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Ms. Sandra Paske
Secretary to the Commission
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
PO Box 7854
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854

Re: Application for the Approval of an Interconnection Agreement for the Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic (“Agreement”) Between Amery Telcom, Inc. and Verizon Wireless. (“VERIZON WIRELESS”).

Dear Ms. Paske:

I am filing this letter and signed Agreement electronically on behalf of Amery Telcom, Inc. (“AMERY”).

AMERY hereby requests approval pursuant to 47 USC 252, of the enclosed Interconnection Agreement for the Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic between AMERY and VERIZON WIRELESS. AMERY has been authorized by VERIZON WIRELESS to submit this Agreement to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (“PSCW”) for approval.

I hereby certify that a copy of this filing has been served on VERIZON WIRELESS via U. S. mail at the following address:

Lance D. Murphy
Verizon Wireless - MTS
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Southfield, MI 48075

If there are any questions regarding the filing of this Agreement, please contact me at 608-829-0271.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Theis President
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CC: Lance D. Murphy- Verizon Wireless - MTS
CC: Michael Jensen – Amery Telcom, Inc.

**INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSPORT
AND TERMINATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC**

This Interconnection Agreement for the Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic (“Agreement”) is effective as of the 1st of September 1, 2014 (the “Effective Date”), by and between Amery Telcom, Inc. (“AMERY”), a Wisconsin corporation with its principal office at 116 Harriman Avenue North, Amery, Wisconsin 54001 and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, on behalf of itself and its wireless affiliates operating in the State of Wisconsin from time to time (“VERIZON WIRELESS”), with its principal office at One Verizon Way, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. AMERY and VERIZON WIRELESS are referred to herein individually as “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

WHEREAS, AMERY is an Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (“ILEC”) in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, VERIZON WIRELESS is a Commercial Mobile Radio Services (“CMRS”) provider licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”); and

WHEREAS, Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the “Act”), have specific standards and procedures for Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation, and the Parties intend that this Agreement meets these standards and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to establish a Reciprocal Compensation and Interconnection arrangement consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 251 (b)(5); and

WHEREAS, the Parties are entering into this Agreement to set forth the respective obligations and the terms and conditions under which they will interconnect their networks and provide other services as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to make an agreement for the mutual Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic and Transiting Traffic, which will supersede and replace any previous arrangements between the Parties and/or their predecessors for the mutual Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic and Transiting Traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, AMERY and VERIZON WIRELESS hereby agree as follows:

1.0 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below in this Section. Any term used in this Agreement that is not specifically defined shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. If no specific meaning exists for a specific term used in this Agreement, then normal usage in the Telecommunications industry shall apply.

- 1.1** “Act” means the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and as from time-to-time interpreted in the duly authorized orders, rules and regulations of the FCC.
- 1.2** “Affiliate” is as Defined in the Act.
- 1.3** “As Defined in the Act” means as specifically defined in the Act.
- 1.4** “Applicable Law” means all laws, statutes, common law, regulations, ordinances, codes, rules, guidelines, orders, permits, and approvals of any government authority, which apply or relate to each Party’s performance of its obligations under this Agreement.
- 1.5** “Central Office Switch” means a LEC switch used to provide Telecommunications Services, including, but not limited to the following:
- (a) “End Office Switch” is a switch in which the subscriber station loops are terminated for connection to either lines or trunks. The subscriber receives terminating, switching, signaling, transmission, and related functions for a defined geographic area by means of an End Office Switch.
 - (b) “Remote End Office Switch” is a switch in which the subscriber station loops are terminated. The control equipment providing terminating, switching, signaling, transmission and related functions would reside in a Host Office Switch. Local switching capabilities may be resident in a Remote End Office Switch.
 - (c) “Host Office Switch” is a switch with centralized control over the functions of one or more Remote End Office Switches. A Host Office Switch can serve as an End Office Switch as well as providing services to other Remote End Office Switches requiring terminating, signaling, transmission, and related functions including local switching.
 - (d) “Tandem Switch” is a Class 4 switching system that connects and switches trunk circuits between and among Host Office Switch, End Office Switches, Mobile Switching Centers, and IXC networks.
- 1.6** “CLLI Codes” means Common Language Location Identifier Codes.
- 1.7** “Commercial Mobile Radio Services” or “CMRS” is as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 20.3.
- 1.8** “Commission” means the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.
- 1.9** “Common Channel Signaling” (CCS) is a high-speed specialized packet-switched communications network that is separate (out-of-band) from the public packet-switched and message networks. CCS carries addressed signaling messages for individual Trunk circuits and/or database-related services between Signaling Points in the CCS network using SS7 signaling protocol.
- 1.10** “Direct Interconnection” means a dedicated connection between the AMERY network and the VERIZON WIRELESS network.

- 1.11** “DS-1” is a Telecommunications service carried at digital signal rate of 1.544 Mbps.
- 1.12** “Effective Date” means the date contained in the first paragraph of the Agreement.
- 1.13** “End User” means a customer of AMERY or VERIZON WIRELESS. A customer of a third party wireless carrier using the VERIZON WIRELESS network to originate and/or terminate traffic shall be considered a VERIZON WIRELESS End User for purpose of this Agreement.
- 1.14** Intentionally Left Blank.
- 1.15** “FCC” means the Federal Communications Commission
- 1.16** “Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier” or “ILEC” is As Defined in the Act.
- 1.17** “Information Service” is As Defined in the Act.
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- 1.19** “Interconnection” has the meaning given the term in the Act and refers to the direct or indirect connection of separate pieces of equipment, facilities, or platforms between or within networks for the purpose of transmission and routing of Telecommunications Traffic, InterMTA Traffic, and Transiting Traffic.
- 1.20** “Interexchange Carrier” or “IXC” is a carrier that provides or carries, directly or indirectly, toll traffic, is authorized by the FCC to provide interstate long distance Telecommunications service, and is authorized by the Commission to provide long distance Telecommunications services within the State.
- 1.21** “InterMTA Traffic” is: (a) traffic originated by a CMRS End User of VERIZON WIRELESS in one MTA and terminated to an End User of AMERY in another MTA; and (b) traffic originated by an End User of AMERY in one MTA and terminated to an End User of VERIZON WIRELESS in another MTA.
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- 1.23** “Local Exchange Carrier” or “LEC” is as Defined in the Act.
- 1.24** “Local Exchange Routing Guide or “LERG” is the Telcordia Technologies reference customarily used to identify NPA-NXX routing and homing information, as well as network element and equipment designation.
- 1.25** “Location Routing Number” or “LRN” means a ten-digit number that uniquely identifies the switch associated with a telephone number that has been ported or from an NPA-NXX-X block that has been pooled. The LRN for a ported or pooled telephone number can be obtained by querying the Local Number Portability (“LNP”) Call Routing Database. The LRN can be cross-referenced in the LERG to identify the service provider for a specific telephone number.

- 1.26** “Mandatory Local Calling Scope” is an arrangement that provides LEC End Users a local calling scope and Extended Area Service (EAS) or Extended Community Calling (ECC) beyond their basic exchange service area, as provided by the Commission.
- 1.27** “Mid Span Meet” is an Interconnection architecture whereby two carriers’ transmission facilities meet at a mutually agreed upon POI.
- 1.28** “MSC” or “MTSO” means the VERIZON WIRELESS facilities and related equipment that perform the switching for the routing of calls from and among its End Users and other Telecommunications Carrier networks. The MSC is also used to connect and switch trunk circuits within the VERIZON WIRELESS network and between the VERIZON WIRELESS network and the public switched telephone network.
- 1.29** “MTA” means Major Trading Area as defined by the FCC rules, Part 24.202(a).
- 1.30** “NPA” or the “Number Plan Area” also referred to as an “area code” refers to the three digit code which precedes the NXX in a dialing sequence and identifies the general calling area within the North American Numbering Plan scope to which a call is to be routed (i.e., NPA/NXX-XXXX).
- 1.31** “NXX” means the three-digit code that appears as the first three digits of a seven-digit telephone number within a valid area code (i.e., an NXX other than a special 500, 600, 700, 800 or 900 code).
- 1.32** “NXX-X” means a block of one thousand numbers within an NXX.
- 1.33** “Party” means either AMERY or VERIZON WIRELESS, and “Parties” means AMERY and VERIZON WIRELESS.
- 1.34** “Point of Interconnection” or “POI” means the technically feasible point of demarcation where the exchange of traffic between the Parties takes place. The Point of Interconnection shall be within the AMERY exchange boundary.
- 1.35** “Rate Center” means the specific geographic point (“Vertical and Horizontal” or “V & H” coordinates) and corresponding geographic area which are associated with one or more particular NPA-NXXs which have been assigned to a Telecommunications Carrier for its provision of Telecommunications services.
- 1.36** “Reciprocal Compensation” means an arrangement for recovering, in accordance with Section 251(b)(5) of the Act, the ICC Order, and applicable FCC rules, costs incurred for the transport and termination of IntraMTA Traffic.
- 1.37** “Signaling System 7” or “SS7” is the signaling protocol of the CCS network based upon American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards.
- 1.38** “Telecommunications” is As Defined in the Act.

