 99-370) (rel. Nov. 24, 1999), including its Supplemental Order Clarification (FCC 00-183) (rel. June 2, 2000), in CC Docket 96-98; the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68, 16 FCC Rcd 9151 (2001), (rel. April 27, 2001) ("ISP Compensation Order"), which was remanded in *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, 288 F.3d 429 (D.C. Cir. 2002); or the Public Utilities Act of Illinois, which was amended on May 9, 2003 to add Sections 13-408 and 13-409, 220 ILCS 5/13-408 and 13-409, and enacted into law ("Illinois Law"). The Illinois Law establishes a specific method for setting certain UNE rates in Illinois, mandates that the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC") apply the method and determine the rates ("ICC Rates"), and expressly deems all interconnection agreements to be amended to contain the ICC Rates immediately upon the ICC's announcement of such adjusted rates, without further action. Rather, in entering into this Amendment, each Party fully reserves all of its rights, remedies and arguments with respect to any decisions, orders, legislation or proceedings and the Illinois Law, including but not limited to its right to dispute whether any UNEs and/or UNE combinations identified in the Agreement and this Amendment must be provided under Sections 251(c)(3) and 251(d) of the Act, and under this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement and in addition to fully reserving its other rights, Wisconsin Bell, Inc. reserves its right, to the extent Wisconsin Bell, Inc. has not already invoked the FCC ISP terminating compensation in SBC Wisconsin and incorporated the rates, terms and conditions of such plan into this Agreement, to exercise its option at any time to adopt on a date specified by Wisconsin Bell, Inc. the FCC ISP terminating compensation plan, after which date ISP-bound traffic will be subject to the FCC's prescribed terminating compensation rates, and other terms and conditions, and seek conforming modifications to this Agreement. In the event that a state or federal regulatory or legislative body or a court of competent jurisdiction, in any proceeding, finds, rules and/or otherwise orders that any of the UNEs and/or UNE combinations provided for under this Agreement and this Amendment do not meet the necessary and impair standards set forth in Section 251(d)(2) of the Act, the affected provision will be immediately invalidated, modified or stayed as required to effectuate the subject order upon written request of either Party ("Written Notice"). In addition, to the extent this Agreement is in effect in Illinois, the Parties agree that any ICC orders implementing the Illinois Law, including, without limitation, the ICC Rates, shall automatically apply to this Agreement (for the state of Illinois only) as of the effective date of any such order(s) upon Written Notice, and as soon as practical thereafter, SBC Illinois shall begin billing CLEC the ICC Rates; provided, however, the Parties acknowledge and agree that no later than sixty (60) days from the Written Notice, the Parties will execute a conforming Amendment to this Agreement so that the Agreement accurately reflects the ICC Rates and SBC Illinois will issue any adjustments, as needed, to reflect that the ICC Rates became effective between the Parties as of the effective date of the applicable ICC order(s). With respect to all other Written Notices hereunder, the Parties shall have sixty (60) days from the Written Notice to attempt to negotiate and arrive at an agreement on the appropriate conforming modifications required to the Agreement. If the Parties are unable to agree upon the conforming modifications required within sixty (60) days from the Written Notice, any disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretations of the actions required or the provisions affected by such order shall be handled under the Dispute Resolution Procedures set forth in this Agreement.

7. This Amendment shall be filed with and subject to approval by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

In Witness whereof, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed on the date shown below by their respective duly authorized representatives.

**Talk America Inc.**

**Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin by SBC Telecommunications, Inc., its authorized agent**

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: *For/* President - Industry Markets

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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