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ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick Commission Secretary Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia 1333 H Street, NW, 2nd Floor, West Tower Washington, DC 20005

Re: Formal Case No. TIA 2020-XX: Interconnection Agreement Amendment between Verizon Washington, DC Inc. and US LEC of Virginia L.L.C.

Dear Ms. Westbrook-Sedgwick:

In accordance with § 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), Verizon Washington, DC Inc. ("Verizon DC") files the attached UNE/Resale Forbearance Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Verizon Washington, DC Inc. and US LEC of Virginia L.L.C.

This Amendment is being submitted to the Commission for approval. Under § 252(e)(4) of the Act, if the Commission does not act to approve or reject an amendment reached by negotiation within 90 days following the filing, the amendment shall be deemed approved. Sections 252(e)(2)(a)(i) and (a)(ii) of the Act provide that an amendment must be non-discriminatory, as well as consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Amendment fully complies with these requirements.

US LEC of Virginia L.L.C. is certified to provide telecommunications services in Washington, DC and its contact is:

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Pursuant to Chapter 1 of 15 DCMR § 147.1(c), a draft Order is being filed electronically (copy attached). If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me or Stephanie Ulrich at Stephanie.a.ulrich@verizon.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer & McClellan

Enclosures

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DRAFT ORDER

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1325 G STREET, NW, 8th FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20005

ORDER APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

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FORMAL CASE NO. TIA2020-XX IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT
APPLICATION OF VERIZON WASHINGTON, DC INC. AND US LEC OF
VIRGINIA L.L.C. FOR APPROVAL OF A UNE/RESALE FORBEARANCE
AMENDMENT UNDER SECTION 252(e) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT
OF 1996, Order No. XXX

1. By this Order, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") approves an amendment ("Amendment") between Verizon Washington, DC Inc. ("Verizon DC") and US LEC of Virginia L.L.C. ("Customer") (collectively, "the Applicants" or "parties"). This Amendment was submitted to the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 252 (e) of the Communications Act, as amended ("the Act").¹

I. BACKGROUND

2. On October 8, 2020, Verizon DC filed an application on behalf of US LEC of Virginia L.L.C. for Commission approval of a UNE/Resale Forbearance Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") between Verizon DC and US LEC of Virginia L.L.C.² The parties have negotiated the Agreement.

II. POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES

3. The Applicants acknowledge that, pursuant to Sections 252(e)(2)(A)(i) and 252 (e)(2)(A)(ii) of the Act, the Amendment must not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier and must be consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Applicants stipulate that the Amendment complies with both sections of the Act.³ Therefore, the Applicants request Commission approval of the Amendment.⁴

¹ See, 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) (1996).

² Formal Case No. TIA2020-XX, In the Matter of the Joint Application of Verizon Washington, DC Inc. and US LEC of Virginia L.L.C. for Approval of a UNE/Resale Forbearance Amendment to a Interconnection Agreement Under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Verizon DC's Application, filed October 8, 2020.

³ Application at 1.

Id.

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III. ANALYSIS AND DECISION

A. Requirements of Section 252(e)(2)(A) of the Act

4. Pursuant to Section 252(e)(2)(A) of the Act, the Commission must approve a negotiated agreement or an amendment to that agreement, if the Commission finds that it does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement and the implementation of the agreement, or its amendment, is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission, therefore, has considered and examined the Amendment in light of this statutory directive.

- 5. The Commission finds that the Amendment meets these statutory criteria. First, the Amendment does not discriminate against a carrier not a party to the agreement. The Applicants stipulate that the Amendment will be available to any other telecommunications carrier in the District. They further stipulate that other carriers "are not bound by the Amendment and remain free to negotiate independently with Verizon DC pursuant to Section 252 of [the Act]." In view of these stipulations, the Commission concludes that the Agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the Agreement and therefore, meets the requirements for approval under Section 252(e)(2)(A)(i) of the Act.
- 6. Second, the Commission finds that the implementation of the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Amendment will facilitate the development of competition in the District telecommunications market and will help to ensure that District consumers gain from any benefits that may flow from competition. The Commission, therefore, concludes that the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity, and that it meets the requirements for approval under Section 252(e)(2)(A)(ii) of the Act.

B. Future Revisions

7. The Commission directs the Applicants to comply with the procedures set forth in Sections 2600-2603.1 of the Commission's rules to obtain Commission approval of any revised agreement into which the Applicants may enter. For the foregoing reasons, the Commission approves the Amendment.