1.39 “Telecommunications Carrier” is As Defined in the Act.

1.40 “Telecommunications Traffic”, consistent with 47 C.F.R. § 51.701(b)(2), means two-way telecommunications between End Users of AMERY and VERIZON WIRELESS that at the beginning of the call originates and terminates within the same MTA. For the purposes of this Agreement, Telecommunications Traffic does not include traffic handed off to an Interexchange Carrier by either Party.

1.41 “Termination” means the switching of Telecommunications Traffic at the terminating carrier’s End Office Switch, MSC, or equivalent facility, and delivery of such traffic to the called Party’s End User.

1.42 “Transiting Traffic” means traffic that originates on one Party’s network, is delivered to a third party service provider substantially unchanged, and terminates to the other Party’s network, or when AMERY provides tandem switching for traffic between VERIZON WIRELESS and a non-AMERY End Office Switch, MSC or comparable facility subtending the AMERY Tandem Switch.

1.43 “Transport” is the transmission and any necessary tandem switching of Telecommunications Traffic from the Point of Interconnection between the Parties to the terminating carrier’s End Office Switch, MSC, or equivalent facility.

1.44 “Trunk” means a single transmission channel providing a direct physical and functional Interconnection between two switching centers.

1.45 “Type 2 Service” often referred to as a Trunk Side connection is a service that involves interconnection to an End Office Switch (Type-2B) or Tandem Switch (Type-2A).

2.0 INTERPRETATION AND CONSTRUCTION

2.1 All references to Sections and Appendices are references to Sections of and Appendices to this Agreement unless the context shall otherwise require. The headings of the Sections are inserted for the convenience of references only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the meaning of this Agreement.

2.2 The Parties acknowledge that some of the services, facilities or arrangements described herein reference the terms of applicable tariffs of the Parties. Each Party hereby incorporates by reference those provisions of any tariff that governs any terms specified in this Agreement. If any provision contained in this main body of the Agreement and any Appendix hereto cannot be reasonably construed or interpreted to avoid conflict, the provision contained in this main body of this Agreement shall prevail. If any provisions of this Agreement and an applicable tariff cannot be reasonably construed or interpreted to avoid conflict, the Parties agree that the provision contained in this Agreement including Appendices shall prevail. This Agreement, including Appendices, supersedes any prior agreements between the Parties.

3.0 SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- 3.1** This Agreement shall cover the Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic and Transiting Traffic subject to the provisions of this Section 3 and Section 4 below between AMERY's network in Wisconsin and the CMRS network of VERIZON WIRELESS, in MTA No. 12 (Minneapolis).
- 3.2** This Agreement shall also cover InterMTA Traffic exchanged between the Parties as described in Section 5.2 below.
- 3.3** This Agreement does not obligate either Party to provide arrangements not specifically provided for herein.
- 3.4** This Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions, and rates under which the Parties agree to interconnect the CMRS network of VERIZON WIRELESS in MTA No. 12 (Minneapolis) and the network of AMERY for purposes of exchanging Telecommunications Traffic, provided that the service provided by VERIZON WIRELESS to its End User is CMRS. Traffic associated with paging service is specifically excluded from this Agreement.
- 3.5** VERIZON WIRELESS represents that it is a CMRS provider of Telecommunications services to subscribers in Wisconsin, and serves End Users with an Operating Company Number (OCN) of 6508 in the State of Wisconsin.
- 3.6** AMERY represents that it is an ILEC provider of Telecommunications services to subscribers in Wisconsin, and serves End Users with an Operating Company Number (OCN) of 0842.
- 3.7** This Agreement does not cover traffic handed off to and compensated by an Interexchange Carrier by either of the Parties.
- 3.8** This Agreement provides for the Transport and Termination of traffic including:
- 3.8.1** VERIZON WIRELESS to AMERY Telecommunications Traffic and InterMTA Traffic that is:
- a. originated on the CMRS network of VERIZON WIRELESS;
 - b. delivered to the AMERY network by way of a third party Tandem Switch service provider or over the Interconnection facilities, as provided in Appendix A, pursuant to this Agreement; and
 - c. terminated on the ILEC network of AMERY.
- 3.8.2** VERIZON WIRELESS to AMERY InterMTA and Transiting Traffic that is:
- a. originated on the CMRS network of VERIZON WIRELESS;

- b. delivered to the AMERY network by way of a third party Tandem Switch service provider or over the Interconnection facilities, as provided in Appendix A, pursuant to this Agreement; and
- c. terminated to a third party network, listed in Appendix C.

3.8.3 AMERY to VERIZON WIRELESS Telecommunications Traffic and InterMTA Traffic that is:

- a. originated on the ILEC network of AMERY by a AMERY End User;
- b. delivered to VERIZON WIRELESS network by way of a third party Tandem Switch service provider or over the Interconnection facilities, as provided in Appendix A, pursuant to this Agreement; and
- c. terminated on the CMRS network of VERIZON WIRELESS.

3.8.4 AMERY to VERIZON WIRELESS Transiting Traffic that is:

- a. originated on a third party network listed in Appendix C
- b. delivered to VERIZON WIRELESS network by way of a third party Tandem Switch service provider or over the Interconnection facilities, as provided in Appendix A, pursuant to this Agreement; and
- c. terminated on the CMRS network of VERIZON WIRELESS.

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3.9 VERIZON WIRELESS does not currently provide non-CMRS services in the AMERY exchange boundaries. VERIZON WIRELESS agrees that it will provide AMERY prior written notice of its intent to launch non-CMRS services in AMERY exchange boundaries. Upon AMERY receipt of such notice, the Parties agree to negotiate an appropriate agreement or an amendment to this Agreement, which will address the exchange of such traffic. In the event that the Parties cannot reach an agreement on the amendment, the dispute will be resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 14.0.

3.10 This Agreement has no effect on the definition of End User services that either Party offers to its End Users, the services either Party chooses to offer to its respective End Users, the rate levels or rate structures that either Party charges its End Users for services, or the manner in which either Party provisions or terminates the services either Party provides to its respective End Users.

4.0 INTERCONNECTION METHODS AND FACILITIES

4.1 Description of Arrangements. This Agreement provides for the Interconnection arrangements for Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic, InterMTA Traffic, and Transiting Traffic between the networks of AMERY and VERIZON WIRELESS specified in this Section 4. Routing of traffic shall be as

described in this Section 4, except that, alternatives may be employed in the event of emergency or temporary equipment failure, as mutually agreed by the Parties.

4.1.1 The Parties agree to establish Points of Interconnection as described in Appendix A for the direct and indirect exchange of Telecommunications Traffic, InterMTA Traffic and Transiting Traffic between their respective networks.

4.2 Direct Interconnection Type-2A (“Type-2A”). A Type-2A provides Trunk-side connections to the AMERY Amery, Wisconsin Tandem Switch (“AMERY Tandem Switch”). Type-2A is a two-way service for exchanging traffic between the Parties’ respective networks.

4.2.1 Type-2As may be used by VERIZON WIRELESS to deliver Telecommunications Traffic and InterMTA Traffic to AMERY’s NPA-NXXs, NPA-NXX-Xs, and LRNs as identified in the LERG and Transiting Traffic to third party networks which are associated with End Office Switches that interconnect at the AMERY Tandem Switch. The subject third party networks are identified in Appendix C and their associated NPA-NXXs, NPA-NXX-Xs, and LRNs are identified in the LERG.

4.2.2 Type-2As may be used by AMERY to deliver Telecommunication Traffic and InterMTA Traffic, as provided in Section 3.8.3, and Transiting Traffic, as provided in Section 3.8.4 to VERIZON WIRELESS NPA-NXXs, NPA-NXX-Xs, and LRNs as identified in the LERG. AMERY will not send traffic to VERIZON WIRELESS for VERIZON WIRELESS to transit to a third party.

4.2.3 The Parties currently have a final Type-2A between the AMERY Tandem Switch and the VERIZON WIRELESS Appleton, Wisconsin MSC (“Existing Type-2A”). The Point of Interconnection for the Existing Type-2A is provided in Appendix A Section I(b). AMERY may deliver Telecommunications Traffic, InterMTA Traffic and Transiting Traffic across the Existing Type-2A to VERIZON WIRELESS NPA-NXXs, NPA-NXX-Xs, and LRNs that are associated with the VERIZON WIRELESS Appleton, Wisconsin MSC as identified in the LERG.

