

WISCONSIN NETWORK ELEMENT RATE AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

This Wisconsin Network Element Rate Order Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Amendment") is being entered into by and between Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin ("SBC Wisconsin")¹ and CMC Telecom, Inc. ("CLEC").

WHEREAS, SBC Wisconsin and CLEC are parties to an interconnection agreement that was previously submitted to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin ("PSCW" or "Commission") for approval, and may have been amended prior to this Amendment (the "Agreement");

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2003, the PSCW issued an order ("UNE Compliance Order") in Docket 6720-TI-161, that established a number of network element rates;

WHEREAS, the PSCW issued an order ("187 Order") in Docket 6720-TI-187, effective October 13, 2004, establishing new rates for unbundled network element ("UNE") loops that are included in the Agreement;

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2005, the PSCW issued an order ("Category 3 Order") in Docket 6720-TI-161, approving an IDLC conversion charge applicable to UNE loops that are included in the Agreement;

WHEREAS, provisions of the Agreement provide for the incorporation into the Agreement of new rates such as those established by the UNE Compliance Order, the 187 Order and Category 3 Order; and

WHEREAS, SBC Wisconsin and CLEC wish to ensure that their Agreement accurately reflects the network element rate changes described in these orders.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Agreement.
- 1.2 To the extent there is a conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Amendment and the provisions of the Agreement (including all incorporated or accompanying Appendices, Addenda and Exhibits to the Agreement), the provisions of this Amendment shall control and apply but only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

2. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

- 2.1 The Agreement is hereby amended by referencing and incorporating the following:
 - 2.1.1 Solely to conform the Agreement to effectuate certain rate changes established by the Commission in the UNE Compliance Order, 187 Order and Category 3 Order, the Agreement is amended to add the attached pricing schedule labeled Attachment A (which is incorporated herein).
 - 2.1.2 The new rates in Attachment A are those that shall apply as of April 1, 2005. However, the parties recognize that, in accordance with the Agreement, the Category 3 Order rates have retroactive applicability and therefore, SBC Wisconsin will perform any necessary true-up and issuing credits or bills, as appropriate. SBC Wisconsin and CLEC acknowledge that some of these rate changes may have already been incorporated into the Agreement by prior amendment; however, for purposes of completeness and convenience they are described again herein, and this Amendment shall

¹ Wisconsin Bell, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation, offers telecommunications services and operates under the names "SBC Wisconsin" and "SBC Ameritech Wisconsin", pursuant to assumed name filings with the State of Wisconsin. Wisconsin Bell, Inc. is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of SBC Communications Inc.

supercede any such prior amendment. To the extent a particular true-up has already been completed, it will not be performed again. The specific time frames² and rate elements affected are described below:

2.1.2.1 IDLC conversion charge – this charge applies to each unbundled loop with a capacity of less than DS3 level. In accordance with the Category 3 Order, the IDLC conversion charge is \$0.04 per loop per month from May 22, 2002 through December 31, 2004. Beginning January 1, 2005, CLECs have an option of selecting one of two options, as established in the Category 3 Order. CLEC elects Option 2 - a \$0.10 per loop per month charge for a maximum of fifteen (15) conversions in each twelve (12) month period beginning January 1, 2005. Under Option 2, if CLEC requires more than fifteen IDLC conversions during one of the twelve month periods, SBC Wisconsin will provide a quote for a non-recurring charge for SBC Wisconsin to perform the IDLC conversion. If, within 10 days CLEC accepts the order and agrees to pay the quoted amount, SBC Wisconsin will perform the IDLC conversion. If CLEC does not respond or cancels the order, SBC will not perform the IDLC conversion. CLEC agrees that its election of Option 2 cannot be changed during the time period established in the Category 3 Order. For administrative convenience, the IDLC conversion charge will be added to the appropriate loop rate. It will not appear as a separate rate element on bills or invoices.

2.2 This Amendment is provided as a means by which SBC Wisconsin and CLEC, which have an interconnection agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, can obtain the rights and obligations under the PSCW and FCC orders described herein. Nothing in this Amendment expands, contracts, or otherwise affects either SBC Wisconsin's or CLEC's rights or obligations under the Agreement beyond the express provisions of this Amendment.

