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Ms. Mary Jo Kunkle
Executive Secretary
Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way
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Re: In the Matter of the Joint Request for Commission Approval of the ICC Bill and Keep Amendment to the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement between CenturyTel of Midwest-Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Sprint Spectrum L.P.
MPSC Case No. U-12727

Dear Ms. Kunkle:

Enclosed for filing is an electronic copy of the Joint Application for Approval of the ICC Bill and Keep Amendment to the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement between CenturyTel of Midwest-Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Sprint Spectrum L.P. A fully executed copy of the Amendment is attached to the Joint Application.

Sincerely,

Jason D. Topp

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Enclosures

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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JOINT APPLICATION

CenturyTel of Midwest-Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (collectively "CenturyLink") and Sprint Spectrum L.P. ("Sprint Spectrum") hereby jointly apply to the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Section 203(1) of the Michigan Telecommunications Act ("MTA"), as amended, MCL 484.2203(1), and Section 252(e)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1), for approval of the ICC Bill and Keep Amendment to the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement ("Agreement") by and between CenturyLink and Sprint Spectrum. In support of this joint application, CenturyLink and Sprint Spectrum state as follows:

1. CenturyLink is an authorized provider of telecommunications services to the public in its various exchanges and zones throughout the State of Michigan.

2. Sprint Spectrum is a provider of wireless telecommunications services and provides such service to its end user customers in the State of Michigan.

3. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Act, CenturyLink and Sprint Spectrum engaged in good faith negotiations for the ICC Bill and Keep Amendment. These negotiations resulted in a completion of the Agreement. A copy of the executed Agreement is attached to this Joint Application.

4. The Agreement meets all the requirements of the Act. Pursuant to §252(e)(1) of the Act, CenturyLink and Sprint Spectrum respectfully request expedited approval of the joint application without any public hearing or formal solicitation of comments. No hearing is required under MTA §§ 203 or 252 of the Act.

5. The joint application and the Agreement provide the Commission with sufficient information to approve the Agreement under the standards of §§ 252(e)(1) and (2) of the Act.

Wherefore, CenturyLink and Sprint Spectrum respectfully request expedited approval of the ICC Bill and Keep Amendment by and between CenturyLink and Sprint Spectrum pursuant to MTA § 203 and § 252(e)(1) of the Act.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2014.

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ICC Bill and Keep Amendment
to the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement between

CenturyTel Midwest - Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink
CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink
CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink
CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

and

Sprint Spectrum L.P.

This Amendment ("Amendment") is to the Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement between **CenturyTel of Midwest – Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink f/k/a CenturyTel of Midwest – Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink f/k/a CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink f/k/a CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc.,** and **CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink f/k/a CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc.** ("CenturyLink") and **Sprint Spectrum L.P., as agent and General Partner for WirelessCo, L.P. and as agent for SprintCom, Inc., all jointly d/b/a Sprint PCS** ("CMRS") (collectively, the "Parties")

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into an Interconnection Agreement for service in the State of Michigan in 2000 that was approved by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission in Docket No. 01-92, *In the Matter of Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, has issued orders that changed the current state of applicable law with respect to, among other things, requirements surrounding the exchange of traffic between CMRS providers and LECs ("FCC Orders" or "Orders""); and

WHEREAS, CMRS has requested to amend the Agreement based on the FCC Orders; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to amend the Agreement based on the FCC Orders with the terms and conditions contained herein.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

Amendment Terms

The Agreement is hereby amended by adding terms, conditions, and rates as set forth in this Amendment and Attachment 1, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

By signature on this Amendment, CMRS has elected to modify existing contract terms in order to implement the applicable provisions of the above mentioned FCC Orders.

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Effective Date

This Amendment shall become effective on the date of Commission approval; however, the Parties agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment effective July 1, 2012, pursuant to the FCC Order.

Further Amendments

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Except as provided in the Agreement, this Amendment may not be further amended or altered, and no waiver of any provision thereof shall be effective, except by written instrument executed by an authorized representative of both Parties.

Entire Agreement

Other than the publicly filed Agreement and its Amendments, CenturyLink and CMRS have no agreement or understanding, written or oral, relating to the terms and conditions for interconnection.