4.2.4 Within ninety (90) days after the date of the last signature on this Agreement, VERIZON WIRELESS shall establish an additional Type-2A between the AMERY Tandem Switch and the VERIZON WIRELESS Golden Valley, Minnesota MSC (“Additional Type-2A”). The Point of Interconnection for the Additional Type-2A is provided in Appendix A Section I(d). AMERY may deliver Telecommunications Traffic, InterMTA Traffic and Transiting Traffic across the Additional Type-2A to VERIZON WIRELESS NPA-NXXs, NPA-NXX-Xs, and LRNs that are associated with the VERIZON WIRELESS Golden Valley, Minnesota MSC as identified in the LERG.

4.2.5 Delivery of Traffic. Except to the extent precluded by nondiscrimination and/or dialing parity principles, or as otherwise noted above, the designation of Rate Center V&H coordinates for the NPA-NXX's of the telephone numbers assigned to VERIZON WIRELESS's End Users shall not affect or determine: (i) the services offered by AMERY or VERIZON WIRELESS, (ii) the services provided to End Users by either Party; (iii) the rate structure applied to services provided to End Users by either Party; or (iv) the rates charged to End Users by either Party for the services either Party provides to its End Users. The designation of Rate Center V&H coordinates for the NPA-NXX's of the telephone numbers assigned to CMRS End Users shall not create legal or regulatory obligations for either Party that do not otherwise exist. AMERY will provide dialing parity to VERIZON WIRELESS's NPA-NXXs and NPA-NXX-Xs in AMERY's Mandatory Local Calling Scope, in accordance with the requirements of Section 251(b)(3) of the Act.

Calls originating on AMERY's network and delivered to VERIZON WIRELESS's network will be rated by AMERY in the same way as other calls delivered to networks maintained by other landline carriers with NPA-NXXs in the same Rate Centers.

4.2.6 Each Party will perform LNP database queries on its originated traffic prior to routing any of its originated traffic over the Type-2As, and will only route traffic over the Type-2As to the extent the LRN returned from such queries belongs to the other Party or, in the case of traffic originated by VERIZON WIRELESS, to third party networks which are associated with End Office Switches, MSCs, or other comparable facilities that interconnect at the AMERY Tandem Switch as identified in the LERG.

4.3 Direct Interconnection Type-2B ("Type-2B"). A Type-2B provides Trunk-side connections to AMERY End Office Switches. Type-2B Trunk groups may be provisioned by VERIZON WIRELESS from its MSCs with the Point of Interconnection designated, as provided in Appendix A Section I(c).

4.3.1 Landline to Wireless

4.3.1.1 AMERY may deliver across a Type-2B Telecommunications Traffic, and InterMTA Traffic that originates on its network by an AMERY End User to VERIZON WIRELESS NPA-NXXs, NPA-NXX-Xs, and LRNs associated with the VERIZON WIRELESS MSC connected to the Type-2B as identified in the LERG.

4.3.2 Wireless to Landline:

4.3.2.1 VERIZON WIRELESS may deliver across a Type-2B Telecommunications Traffic and InterMTA Traffic that originates on its network by a VERIZON WIRELESS End User to AMERY NPA-NXXs, NPA-NXX-Xs, and LRNs

associated with the AMERY End Office Switch as identified in the LERG.

- 4.3.3** Delivery of Traffic. Except to the extent precluded by nondiscrimination and/or dialing parity principles, or as otherwise noted above, the designation of Rate Center V&H coordinates for the NPA-NXX's of the telephone numbers assigned to VERIZON WIRELESS's End Users shall not affect or determine: (i) the services offered by AMERY or VERIZON WIRELESS, (ii) the services provided to End Users by either Party; (iii) the rate structure applied to services provided to End Users by either Party; or (iv) the rates charged to End Users by either Party for the services either Party provides to its End Users. The designation of Rate Center V&H coordinates for the NPA-NXX's of the telephone numbers assigned to CMRS End Users shall not create legal or regulatory obligations for either Party that do not otherwise exist. AMERY will provide dialing parity to VERIZON WIRELESS's NPA-NXXs and NPA-NXX-Xs in AMERY's Mandatory Local Calling Scope, in accordance with the requirements of Section 251(b)(3) of the Act.

Calls originating on AMERY's network and delivered to VERIZON WIRELESS's network will be rated by AMERY in the same way as other calls delivered to networks maintained by other landline carriers with NPA-NXXs in the same Rate Centers.

- 4.3.4** Each Party will perform LNP database queries on its originated traffic prior to routing any of its originated traffic over Type 2-Bs and will only route traffic over the Type 2-Bs to the extent the LRN returned from such queries belongs to the other Party.

4.4 Indirect Interconnection: To the extent that either Party and a third party provider enter into or may enter into arrangements for the delivery of Telecommunications Traffic, InterMTA Traffic and Transiting Traffic to or from AMERY or a third party network as provided in Appendix C, each will accept this traffic subject to the compensation arrangements as provided in Appendix B.

4.4.1 Landline to Wireless:

Telecommunications Traffic and InterMTA Traffic originated on the AMERY network and Transiting Traffic originated on a third party network identified in Appendix C may be routed to the VERIZON WIRELESS network via a third party Tandem Switch provider for termination to VERIZON WIRELESS.

4.4.2 Wireless to Landline:

Telecommunications Traffic, InterMTA Traffic, and Transiting Traffic originated on VERIZON WIRELESS's network may be routed from the VERIZON WIRELESS network via a third party Tandem Switch

provider for termination by AMERY to its End Users, or a third party network identified in Appendix C, as appropriate.

4.4.3 Delivery of Traffic:

Except to the extent precluded by nondiscrimination and/or dialing parity principles, or as otherwise noted above, the designation of Rate Center V&H coordinates for the NPA-NXX's of the telephone numbers assigned to VERIZON WIRELESS's End Users shall not affect or determine: (i) the services offered by AMERY or VERIZON WIRELESS; (ii) the services provided to End Users by either Party; (iii) the rate structure applied to services provided to End Users by either Party; or (iv) the rates charged to End Users by either Party for the services either Party provides to its End Users. The designation of Rate Center V&H coordinates for the NPA-NXXs of the telephone numbers assigned to CMRS End Users shall not create legal or regulatory obligations for either Party that do not otherwise exist. AMERY will provide dialing parity to VERIZON WIRELESS's NPA-NXXs and NPA-NXX-Xs in AMERY's Mandatory Local Calling Scope, in accordance with the requirements of Section 251 (b)(3) of the Act.

Calls originating on AMERY's network and delivered to VERIZON WIRELESS's network will be rated by AMERY in the same way as other calls delivered to networks maintained by other landline carriers with NPA-NXXs in the same Rate Centers.

4.4.4 Neither Party shall deliver traffic destined to terminate at the other Party's End Office Switch or MSC via another LEC's End Office Switch.

4.5 The Parties shall jointly engineer and configure Trunks over the physical Interconnection facilities as described in Appendix A.I. as follows:

4.5.1 The Parties may configure a Type-2B Trunk group as a two-way Direct Interconnection transmission path between the Parties networks, as provided above in Section 4.3.

4.5.2 If the traffic volumes between a VERIZON WIRELESS MSC and AMERY exchanged over indirect Interconnection as described in Section 4.4 meet the centum call seconds equivalent of one DS-1 (i.e. 500 busy hour centum call seconds or 240,000 minutes per month), for three consecutive months, the Parties shall within sixty (60) days meet to review the establishment of additional Direct Interconnection Trunks.

4.5.3 VERIZON WIRELESS shall provision any additional Trunks as provided in Section 4.5.2 consistent with industry standards. Neither

Party can require the other Party to establish unnecessary Trunks.

4.5.4 The network switches of both Parties involved in the provision of Telecommunications Traffic shall be managed in accordance with the applicable industry/Telcordia standards.

4.5.5 Based on the physical architecture and compensation arrangements that are set forth in this Agreement, each Party shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining facilities and logical Trunking on its side of the POI to provide for the Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic and InterMTA Traffic consistent with this Agreement.

4.6 Common Channel Signaling

4.6.1 Service Description. The Parties will provide Common Channel Signaling (CCS) to one another via Signaling System 7 (SS7) network Interconnection, in accordance with prevailing industry standards. Use of a third party provider of SS7 trunks is permitted.

4.6.2 Signaling Parameters. SS7 signaling parameters will be provided in conjunction with traffic exchange Trunk groups, where and as available. These parameters include Automatic Number Identification (ANI), Calling Party Number (CPN), Privacy Indicator, calling party category information, originating line information, such as Carrier Information Parameter (CIP), wherever such information is needed for call routing, recording, or billing.

4.6.3 Signaling (CCS/SS7) shall be the signaling of choice for interconnecting Trunks, where it is technically feasible for both Parties. Use of a third Party provider of SS7 trunks for connecting VERIZON WIRELESS to the AMERY SS7 systems is permitted. Such connections shall meet generally accepted industry technical standards. Each Party shall utilize SS7 (including but not limited to links, point codes, and messaging) at its own cost for all interchanged traffic irrespective of interconnection methodology.