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See, 15 DCMR § 2603.1 (2001).

⁵ *Id*.

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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

8. The Application filed on October 8, 2020, is **GRANTED**, subject to the conditions and the Commission's findings set forth above. The Amendment is **APPROVED**.

A TRUE COPY: BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

CHIEF CLERK BRINDA WESTBROOK-SEDGWICK

COMMISSION SECRETARY

UNE/RESALE FORBEARANCE AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE VERIZON PARTIES AND THE WINDSTREAM PARTIES

THIS AMENDMENT (this "Amendment"), effective as of January 12, 2020 (the "Effective Date"), amends each of the Interconnection Agreements (the "Interconnection Agreements") by and between each of the Verizon incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") affiliates (individually and collectively "Verizon" or the "Verizon Parties") and each of the Windstream competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") affiliates (individually and collectively "Windstream" or the "Windstream Parties"; Verizon and Windstream are referred to herein individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties"). Attachment 1 hereto lists, to the best of the Parties' knowledge, the Interconnection Agreements in effect between the Parties as of the Effective Date (the "Agreements").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Verizon and Customer, whether as original parties or as a result of Customer's adoption of an agreement pursuant to 252(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), are Parties to Agreements under Sections 251 and 252 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2019, the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") released a Report and Order on Remand and Memorandum Opinion and Order in WC Docket Nos. 18-141 et al. (the "UNE Transport Forbearance Order"), which became effective upon release; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2019, the FCC released a Memorandum Opinion and Order in WC Docket Nos. 18-141 et al. (the "UNE Loop/Resale Forbearance Order"), which became effective upon release (the UNE Loop/Resale Forbearance Order, together with the UNE Transport Forbearance Order, the "UNE/Resale Forbearance Orders"); and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing developments, the Parties, each without waiving any rights or arguments it may have with respect to whether an amendment is required to effectuate the UNE/Resale Forbearance Orders under the existing terms of the Agreements, wish to amend the Agreements as set forth herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

- Amendment to Agreements. The Agreements are amended to incorporate the terms and conditions set forth in this Amendment, all of which shall apply to and be a part of the Agreements (hereinafter referred to as the "Amended Agreements") notwithstanding any other term or condition of the Amended Agreements, a Verizon Tariff or a Verizon Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions ("SGAT").
- 2. <u>Discontinuation of UNE Analog Loops</u>.
 - 2.1 Notwithstanding any other term or condition of the Amended Agreements or a Verizon Tariff or SGAT, and subject to the transitional provisions set forth in Subsections 2.1 and 2.2 below, Customer shall not order or obtain UNE Analog

Loops from Verizon (whether via new orders or conversions of existing special access circuits or other services), and Verizon shall not be obligated to provide UNE Analog Loops to Customer (whether via new orders or conversions of existing special access circuits or other services).