The Parties intending to be legally bound have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, which may be in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

	CenturyTel Midwest - Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink
	CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink
Sprint Spectrum L.P., as agent and General Partner for WirelessCo, L.P. and as agent for SprintCom, Inc., all jointly d/b/a Sprint PCS	**CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink**
	CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink
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Mike Bray	L. T. Christensen
Name Printed/Typed	Name Printed/Typed
VP – Roaming and Access Planning	Director – Wholesale Contracts
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Attachment 1

Notwithstanding anything set forth in the Agreement to the contrary, the following terms and provisions shall govern the exchange of Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic, as defined in the Order, between the Parties.

1. General

1.1. Bill and Keep shall mean the originating Party has no obligation to pay terminating charges to the terminating Party.

1.2. Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic shall have the meaning set forth in 47 CFR §51.701(b) that is originated or terminated as wireless traffic by CMRS's end user.

1.3. Pursuant to ¶1006 of the Order, the Parties agree that this Amendment only applies to calls that are initiated by or terminated to Sprint in its capacity as a CMRS provider. The re-origination of a call originated by a non-CMRS provider over a wireless link in the middle of the call path does not convert a wireline-originated call into a CMRS-originated call for purposes of reciprocal compensation.

1.4. All other terms not otherwise defined in this Amendment are as defined in the Agreement.

2. Intercarrier Compensation.

2.1. Bill and Keep shall apply to the exchange of Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic, solely when such traffic is originated by the end users of one party and terminates to the end users of the other Party (i.e., excludes Transit Traffic, which shall continue to be charged at the same rates in effect prior to this Amendment, irrespective of whether such rate for Transit Traffic have been expressed in terms of billing elements which are otherwise adjusted for purposes of terminating compensation, as referred to below, except the Transit Traffic rate shall no longer include the rate components, if any, that expressly reference the "appropriate interstate tariff"). This compensation arrangement shall supersede any previous usage-based terminating charges of:

2.1.1. End Office Switching, Tandem Switching and/or Common Transport charges or

2.1.2. Any "FCC Opt-In Compensation" or equivalent charges assessed in accordance with the interim rates previously prescribed pursuant to the *Order on Remand and Report and Order,* FCC 01-131, CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68, adopted April 18, 2001 and subsequent orders of the FCC.

2.2. Tandem Management.

2.2.1. When Transit Traffic originated by a rural rate-of-return LEC is routed from such LECs meet point with the CenturyLink network through a CenturyLink tandem to the Sprint Point of Interconnection on the CenturyLink network, and the rate-of-return LEC is not legally obligated to compensate CenturyLink for the Transit Service provided in transporting the traffic to Sprint as a result of paragraph 999 of the FCC Order, then Sprint upon notice from

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CenturyLink (which notice will be given within a reasonable time after CenturyLink receives notice from such Rural LEC) will either:

2.2.1.1. Establish direct interconnection with such Rural LEC; or

2.2.1.2 Pay the Transit Charges billed by CenturyLink to Sprint for such traffic, subject to the payment and billing dispute provisions of the Agreement.

2.2.2 When CenturyLink bills Sprint Transit Charges regarding a rate-of-return ILEC's originated Transit Traffic under Section 2.2.1 above, CenturyLink shall provide sufficient detail to identify the particular rate-of-return ILEC that originated the traffic, and the total volume of such traffic for the period of time being billed. CenturyLink shall cooperate in providing any information requested by Sprint, including but not limited to call detail records, necessary to verify Transit Traffic bills rendered by CenturyLink for Rural LEC originating traffic.

3. Reservation of Rights. This amendment shall remain effective as long as the Agreement remains effective between the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if as a result of any decision, order or determination of any judicial or regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof, the FCC Orders regarding the bill-and-keep arrangements for Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic within the scope of 47 C.F.R. § 51.701(b)(2) are reversed, modified or remanded, then the Parties agree to comply with all requirements of the applicable decision, order or determination. If the order vacates or declares void the portion of the FCC's November 18, 2011 order requiring bill-and-keep, then the parties agree that this amendment shall be void and of no effect prospectively. In addition, the parties will work cooperatively to implement any rulings of the court and the FCC with regard to retroactive effect of any such decision, order or determination.