4.6.4 911/E911. Each Party shall be responsible for its own independent connections to the 911/E911 network.

5.0 COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS

5.1 Telecommunications Traffic

5.1.1 Reciprocal Compensation is applicable for Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic as defined in Section 1.40 and is related to the exchange of traffic described in Section 4.0, as applicable. For the purposes of billing compensation (if any) for Telecommunications Traffic, billable minutes will be based upon

actual usage recorded, with the exception of indirect traffic described in Section 4.4, where records/reports provided by the third party provider shall be the basis for billing if actual usage records are not available. In the event that VERIZON WIRELESS cannot measure actual usage or does not receive records/reports from the third party provider then VERIZON WIRELESS may utilize AMERY's bill and apply the Billing Factors set forth in Appendix B to create a bill to AMERY. Measured usage begins when the terminating recording switch receives answer supervision from the called End User and ends when the terminating recording switch receives or sends disconnect (release message) supervision, whichever occurs first. The measured usage is aggregated at the end of the measurement cycle and rounded to a whole minute. Any billing for Telecommunications Traffic shall be based on the aggregated measured usage less InterMTA traffic as described in Section 5.2, and Transiting Traffic as described in Section 5.3.

- 5.1.2** Subject to the exceptions described in Sections 5.2 below, each Party shall pay the other Party for Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic that either Party delivers to the other Party's network pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement. The charges and rates for Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic shall be at the rates set forth in Appendix B of this Agreement. These charges and rates do not apply to any other types of traffic.

5.2 InterMTA Traffic.

- 5.2.1** The Parties intend to utilize actual and auditable measurement to identify the quantity of all Telecommunications Traffic pursuant to this Agreement. In the event there is insufficient representative and verifiable data to identify the actual InterMTA Traffic exchanged between the Parties to use in preparation of the monthly billing statement, the Parties agree to apply the InterMTA Traffic Factors as stated in Appendix B Section IV. The Parties agree that the InterMTA Traffic Factors may not be amended for a period of time not less than (12) twelve months from the Effective Date of this Agreement. At the request of either Party thereafter, the InterMTA Traffic Factors may be adjusted as mutually agreed to by the Parties. The Parties will provide supporting documentation, including but not limited to, detailed traffic studies and other network information to the other Party upon which to base new InterMTA Traffic Factors. In the event of a dispute regarding negotiations of the adjustment, if any, to the InterMTA Traffic Factors, the dispute will be resolved as provided in Section 14.0. Each Party agrees to provide available traffic data in conjunction with any negotiations of the adjustment.
- 5.2.2** Parties agree that compensation for InterMTA Traffic pursuant to Section 1.21 and 5.2.1 of this Agreement is subject to Switched Access

Compensation. VERIZON WIRELESS shall compensate AMERY at the InterMTA Rate as provided in Appendix B Section IV(c).

5.3 Transiting Traffic.

- 5.3.1 Verizon Wireless is responsible for Transiting Traffic Charges, as provided in Appendix B Section III, for all Verizon Wireless End User traffic transiting the AMERY Tandem Switch and originated by or terminated to the third party network listed on Appendix C excluding traffic handed off to an IXC. For purpose of billing compensation for such Transiting Traffic, all minutes will be based upon actual usage recorded.
- 5.3.2 AMERY does not assume responsibility for any termination compensation to a third party which terminates Transiting Traffic from VERIZON WIRELESS's End Users.

5.4 Neither Party will provide any compensation to the other Party for traffic associated with one-way paging services or video services.

5.5 True up. Both Parties agree that all amounts billed for traffic prior to the Effective Date are final. These payments, together with the mutual promises of the Parties herein, shall constitute full consideration for any claims either Party may have against the other Party on account of traffic exchanged between them prior to the Effective Date.

5.6 Interconnection Facilities.

- 5.6.1 VERIZON WIRELESS shall maintain the final Type-2A Interconnection facilities between the AMERY Tandem Switch in Amery, Wisconsin, and the VERIZON WIRELESS MSCs, as provided in Appendix A Sections I (b) and I (d). Any nonrecurring and recurring monthly costs of the two-way Type-2A Interconnection facilities between the POI and the VERIZON WIRELESS MSC will be the responsibility of VERIZON WIRELESS. Any non-recurring and recurring monthly costs of the two-way Type-2A Interconnection facilities between the AMERY Tandem Switch in Amery, Wisconsin, and the POI will be the responsibility of AMERY.
- 5.6.2 VERIZON WIRELESS may provision Type-2B Interconnection facilities, as provided in Appendix A Section I (c), between an AMERY End Office switch in Wisconsin and a VERIZON WIRELESS MSC. Any nonrecurring and recurring cost of the two-way Type-2B Interconnection facilities between the POI and the VERIZON WIRELESS MSC will be the responsibility of VERIZON WIRELESS. Any non-recurring and recurring monthly costs of the two-way Type-2B Interconnection facilities between the AMERY End Office Switch in Wisconsin and the POI will be the responsibility of AMERY.

6.0 NOTICE OF CHANGES

6.1 If a Party makes a change in its network which it believes will materially affect the interoperability of its network with the other Party, the Party making the change shall provide at least ninety (90) days advance written notice of such change to the other Party.

7.0 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

7.1 The Parties shall jointly develop a schedule for promptly implementing all requirements of this Agreement (“Implementation Schedule”). Both AMERY and VERIZON WIRELESS shall use commercially reasonable efforts to comply with the Implementation Schedule.

7.2 The Parties shall exchange good faith, non-binding technical descriptions and forecasts of their originating traffic in sufficient detail necessary to establish the interconnections required to assure traffic Termination.

7.3 Prior to requesting additional Trunks to the two-way direct Type-2A or Type-2B Interconnection facilities as provided in Section 4.2, Section 4.3 and Section 4.5.2, each Party will provide to the other Party a six (6) month, non-binding forecast of its Trunking requirements. Additional forecasting of Trunking requirements will be provided by VERIZON WIRELESS to AMERY as mutually agreed to by the Parties. The Parties agree that each forecast provided under this Section shall be deemed “Proprietary Information”.

7.4 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, each Party is individually responsible for (i) providing facilities within its network which are necessary for routing, transporting, measuring and billing traffic from the other Party’s network (ii) delivering such traffic to the other Party’s network in a mutually acceptable format and (iii) terminating the traffic it receives in that mutually acceptable format to its End User or, in the case of AMERY, to a third party network identified in Appendix C. Each Party is solely responsible for its participation in and compliance with national network plans, including The National Network Security Plan and The Emergency Preparedness Plan.

7.5 Neither Party shall use any of the services provided in this Agreement in any manner that prevents other persons from using their service or destroys the normal quality of service to other carriers or to either Party’s End Users, and subject to notice and a reasonable opportunity of the offending Party to cure any violation, either Party may discontinue or refuse service if the other Party violates this provision.

7.6 The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment of one Party connected with the circuits, facilities or equipment of the other Party shall not be allowed to interfere with or impair service over any circuits, facilities or equipment of the other Party, its Affiliate companies, or its connecting and concurring carriers involved in its services; or cause damage to the other Party’s circuits, facilities or equipment, impair the privacy of any communications carried over the circuits, facilities or equipment or create hazards to the employees of the other Party, its Affiliate companies, or its connecting and concurring carriers or the public.

- 7.7** If such characteristics or methods of operation are not in accordance with the preceding paragraph, either Party will notify the other Party that temporary discontinuance of the circuit, facility or equipment may be required; however, when prior notice is not practicable, either Party may forthwith temporarily discontinue the use of a circuit, facility or equipment if such action is reasonable under the circumstance. In such case of temporary discontinuance, either Party will notify the other Party immediately by telephone and provide the other Party with the opportunity to correct the condition that gave rise to the temporary discontinuance. No allowance for interruption will be applicable.
- 7.8** The exchange of traffic may be temporarily discontinued by a Party upon approval from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin for repeated or willful violation of or refusal to comply with any of the provisions of this Agreement by such other Party.
- 7.9** Each Party is solely responsible for the services it provides to its customers and to other Telecommunications Carriers.
- 7.10** Each Party is responsible for administering NPA-NXXs and NPA-NXX-Xs assigned to it.
- 7.11** Each Party is responsible for obtaining LERG listings of Common Language Location Identifier (CLLI) codes assigned to its switches.
- 7.12** Each Party shall be responsible for its own independent connections to the 911/E911 network.
- 7.13** Each Party shall use the LERG published by Telcordia, or its successor, for obtaining route information and shall provide all required information to Telcordia for maintaining the LERG in a timely manner.
- 7.14** Each Party shall program and routinely update its Tandem Switch, End Office Switches, MSC and network systems to recognize and route traffic to NPA-NXXs, NPA-NXX-Xs, and LRNs assigned to the other Party. Except as mutually agreed or as otherwise expressly defined in this Agreement, neither Party shall impose any fees or charges on the other Party for such activities.