- 2.2 New purchases of UNE Analog Loops that would be precluded under Section 2.1 above, but that would otherwise be available to Customer under the Agreement, may be made for installations occurring through February 2, 2020, but may not be made for installations occurring after such date.
- 2.3 A UNE Analog Loop that Customer purchases (i.e., in-service) as of February 2, 2020 will continue to be available at the rates, terms and conditions that apply under the Agreement (including, but not limited to, any Verizon Tariff referenced therein) through August 2, 2022 ("UNE Analog Loop Transition Deadline"), unless, prior to such date, such UNE Analog Loop is discontinued by Customer or terminated by Verizon for any reason permitted under the Agreement (including, but not limited to, any Verizon Tariff referenced therein). After August 2, 2022, Verizon will no longer provide or maintain under the Amended Agreement any UNE Analog Loop that remains in service as of August 2, 2022.
- 2.4 For the avoidance of any doubt, the limitations on availability of UNE Analog Loops set forth herein apply regardless of whether the UNE Analog Loop is ordered or used as a stand-alone UNE, in combination with another UNE (e.g., as part of loop-transport combination), or commingled with a non-UNE service or other arrangement.
- 3. <u>Discontinuation of UNE DS1 and DS3 Transport Between Certain Wire Centers.</u>
 - 3.1 DS1 and DS3 UNE Triggering Endpoints.
 - 3.1.1 For purposes of this Section 3: (a) a "Tier 1" Wire Center is a Wire Center that Verizon identifies (or has identified) as such in an industry notice(s) and/or in a Verizon Tariff pursuant to FCC rules (including without limitation 47 C.F.R. § 51.319(d)(3)) in effect prior to the UNE Transport Forbearance Order; (b) a "Tier 2" Wire Center is a Wire Center that Verizon identifies (or has identified) as such in an industry notice(s) and/or in a Verizon Tariff pursuant to FCC rules (including without limitation 47 C.F.R. § 51.319(d)(3)) in effect prior to the UNE Transport Forbearance Order; (c) a "Tier 3" Wire Center is a Verizon Wire Center that Verizon has not identified as a Tier 1 or a Tier 2 Wire Center as described in (a) and (b) preceding; (d) the two Wire Centers at either end of a Dedicated Transport route are the "endpoints" of the route; (e) the "DS3 UNE Triggering Endpoint(s)" for a DS3 Dedicated Transport route are those endpoints of the route which are Tier 3 Wire Centers; and (f) the "DS1 UNE Triggering Endpoint(s)" for a DS1 Dedicated Transport route are those endpoints that are either Tier 2 or Tier 3 Wire Centers.
 - 3.1.2 Pursuant to Verizon's industry notices and/or Tariff filings pursuant to FCC rules (including without limitation 47 C.F.R. § 51.319(d)(3)) in effect prior to the UNE Transport Forbearance Order: (a) dedicated DS1 transport is available on an unbundled basis only on routes for which either endpoint is (or both endpoints are) a DS1 UNE Triggering Endpoint, and (b) dedicated DS3 transport is available on an unbundled basis only on routes for which either endpoint is (or both endpoints are) a DS3 UNE Triggering Endpoint.

- 3.2 Effect of UNE Transport Forbearance Order on DS1 and DS3 UNE Triggering
 Endpoints. To the extent UNE DS1 and DS3 Transport would otherwise be
 available under the Agreement given the limitations set forth in Section 3.1 above
 (or limitations that otherwise apply under the Agreement, Applicable Law, or an
 applicable Verizon Tariff or SGAT), such availability is subject to the further
 limitations set forth in this Section 3.2. Notwithstanding any other term or
 condition of the Amended Agreement or a Verizon Tariff or SGAT, and subject to
 the transitional provisions set forth in Subsections 3.3 and 3.4 below:
 - 3.2.1 UNE DS1 Transport. For purposes of determining whether DS1 Dedicated Transport is available on an unbundled basis under Section 3.1.2 above, a Tier 2 or Tier 3 Wire Center shall not be deemed a DS1 Triggering Endpoint if competitive fiber is present within one-half mile of that Wire Center. Thus, for example: (a) if both ends of a route were Tier 2 or 3 Wire Centers, but competitive fiber is present within one-half mile of only one of those Wire Centers, then UNE DS1 Transport would be available as a UNE on such route, and (b) if both ends of a route were Tier 2 or 3 Wire Centers, but competitive fiber is present within one-half mile of both of those Wire Centers, then UNE DS1 Transport would not be available as a UNE on such route, and (c) if one end of a route were a Tier 1 Wire Center and the other end of the route were a Tier 2 or 3 Wire Center that has competitive fiber present within one-half mile, then UNE DS1 Transport would not be available as a UNE on such route. Customer shall not order or obtain, and Verizon shall not be obligated to provide, unbundled access (whether via new orders or conversions of existing special access circuits or other services) to unbundled DS1 Dedicated Transport on a route where unbundled DS1 Dedicated Transport is not available by application of this Section 3.2.1.
 - 3.2.2 UNE DS3 Transport. For purposes of determining whether DS3 Dedicated Transport is available on an unbundled basis under Section 3.1.2 above, a Tier 3 Wire Center shall not be deemed a DS3 Triggering Endpoint if competitive fiber is present within one-half mile of that Wire Center. Thus, for example: (a) if one end of a route were a Tier 1 or 2 Wire Center, and the other end of the route were a Tier 3 Wire Center with competitive fiber located within one-half mile, then UNE DS3 Transport would not be available on such route. (b) if both ends of a route were Tier 3 Wire Centers, but competitive fiber is present within one-half mile of both of those Tier 3 Wire Centers, then UNE DS3 Transport would not be available as a UNE on such route. Customer shall not order or obtain, and Verizon shall not be obligated to provide, unbundled access (whether via new orders or conversions of existing special access circuits or other services) to unbundled DS3 Dedicated Transport on a route where unbundled DS3 Dedicated Transport is not available by application of this Section 3.2.2.
 - 3.2.3 For purposes of this section, the Wire Centers for which competitive fiber is available within one-half mile are those listed in the August 1, 2019 Public Release of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau in WC Docket 18-141 (DA 19-733) (including without limitation any subsequent modifications and supplements to such list).
- 3.3 New purchases of UNE DS1 or DS3 Dedicated Transport that would be precluded under Section 3.2 above, but that would otherwise be available to Customer under the Agreement, may be made for installations occurring through