2.3 To the extent the underlying Agreement does not contain terms and conditions for network elements classified as UNE(s) and listed in Attachment A to this Amendment, this Amendment does not provide CLEC with the ability to obtain and/or order such network elements as UNEs. 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) under this Agreement, provided, however, that nothing herein shall obligate SBC Wisconsin to negotiate and/or enter into such an amendment.

3. AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE DATE

3.1 The effective date of this Amendment shall be immediate upon approval of this Amendment by the PSCW under Section 252(e) of the Act or, absent such PSCW approval, the date this Amendment is filed under Section 252(e)(4) of the Act ("Amendment Effective Date"); provided, however, that the rates contained herein shall be applied in accordance with Section 2.1.2 of this Amendment, including any retroactivity discussed therein, and the prohibition on ordering certain elements shall be applied in accordance with Section 2.1 of this Amendment.

4. TERM OF AMENDMENT

4.1 EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED. This Amendment will become effective as of the Amendment Effective Date, and will terminate on the termination or expiration of the Agreement; provided, however, this Amendment, in whole or in part, may terminate or expire earlier pursuant to other provisions of this Amendment, including Section 6. This Amendment does not extend the term of the Agreement.

² Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement (including, as applicable, this Amendment and any other amendments to the Agreement, including the Revised Amendment, if any), in the event that any other telecommunications carrier ("Adopting CLEC") should adopt, directly or indirectly, this Amendment or provisions thereof ("MFN Provisions") pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, the rates and rate structures in Attachment A shall begin to apply prospectively from the date that the MFN Provisions become effective between SBC Wisconsin and the Adopting CLEC, following the date the PSCW approves or is deemed to have approved the Adopting CLEC's Section 252(i) adoption ("Section 252(i) Effective Date"). In no event shall an Adopting CLEC be entitled to the application of any rate or rate structures under its MFN Provisions to a date prior to its Section 252(i) Effective Date.

5. APPLICATION OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS

5.1 This Amendment is the result of the PSCW's UNE Compliance Order, 187 Order and Category 3 Order and solely addresses rates. Accordingly, no aspect of this Amendment qualifies for portability into any other state under any state or federal statute, regulation, order or legal obligation (collectively "Law"), if any. The entirety of this Amendment and its provisions are non-severable, and are "legitimately related" as that phrase has been understood under Section 252(i) of Title 47, United States Code.

6. RESERVATIONS OF RIGHTS

6.1 In entering into this Amendment, neither Party is waiving, and each Party hereby expressly reserves, any of the rights, remedies or arguments it may have at law or under the intervening law or regulatory change provisions in the underlying Agreement (including intervening law rights asserted by either Party via written notice predating this Amendment) with respect to any orders, decisions, legislation or proceedings and any remands thereof, including, without limitation, the following actions, which the Parties may have not yet fully incorporated into this Agreement or which may be the subject of further government review: *Verizon v. FCC, et. al*, 535 U.S. 467 (2002); *USTA, et. al v. FCC*, 290 F.3d 415 (D.C. Cir. 2002) and following remand and appeal, *USTA v. FCC*, 359 F.3d 554 (D.C. Cir. 2004); the FCC's Triennial Review Order (rel. Aug. 21, 2003) including, without limitation, the FCC's MDU Reconsideration Order (FCC 04-191) (rel. Aug. 9, 2004) and the FCC's Order on Reconsideration (FCC 04-248) (rel. Oct. 18, 2004); 2005 Triennial Review Remand Order; 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), which was remanded in *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, 288 F.3d 429 (D.C. Cir. 2002).

6.2 This Amendment does not in any way prohibit, limit, or otherwise affect either SBC Wisconsin or CLEC from taking any position with respect to the 187 Order or any other PSCW order or FCC Orders or any issue or subject addressed or implicated therein, or from raising and pursuing its rights and abilities with respect to the 187 Order or any other PSCW order or any issue or subject addressed or implicated therein, or any legislative, regulatory, administrative or judicial action with respect to any of the foregoing.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 On and from the Amendment Effective Date, reference to the Agreement in any notices, requests, orders, certificates and other documents shall be deemed to include this Amendment, whether or not reference is made to this Amendment, unless the context shall be otherwise specifically noted.

7.2 This Amendment constitutes the entire amendment of the Agreement and supersedes all previous proposals, both verbal and written.