8.0 EFFECTIVE DATE, TERM, AND TERMINATION

8.1 The initial term of this Agreement is from the Effective Date through August 31, 2016 and shall then automatically renew on a month to month basis. The Agreement may be terminated by either Party at the end of the initial term or any renewal term by providing written notice of termination to the other Party one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the end of the initial term or any renewal term. In the event such notice of termination is provided and either Party requests in good faith to renegotiate a successor agreement under the provisions of the Act, this Agreement shall remain in effect (i) until this Agreement has been replaced by a new agreement or (ii) for up to one hundred eighty (180) calendar days following the date of termination, whichever is earlier.

8.2 Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement in accordance with this Section:

- (a) each Party shall comply immediately with its obligations as set forth above in Section 8.1.
- (b) each Party shall promptly pay all undisputed amounts (including any late payment charges) owed under this Agreement.
- (c) each Party's indemnification obligations shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

8.3 The arrangements pursuant to this Agreement including the provision of services or facilities shall immediately terminate upon the suspension, revocation or termination of either Party's authority to provide services. For AMERY, authority involves the provision of Telecommunications services as certificated by the Commission. For VERIZON WIRELESS, authority involves the provision of CMRS under license from the Federal Communications Commission.

8.4 The services and facilities arrangements pursuant to this Agreement may be terminated by either Party upon not less than thirty (30) days written notice to the nonpaying Party for failure to pay undisputed amounts on the dates or at the times specified for the facilities and services furnished pursuant to this Agreement, and the nonpaying Party does not pay undisputed amounts within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the written notice thereof.

8.5 A Party may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part in the event of a default by the other Party provided however, that the non-defaulting Party notifies the defaulting Party in writing of the alleged default and the defaulting Party does not cure the default within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of written notice thereof. Default is defined to include:

- a) A Party's insolvency or the initiation of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings by or against the Party; or
- b) A Party's refusal or failure in any material respect properly to perform its obligations under this Agreement, or the violation of any of the material terms and conditions of this Agreement.

9.0 CANCELLATION CHARGES

9.1 Except as provided herein, no cancellation charges shall apply.

10.0 INDEMNIFICATION

10.1 General Indemnity Rights. Each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") will defend and indemnify the other Party, its officers, directors, employees and permitted assignees (collectively, the "Indemnified Party") and hold such Indemnified Party harmless against:

- 10.1.1** Any loss to a third person arising out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct ("Fault") of such Indemnifying Party or the Fault of its employees, agents and subcontractors; provided however, that (1) with respect to

employees or agents of the Indemnifying Party, such Fault occurs while performing within the scope of their employment, (2) with respect to subcontractors of the Indemnifying Party, such Fault occurs in the course of the subcontractor performing duties under its subcontract with the Indemnifying Party, and (3) with respect to the Fault of employees or agents of such subcontractor, such Fault occurs while performing within the scope of their employment by the subcontractor with respect to such duties of the subcontractor under the subcontract; and

10.1.2 Any claims for libel, slander, infringement of copyright, or other intellectual property rights, arising from the material transmitted over the Indemnified Party's facilities arising from the Indemnifying Party's own communications or the communications of such Indemnifying Party's End Users; and

10.1.3 Any claims for infringement of patents arising from combining the Indemnified Party's facilities or services with, or the using of the Indemnified Party's services or facilities in connection with, facilities of the Indemnifying Party, provided such combining of facilities or services is permitted by this Agreement.

10.2 Indemnification Procedures. Whenever a claim for indemnification arises under this Section, the relevant Indemnified Party, as appropriate, will promptly notify the Indemnifying Party and request the Indemnifying Party to defend the claim. Failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party will not relieve the Indemnifying Party of any liability that the Indemnifying Party might have, except to the extent that such failure prejudices the Indemnifying Party's ability to defend such claim or loss. The Indemnifying Party will have the right to defend against such liability or assertion in which event the Indemnifying Party will give written notice to the Indemnified Party of acceptance of the defense of such claim or loss and the identity of counsel selected by the Indemnifying Party. Until the Indemnifying Party provides such written notice of acceptance of the defense of such claim or loss, the Indemnified Party will defend such claim or loss, at the expense of the Indemnifying Party, subject to any right of the Indemnifying Party to seek reimbursement for the costs of such defense in the event that it is determined that Indemnifying Party had no obligation to indemnify the Indemnified Party for such claim or loss. The Indemnifying Party will have exclusive right to control and conduct the defense and settlement of any claims or losses for which it has given notice of acceptance of the duty to defend, subject to consultation with the Indemnified Party. The Indemnifying Party will not be liable for any settlement by the Indemnified Party unless such Indemnifying Party has approved such settlement in advance and agrees to be bound by the agreement incorporating such settlement. An Indemnified Party will have the right to refuse a compromise or settlement and, at such refusing Party's cost, to take over such defense; provided that in such event the Indemnifying Party will not be responsible for, nor will it be obligated to indemnify the Indemnified Party against, any cost or liability in excess of such refused compromise or settlement. With respect to any defense accepted by the Indemnifying Party, the relevant Indemnified Party will be entitled to participate with the Indemnifying Party in such defense if the claim or loss requests equitable relief or other relief that could affect the rights of the Indemnified Party and also will be entitled to employ separate counsel for such defense at such Indemnified Party's expense. If the Indemnifying Party does not accept the defense of any indemnified claim or loss as

provided above, the Indemnified Party will have the right to employ counsel for such defense at the expense of the Indemnifying Party. Each Party agrees to cooperate and to cause its employees and agents to cooperate with the other Party in the defense of any such claim or loss, and the relevant records of each Party will be made available to the other Party with respect to any such defense.

11.0 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 11.1 Limited Responsibility.** Each Party shall be responsible only for service(s) and facility(ies) that are provided by that Party, its authorized agents, subcontractors, or others retained by such Party, and neither Party shall bear any responsibility for the services and facilities provided by the other Party, its Affiliates, agents, subcontractors, or other persons retained by such Parties. No Party shall be liable for any act or omission of another Telecommunications Carrier (other than an Affiliate) providing a portion of a service.
- 11.2 Apportionment of Fault.** In the case of any loss arising from the negligence or willful misconduct, each Party shall bear, and its obligation shall be limited to, that portion of the resulting loss caused by its negligence or misconduct or the negligence or misconduct of such Party's Affiliates, agents, or contractors.
- 11.3 Limitation of Damages.** In no event will either Party have any liability whatsoever to the other Party for any indirect, special, consequential, incidental or punitive damages, including loss of anticipated profits or revenue in connection with or arising from anything said, omitted or done hereunder (collectively, "Consequential Damages"), even if the other Party has been advised of the possibility of such damages. Except to the extent of a Party's willful misconduct or gross negligence, in no event, will either Party's liability to the other Party be greater than six (6) months of payments made to the other Party under this Agreement from the date such claim is first made.
- 11.4 Force Majeure.** Neither Party shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Agreement from any cause beyond its control and without its fault or negligence including, without limitation, acts of nature, acts of civil or military authority, government regulations, embargoes, epidemics, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, floods, work stoppages, equipment failures, power failures, volcanic action, other major environmental disturbances, unusually severe weather conditions, inability to secure products or services of other persons or transportation facilities or acts or omissions of transportation carriers (individually or collectively a "Force Majeure Event").
- 11.4.1** If a Force Majeure Event should occur, the Party affected shall give prompt notice to the other Party of such Force Majeure Event specifying the nature, date of inception and expected duration of such Force Majeure Event, whereupon such obligation or performance shall be suspended to the extent such Party is affected by such Force Majeure Event during the continuance thereof or be excused from such performance depending on the nature, severity and duration of such Force Majeure Event (and the other Party shall likewise be excused from performance of its obligations to the extent such Party's obligations are dependent upon the performance so interfered with). In the event of such delay, the delayed Party shall perform its obligation at a

performance level no less than that which it uses for its own operations. In the event of such performance delay or failure the delayed Party agrees to resume performance in a nondiscriminatory manner and not favor its own provision of Telecommunications Services above that of the affected Party. The affected Party shall use its reasonable efforts to avoid or remove the cause of nonperformance and the Parties shall give like notice and proceed to perform with dispatch once the causes are removed or cease. Notwithstanding the preceding, no delay or other failure to perform shall be excused pursuant to this Section: (i) by the acts or omissions of a Party's subcontractors, suppliers or other third persons providing products or services to such Party unless such acts or omissions are themselves the product of a Force Majeure Event, and unless such delay or failure and the consequences thereof are beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Party claiming excusable delay or other failure to perform, or (ii) if such Party fails to implement any steps taken to mitigate the effects of a Force Majeure Event (e.g. disaster recovery plans) in a nondiscriminatory manner during the period performance is impaired.

