

**AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
WISCONSIN BELL, INC. d/b/a SBC WISCONSIN
AND
COMM SOUTH COMPANIES, INC.**

Whereas, Wisconsin Bell, Inc.¹ d/b/a SBC Wisconsin (“SBC Wisconsin”) and Comm South Companies, Inc. (“CLEC”) (collectively, the “Parties”) entered into an Agreement relating to local interconnection which became effective on August 31, 2002 (“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 Section 11.2.3.1 of Appendix UNE:

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 and carrying out the provisions herein, neither Party waives, but instead expressly reserves, all of its rights, remedies and arguments with respect to any orders, decisions, legislation or proceedings and any remands thereof and any other federal or state regulatory, legislative or judicial action(s), including, without limitation, its intervening law rights (including intervening law rights asserted by either Party via written notice predating this Amendment) relating to the following actions, which the Parties have not yet fully incorporated into this Agreement or which may be the subject of further government review: the United States

¹ 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.

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, released on August 21, 2003, In the Matter of Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket No. 01-338, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-98, Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability, CC Docket No. 98-147 (FCC 03-36) and the FCC's Biennial Review Proceeding which the FCC announced, in its Triennial Review Order, is scheduled to commence in 2004; the FCC's Supplemental Order Clarification (FCC 00-183) (rel. June 2, 2000), in CC Docket 96-98; and 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), and as to the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the topic of Intercarrier Compensation generally, issued In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, in CC Docket 01-92 (Order No. 01-132), on April 27, 2001 (collectively "Government Actions"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement (including, as applicable, this Amendment and any other Amendments to the Agreement ("Agreement"), in the event that any other telecommunications carrier should adopt provisions in the Agreement pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act ("Adopting CLEC") after the effective date of a particular rate change, that rate change shall only apply prospectively beginning from the date that the MFN provisions becomes effective between **SBC WISCONSIN** and the Adopting CLEC following the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin's order approving the Adopting CLECs Section 252(i) adoption or, the date such Agreement is deemed approved by operation of law ("Section 252(i) Effective Date"), and that rate change shall not apply retroactively prior to the Section 252(i) Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement (including this and any other amendments to the Agreement), **SBC WISCONSIN** shall have no obligation to provide UNEs, combinations of UNEs, combinations of UNE(s) and CLEC's own elements or UNEs in commingled arrangements beyond those required by the Act, including the lawful and effective FCC rules and associated FCC and judicial orders. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement and this Amendment and except to the extent that **SBC WISCONSIN** has adopted the FCC ISP terminating compensation plan ("FCC Plan") in an **SBC WISCONSIN** state in which this Agreement is effective, and the Parties have incorporated rates, terms and conditions associated with the FCC Plan into this Agreement, these rights also include but are not limited to **SBC WISCONSIN**'s right to exercise its option at any time to adopt on a date specified by **SBC WISCONSIN** the FCC Plan, after which date ISP-bound traffic will be subject to the FCC Plan's prescribed terminating compensation rates, and other terms and conditions, and seek conforming modifications to this Agreement. If any action by any state or federal regulatory or legislative body or court of competent jurisdiction invalidates, modifies, or stays the enforcement of laws or regulations that were the basis or rationale for any rate(s), term(s) and/or condition(s) ("Provisions") of this Amendment and/or otherwise affects the rights or obligations of either Party that are addressed by this Amendment, specifically including but not limited to those arising with respect to the Government Actions, the affected Provision(s) shall be immediately invalidated, modified or stayed consistent with the action of the regulatory or legislative body or court of competent jurisdiction upon the written request of either Party ("Written Notice"). With respect to any 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 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 interpretation of the actions required or the provisions affected by such order shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution process provided for 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.

Comm South Companies, Inc.

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

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

(Print or Type)

(Print or Type)

Title: _____

Title: *For/* President - Industry Markets

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Date: _____

Date: _____

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