12.0 DISCLAIMER OF REPRESENTATION AND WARRANTIES

EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, NO PARTY MAKES OR RECEIVES ANY WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICES, FUNCTIONS AND PRODUCTS IT PROVIDES OR IS CONTEMPLATED TO PROVIDE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND THE PARTIES DISCLAIM THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND/OR OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. ADDITIONALLY, NEITHER PARTY ASSUMES ANY RESPONSIBILITY WITH REGARD TO THE CORRECTNESS OF DATA OR INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE OTHER PARTY WHEN THIS DATA OR INFORMATION IS ACCESSED AND USED BY A THIRD-PARTY.

13.0 REGULATORY APPROVAL

13.1 Commission Approval. The Parties understand and agree that this Agreement will be filed with the Commission and may thereafter be filed with the FCC. VERIZON WIRELESS authorizes AMERY to file a copy of the Agreement with the Commission on VERIZON WIRELESS's behalf. Each Party covenants and agrees to fully support approval without modification of this Agreement by the Commission or the FCC under Section 252 of the Act. If the Commission or the FCC rejects any portion of this Agreement, the Parties agree to meet and negotiate in good faith to arrive at a mutually acceptable modification of the rejected portion of the Agreement; provided that such rejected portion shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement. The Parties acknowledge that nothing in this Agreement shall limit a Party's ability, independent of such Party's agreement to support and participate in the approval of this Agreement, to assert public policy issues relating to the Act.

13.2 Regulatory Changes. If any final and nonappealable legislative, regulatory, judicial or other legal action materially affects the ability of a Party to perform any material obligation under this Agreement, a Party may, on thirty (30) days written notice (delivered

not later than thirty (30) days following the date on which such action has become legally binding and has otherwise become final and unappealable) to the other Party require that the affected provision(s) be renegotiated and the Parties shall renegotiate in good faith such mutually acceptable new provision(s) as may be required; provided that such affected provisions shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement. If such provisions are not renegotiated within thirty (30) days after such notice, either Party may petition for arbitration pursuant to §252 of the Act.

13.3 Amendment or Other Changes to the Act: Reservation of Rights. The Parties acknowledge that the respective rights and obligations of each Party as set forth in this Agreement are based on the text of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the FCC and the Commission as of the Effective Date. In the event of any amendment of the Act, or any final and nonappealable legislative, regulatory, judicial order, rule or regulation or other legal action that revises or reverses the Act, the FCC's First Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 95-185 or any applicable Commission order purporting to apply the provisions of the Act occurring after the Effective Date (individually and collectively, an "Amendment to the Act"), either Party may by providing written notice to the other Party require that the affected provisions be renegotiated and amended accordingly to reflect the terms and conditions of each such Amendment to the Act relating to any of the provisions in this Agreement. If such Amendment to the Act affects any pricing, rates or charges of the services provided under this Agreement, the Parties agree to mutually negotiate such prices, rates or charges for the service. If such new provisions are not renegotiated within thirty (30) days after such notice, either Party may petition for arbitration pursuant to §252 of the Act. Except as otherwise provided for in this Section 13.3 and Section 14.0, neither Party waives any rights it might have under the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the FCC and/or the Commission.

14.0 DISPUTE ESCALATION AND RESOLUTION

14.1 Procedures. Unless, otherwise provided herein, any dispute, controversy or claim (individually and collectively, a "Dispute") arising under this Agreement shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 14.0. In the event of a dispute between the Parties relating to this Agreement and upon the written request of either Party, each of the Parties shall within five (5) business days from the written request appoint a designated representative who has the authority to settle the Dispute. The designated representatives shall meet as often as they reasonably deem necessary in order to discuss the Dispute and negotiate in good faith in an effort to resolve such Dispute. The specific format for such discussions will be left to the discretion of the designated representatives; however, all reasonable requests for relevant information made by one Party to the other Party shall be honored. If the Parties are unable to resolve issues related to a Dispute within ninety (90) days after the Parties' appointment of designated representatives as set forth above, a Party may (i) bring an action in an appropriate Federal district court, (ii) file a complaint with the FCC pursuant to Section 207 or 208 of the Act, (iii) seek a declaratory ruling from the FCC, (iv) file a complaint in accordance with the rules, guidelines and regulations of the Commission or (v) seek other relief under Applicable Law.

14.2 Billing and Payment; Disputed Amounts

- 14.2.1** AMERY and VERIZON WIRELESS shall invoice each other on a monthly basis. Both AMERY and VERIZON WIRELESS shall pay undisputed amounts on any invoice, in immediately available U.S. funds, within forty-five (45) days from the date of the invoice. There shall be no netting of the amounts due hereunder against any other amount owed by either Party to the other Party.
- 14.2.2** Neither Party will bill the other Party for previously unbilled charges for Services provided more than one year prior to the current billing date.
- 14.2.3** AMERY shall compensate VERIZON WIRELESS for Telecommunications Traffic, subject to Reciprocal Compensation, as provided in Section 5.1, that is delivered by AMERY to VERIZON WIRELESS for termination to VERIZON WIRELESS's End Users as prescribed and at the rates and factors as provided in Appendix B. VERIZON WIRELESS will compensate AMERY for Telecommunications Traffic, subject to Reciprocal Compensation, as provided in Section 5.1, that is delivered to AMERY for termination to AMERY's End Users, as prescribed and at the rates and factors provided in Appendix B, and for traffic not subject to Reciprocal Compensation exchanged between VERIZON WIRELESS and AMERY, as prescribed and at the rates provided in Section 5.3 for Transiting Traffic and Section 5.2 for InterMTA Traffic. VERIZON WIRELESS will compensate AMERY for any Interconnection facilities provided by AMERY as prescribed in Section 5.6 and rates as provided in Appendix B.
- 14.2.4** VERIZON WIRELESS shall prepare a monthly billing statement to AMERY, reflecting the calculation of Reciprocal Compensation as provided in Section 5.1 due VERIZON WIRELESS. AMERY shall prepare a monthly billing statement to VERIZON WIRELESS which will reflect the calculation of Reciprocal Compensation, as provided in Section 5.1, Interconnection facilities as provided in Section 5.6, Transiting Traffic charges as provided in Section 5.3, and InterMTA Traffic Compensation as provided in Section 5.2 due AMERY.
- 14.2.5** If any portion of an amount due to a Party (the "Billing Party") under this Agreement is subject to a bona fide dispute between the Parties, the Party billed (the "Non Paying Party") shall within sixty (60) days of its receipt of the invoice containing such disputed amount give notice to the Billing Party of the amount it disputes ("Disputed Amount") and include in such notice the specific details and reasons for disputing each item. The Non-Paying Party shall pay when due all undisputed amounts to the Billing Party.
- 14.2.6** If the Parties are unable to resolve the issues related to the Disputed Amounts in the normal course of business within ninety (90) days after the delivery to the Billing Party of the notice of the Disputed Amounts, then either Party may implement the procedures as provided in Section 14.1.

14.2.7 The Parties agree that all negotiations pursuant to this subsection 14.2 shall remain confidential and shall be treated as compromise and settlement negotiations for purposes of the Federal Rules of Evidence and state rules of evidence.

14.2.8 Any undisputed amounts not paid when due shall 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.

14.3 Auditing Procedures

14.3.1 Upon thirty (30) days written notice, each Party must provide the other Party the ability and opportunity to conduct an annual audit to ensure the proper billing of traffic between the Parties. The audit shall be accomplished during normal business hours, at an office designated by the Party being audited. Audits may be performed by an independent third party paid for by the Party requesting the Audit. Audit requests shall not be submitted more frequently than one (1) time per calendar year.

14.3.2 Each Party may request copies of the relevant billing records thereof provided that the requested records do not exceed 12 months in age from the date the monthly bill containing said record information was issued.

14.3.3 All information provided to the requesting Party under section 14.3.2 shall be treated as Confidential Information as provided in Section 15.4.

15.0 MISCELLANEOUS

15.1 Authorization

15.1.1 AMERY is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin and have full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder, subject to necessary regulatory approval.

15.1.2 Cellco Partnership is a general partnership duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, is validly registered to do business in the State of Wisconsin and has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder, subject to necessary regulatory approval.

15.2 Compliance. Each Party shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations or orders applicable to its performance under this Agreement.

15.3 Independent Contractors. Neither this Agreement, nor any actions taken by AMERY or VERIZON WIRELESS in compliance with this Agreement, shall be deemed to create an agency or joint venture relationship. Neither this Agreement, nor any actions taken by AMERY or VERIZON WIRELESS in compliance with this Agreement, shall

create a contractual, agency or any other type of relationship or third party liability between AMERY and End Users or others.

15.4 Confidentiality

15.4.1 Any information such as specifications, drawings, sketches, business information, forecasts, models, samples, data, computer programs and other software and documentation of one Party (a Disclosing Party) that is furnished or made available or otherwise disclosed to the other Party or any of its employees, contractors, agents (its “Representatives” and with a Party, a “Receiving Party”) pursuant to this Agreement (“Proprietary Information”) shall be deemed the property of the Disclosing Party. Proprietary Information, if written, shall be marked “Confidential” or “Proprietary” or by other similar notice, and, if oral or visual, shall be confirmed in writing as confidential by the Disclosing Party to the Receiving Party within ten (10) days after disclosure. Unless Proprietary Information was previously known by the Receiving Party free of any obligation to keep it confidential, or has been or is subsequently made public by an act not attributable to the Receiving Party, or is explicitly agreed in writing not to be regarded as confidential, it (i) shall be held in confidence by each Receiving Party; (ii) shall be disclosed to only those persons who have need for it in connection with the provision of services required to fulfill this Agreement and shall be used only for such purposes; and (iii) may be used for other purposes only upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed to in advance of use in writing by the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, a Receiving Party shall be entitled to disclose or provide Proprietary Information as required by any governmental authority or applicable law only in accordance with Section 15.4.2 of this Agreement.

15.4.2 If any Receiving Party is required by any governmental authority or by Applicable Law to disclose any Proprietary Information, then such Receiving Party shall provide the Disclosing Party with written notice of such requirement as soon as possible and prior to such disclosure, were allowed by law. The Disclosing Party may seek appropriate protective relief from all or part of such requirement or if it fails to successfully do so, the Receiving Party may comply with the requirement. The Receiving Party shall not interfere with the Disclosing Party’s efforts to obtain any protective relief, which such Disclosing Party chooses to obtain.

15.4.3 In the event of the expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever, each Party shall return to the other Party or destroy all Proprietary Information and other documents, work papers and other material (including all copies thereof) obtained from the other Party in connection with this Agreement and shall use all reasonable efforts, including instructing its employees and others who have had access to such information, to keep confidential and not to use any such information, unless such information is now, or is hereafter disclosed, through no act, omission or fault of such Party, in any manner making it available to the general public. Proprietary

Information required to be returned, does not include invoices or supporting detail related to charges for exchange of traffic.

- 15.5** Governing Law. For all claims under this Agreement that are based upon issues within the jurisdiction (primary or otherwise) of the FCC, the exclusive jurisdiction and remedy for all such claims shall be as provided for by the FCC and the Act. For all claims under this Agreement that are based upon issues within the jurisdiction (primary or otherwise) of the Commission, the exclusive jurisdiction for all such claims shall be with the Commission. In all other respects, this Agreement shall be governed by the domestic laws of the State of Wisconsin without reference to conflict of law provisions. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be subject to any and all Applicable Laws, rules, regulations or guidelines that subsequently may be adopted by any federal, state, or local government authority. Any modifications to this Agreement occasioned by such change shall be effected through good faith negotiations.
- 15.6** Taxes. Each Party purchasing services hereunder shall pay or otherwise be responsible for all federal, state, or local sales, property, use, excise, gross receipts, transaction or similar taxes, fees or surcharges levied against or upon such purchasing Party (or the providing Party when such providing Party is permitted to pass along to the purchasing Party such taxes, fees or surcharges), except for any tax on either Party's corporate existence, status or income. Whenever possible, these amounts shall be billed as a separate item on the invoice. To the extent a sale is claimed to be for resale tax exemption, the purchasing Party shall furnish the providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate as authorized or required by statute or regulation by the jurisdiction providing said resale tax exemption. Failure to timely provide said resale tax exemption certificate within forty-five (45) days upon written request by AMERY to VERIZON WIRELESS will result in no exemption being available to the purchasing Party.
- 15.7** Assignment. Neither Party may assign or transfer (whether by operation of law or otherwise) this Agreement (or any rights or obligations hereunder) to a third party without notice within 30 days to of the other Party which consent will not be unreasonably withheld; provided that either Party may assign this Agreement to a corporate Affiliate or an entity under its common control or an entity acquiring all or substantially all of its assets or equity by providing prior written notice to the other Party of such assignment or transfer. Any attempted assignment or transfer that is not permitted is void ab initio. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties' respective successors and assigns.
- 15.8** Non-Waiver. Failure of either Party to insist on performance of any term or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or privilege hereunder shall not be construed as a continuing or future waiver of such term, condition, right or privilege. AMERY certifies it is a Rural Telephone Company and is entitled to all rights afforded Rural Telephone Companies under the Act including, but not limited to, exemptions, suspensions, and modifications under 47 U.S.C. § 251(f). This Agreement does not affect, and AMERY does not waive, any rights including, but not limited to, the rights afforded AMERY under 47 U.S.C. § 251(f). Similarly this Agreement does not affect,

and VERIZON WIRELESS does not concede or waive its right to challenge any aspect of the prior two sentences.

- 15.9 Notices.** Notices given by one Party to the other Party under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be (i) delivered personally, (ii) delivered by express delivery service, (iii) mailed, certified mail or first class U.S. mail postage prepaid, return receipt requested or (iv) delivered by telecopy to the following addresses of the Parties:

Contract Notices:

To: VERIZON WIRELESS
Network Interconnection
1120 Sanctuary Parkway
Alpharetta, GA 30009

With a copy to:
Deputy General Counsel
Verizon Global Wholesale
1320 North Courthouse Road, 9th Floor
Arlington, VA 22201

To: AMERY	
Michael D. Jensen	Scott Jensen
President and General Manager	Assistant Manager
Amery Telcom, Inc.	Amery Telcom, Inc.
116 Harriman Avenue North	116 Harriman Avenue North
Amery, WI 54001	Amery, WI 54001
Phone: 715-268-7101	Phone: 715-268-7101
Fax: 715-268-9194	Fax: 715-268-9194

With a copy to:
Michael L. Theis
Theis Communications Consulting, LLC.
7633 Ganser Way Suite 202
Madison, WI 53719-2092
Phone: 608-829-0271
Fax: 608-829-1754

Billing Notices:

To: VERIZON WIRELESS
Attn: Network Dir Tel
10740 Nall Ave, Suite 400, Overland Park, KS 66211

To: AMERY
Scott Jensen
Assistant Manager
Amery Telcom, Inc.
116 Harriman Avenue North

Amery, WI 54001
Phone: 715-268-7101
Fax: 715-268-9194

or to such other address as either Party shall designate by proper notice. Notices will be deemed given as of the earlier of (i) the date of actual receipt, (ii) the next business day when notice is sent via express mail or personal delivery, (iii) three (3) days after mailing in the case of first class or certified U.S. mail or (iv) on the date set forth on the confirmation in the case of telecopy.

15.10 Trouble Reporting

15.10.1 In order to facilitate trouble reporting and to coordinate the repair of Direct Interconnection facilities, trunks, and other interconnection arrangements provided by the Parties under this Agreement, each Party has established contact(s) available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, at telephone numbers to be provided by the Parties. Each Party shall call the other at these respective telephone numbers to report trouble with connection facilities, trunks, and other interconnection arrangements, to inquire as to the status of trouble ticket numbers in progress, and to escalate trouble resolution.

24 Hour Network Management Contact:

For AMERY:

Contact Number: (715) 268-7100

For VERIZON WIRELESS:

Contact Number: (800) 852-2671

15.10.2 Before either Party reports a trouble condition, it must first use its reasonable efforts to isolate the trouble to the other Party's facilities, services and arrangement. Each Party will advise the other of any critical nature of the inoperative facilities, service, and arrangements and any need for expedited clearance of trouble. In cases where a Party has indicated the essential or critical need for restoration of the facilities, services or arrangements, the other Party shall use its best efforts to expedite the clearance of trouble.

15.11 Publicity and Use of Trademarks or Service Marks. Neither Party nor its subcontractors or agents shall use the other Party's trademarks, service marks, logos or other proprietary trade dress in any advertising, press releases, publicity matters or other promotional materials without the other Party's prior written consent.

15.12 Compliance with Law. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring or permitting either Party to violate any requirement of Applicable Law.

15.13 Joint Work Product. This Agreement is the joint work product of the Parties and has been negotiated by the Parties and shall be fairly interpreted in accordance with its terms. In the event of any ambiguities, no inferences shall be drawn against either Party.

- 15.14** No Third Party Beneficiaries: Disclaimer of Agency. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties and their permitted assigns, and nothing herein expressed or implied shall create or be construed to create any third-party beneficiary rights hereunder. Except for provisions herein expressly authorizing a Party to act for another, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a Party as a legal representative or agent of the other Party, nor shall a Party have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind, express or implied, against or in the name of or on behalf of the other Party unless otherwise expressly permitted by such other Party. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no Party undertakes to perform any obligation of the other Party, whether regulatory or contractual, or to assume any responsibility for the management of the other Party's business.
- 15.15** No License. No license under patents, copyrights, or any other intellectual property right (other than the limited license to use consistent with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Agreement) is granted by either Party or shall be implied or arise by estoppel with respect to any transactions contemplated under this Agreement.
- 15.16** Technology Upgrades. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit either Party's ability to upgrade its network through the incorporation of new equipment, new software or otherwise. Each Party shall provide the other Party written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to the incorporation of any such upgrade in its network which will materially impact service or such other period as presented by applicable FCC or Commission rule. Each Party shall be solely responsible for the cost and effort of accommodating such changes in its own network.
- 15.17** Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court or regulatory agency of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, the rest of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected unless removal of that provision results, in the opinion of either Party, in a material change to this Agreement. If a material change as described in this Section occurs as a result of action by a court or regulatory agency, as provided in Section 13.2, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith an amendment to this Agreement that provides replacement language and deletes the prohibited language.
- 15.18** Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 15.19** Entire Agreement. The terms contained in this Agreement and any Appendices, tariffs other documents or instruments referred to herein are hereby incorporated into this Agreement by reference as if set forth fully herein and, constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, superseding all prior understandings, proposals and other communications, oral or written. Neither Party shall be bound by any preprinted terms additional to or different from those in this Agreement that may appear subsequently in the other Party's form documents, purchase orders, quotations, acknowledgments, invoices or other communications. This Agreement may only be modified by a writing signed by an authorized representative of each Party.
- 15.20** Amendments. This Agreement may not be modified or amended other than by a written instrument executed by both Parties. Any amendment, modification or supplement to this

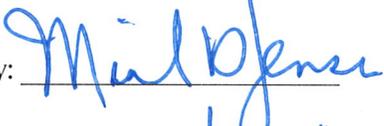
Agreement shall be filed with the Commission and approved by the Commission as may be required by Applicable Law.

16.0 MOST FAVORED NATION PROVISION.

16.1 In accordance with Section 252(i) of the Act, VERIZON WIRELESS shall be entitled to obtain from AMERY any Interconnection/Compensation arrangement provided by AMERY to any other CMRS carrier that has been filed and approved by the Commission, for services described in such agreement, on the same terms and conditions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement and its Appendices to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

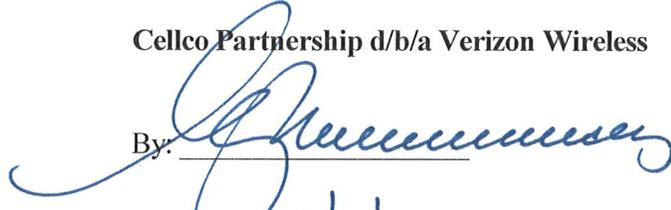
Amery Telcom, Inc.

By: 
Date: 8/15/14

Printed: Michael D. Jensen

Title: President

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

By: 
Date: 8/6/14

Printed: Lynn Ramsey

Title: Area Vice President – Network

Appendix A Interconnection Facilities

I. Interconnection Facilities

This Appendix specifies the Interconnection facilities used for the Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic, InterMTA Traffic and Transiting Traffic as specified in Section 4 and subject to the compensation as provided in Appendix B. Any terms not specified in this Agreement and related to the Interconnection facilities shall be provided at the applicable rates and terms found in the AMERY Interstate Access Tariff on file with the FCC.

- a. VERIZON WIRELESS shall arrange for and maintain as provided in Sections 4.2 and 4.3 the following final two-way Interconnection facilities between the AMERY network and the VERIZON WIRELESS Network (“Interconnection facilities”).
- b. Point of Interconnection –Existing Type-2A For the exchange of Telecommunications Traffic, InterMTA Traffic, and Transiting Traffic, across the Existing Type-2A as described in Section 4.2.3, the POI shall be at the AMERY Tandem Switch.
- c. Point of Interconnection- Type-2B For the exchange of Telecommunications Traffic and InterMTA Traffic across a Type-2B as described in Section 4.3, the POI shall be at the AMERY End Office Switch.
- d. Point of Interconnection Additional Type-2A For the exchange of Telecommunications Traffic, InterMTA Traffic and Transiting Traffic across the Additional Type-2A as described in Section 4.2.4, the POI shall be at the AMERY Tandem Switch. AMERY shall provide to VERIZON WIRELESS transport from 800 Wisconsin Street, Eau Claire, WI to the POI at the charges provided in Appendix B Section V(b).

II. Indirect Interconnection Facilities with a Third Party Tandem Provider

- a. As of the Effective Date of this Agreement, AMERY and VERIZON WIRELESS may exchange traffic indirectly utilizing the Transiting Traffic services of a third party provider, as provided in Sections 4.4 of this Agreement, subject to the compensation as provided in Appendix B.
- b. Point of Interconnection – The POI for indirect Interconnection facilities with a third party as described in Section 4.4 between AMERY and VERIZON WIRELESS shall be at the AMERY, exchange boundary, located at the V and H coordinates: V 5673 & H 4426.

Appendix B

Rates and Charges

This Appendix specifies the rates for the Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic, InterMTA Traffic and Transiting Traffic delivered by one Party to the network of the other Party and the charges for other services pursuant to the Agreement as follows:

I. Charges for Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic via Direct Interconnection.

- a. Combined Transport and Termination Rate (per terminating minute of use) \$ 0.0
- b. This rate is reciprocal and symmetrical for Telecommunications Traffic exchanged between AMERY and VERIZON WIRELESS and applies for all Telecommunications Traffic exchanged via Direct Interconnection between the Parties pursuant to Section 4.2 and Section 4.3 of this Agreement.

II. Charges for Transport and Termination of Telecommunications Traffic via Indirect Interconnection

- a. Combined Transport and Termination Rate (per terminating minute of use) \$ 0.0
- b. This rate is reciprocal and symmetrical for Telecommunications Traffic exchanged between AMERY and VERIZON WIRELESS and applies for all Telecommunications Traffic exchanged via indirect Interconnection between the Parties pursuant to Section 4.4 of this Agreement.
- c. To the extent that VERIZON WIRELESS' Point of Interconnection is located outside of AMERY's service area and that AMERY is a rate of return regulated rural local exchange carrier as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 51.5, AMERY's transport and provisioning obligation for Telecommunications Traffic stops at its service area boundary meet-point and VERIZON WIRELESS is responsible for any and all remaining transport of Telecommunications Traffic outside of AMERY's service area to the VERIZON WIRELESS Point of Interconnection, including any transport provided by a third-party mutually agreed to by the Parties. To the extent that AMERY is not a rate of return regulated rural local exchange carrier as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 51.5, AMERY's transport and provisioning obligation for Telecommunications Traffic stops at VERIZON WIRELESS' Point of Interconnection, regardless of whether VERIZON WIRELESS' Point of Interconnection is located inside or outside of AMERY's service area.

III. Transiting Traffic Charges.

- a. Transiting Traffic Rate (per minute of use) \$.0055
- b. Transiting Traffic compensation is applicable for all Transiting Traffic as provided in Section 5.3

IV. InterMTA Traffic Factors

The Parties agree to apply the appropriate InterMTA Traffic Factor to the total terminated minutes of use (Mobile-to-Land or Land-to-Mobile, as appropriate) as an estimate of the InterMTA Traffic being exchanged. The Parties have agreed upon the InterMTA Factors specified below as representative of the share of the total terminated minutes that is subject to InterMTA Rates. The InterMTA Factor will be multiplied by the total mobile-to-land terminated traffic and land to mobile originated traffic minutes recorded each month by the AMERY End Office Switches to determine those minutes to which the InterMTA Rate applies.

- a. Mobile-to-Land Traffic
 - Telecommunications Traffic 97%
 - InterMTA Traffic Factor 3%
 - Intrastate 100.0%
 - Interstate 0.0%
- b. Land-to-Mobile Traffic
 - Telecommunications Traffic 100.0%
 - InterMTA Traffic Factor 0.0%
- c. InterMTA Rate (per minute of use)
Per Applicable AMERY Switched Access Tariff

V. Charges for Interconnection Facilities

- a. Each Party shall be responsible for any charges on its side of the POI for the Interconnection facilities as described in Appendix A I.
- b. VERIZON WIRELESS shall compensate AMERY for the Type-2A Interconnection facilities as described in Section 4.2.3 and 4.2.4 with the POI as described in Appendix A Section I (b) and Appendix A Section I (d) at \$842.38 per DS-1 per month.
- c. Any other AMERY-provided facilities and services are provided at the applicable rates found in the applicable AMERY Tariff.

Appendix C

Networks with Arrangements with AMERY for Tandem Switch Service

Locality

I. Affiliated Network

None

II. Third Party Network

- A) Somerset Telephone Company, Inc.
Somerset

VERIZON WIRELESS will use commercially reasonable efforts to negotiate exchange of traffic agreements with all third party carriers included in this Appendix C, for the Termination of Telecommunications Traffic.

The third party networks listed above includes all of the Telecommunications Carriers that subtend the AMERY Tandem Switch applicable to this Agreement. When there are additions or deletions to the list above, the Parties agree to provide an updated Appendix C with the change executed by both Parties and made part of this Agreement.