- January 12, 2020, but may not be made for installations occurring after such date.
- 3.4 UNE DS1 or DS3 Dedicated Transport that Customer purchases (i.e., in service) as of January 12, 2020 will continue to be available at the rates, terms and conditions that apply under the Agreement (including, but not limited to, any Verizon Tariff referenced therein) through July 12, 2022 ("UNE Transport Transition Deadline" and, together with the UNE Analog Transition Deadline, the "Embedded Base Transition Deadlines"), unless, prior to such date, such UNE DS1 or DS3 Dedicated Transport is discontinued by Customer or terminated by Verizon for any reason permitted under the Agreement (including, but not limited to, any Verizon Tariff referenced therein). After July 12, 2022, Verizon will no longer provide or maintain under the Amended Agreement any such UNE DS1 or DS3 Dedicated Transport that remains in service as of July 12, 2022.
- 3.5 For the avoidance of any doubt, the limitations on availability of UNE DS1 and DS3 Dedicated Transport set forth herein apply regardless of whether the DS1 or DS3 Transport is ordered or used as a stand-alone UNE, in combination with another UNE (e.g., as part of loop-transport combination), or commingled with a non-UNE service or other arrangement.

Replacement Arrangements.

- 4.1 Where Verizon is permitted to cease providing a UNE Analog Loop, UNE DS1
 Dedicated transport, or UNE DS3 Dedicated Transport (each of the foregoing, a
 "Discontinued UNE") under the terms of the Amended Agreement (including, but
 not limited to, Sections 2 and 3 above) and Customer has not submitted a Local
 Service Request ("LSR") or Access Service Request ("ASR"), as appropriate, to
 Verizon requesting disconnection of the Discontinued UNE and has not
 separately secured from Verizon an alternative arrangement to replace the
 Discontinued UNE as of the applicable Embedded Base Transition Deadline,
 then Verizon may disconnect the subject Discontinued UNE to Customer
 immediately following or any time after the applicable Embedded Base Transition
 Deadline.
- 4.2 In lieu of disconnecting the subject Discontinued UNE in the foregoing circumstances, upon written notice to Customer, Verizon, in its sole discretion, may elect to: (a) convert the subject Discontinued UNE to an arrangement available under a Verizon access Tariff (in which case month-to-month rates shall apply unless Verizon determines that the circuit is eligible for a different plan to which your company then subscribes), a resale arrangement, or other commercial arrangement that Verizon identifies in writing to Customer, or (b) in lieu of such a conversion, reprice the subject Discontinued UNE by application of a new rate (or, in Verizon's sole discretion, by application of a surcharge to an existing rate) to be equivalent to an arrangement available under a Verizon access Tariff, a resale arrangement, or other commercial arrangement that Verizon identifies in writing to Customer (the rates, terms and conditions of such replacement arrangement that Verizon identifies under (a) or (b) preceding, the "Replacement Terms"); provided, however, that Verizon may disconnect the subject Discontinued UNE (or the replacement service to which the Discontinued UNE has been converted) if Customer fails to pay when due any applicable new rate or surcharge billed by Verizon. Without limiting Verizon's rights or Customer's obligations under this Section 4. Customer shall cooperate with Verizon in implementing the requirements of this Section 4 and shall promptly submit any LSR or ASR and take such other action that may be needed to implement such requirements.

4.3 <u>Limitation With Respect to Replacement Arrangements</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Amended Agreement, any negotiations regarding any replacement arrangement or other facility or service that Verizon is not required to provide under 47 U.S.C. § 251 and 47 C.F.R. Part 51 shall be deemed not to have been conducted pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(a)(1), or 47 C.F.R. Part 51, and shall not be subject to arbitration pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(b). Any reference in this Amendment to Verizon's provision of a facility, service, or arrangement that Verizon is not required to provide under 47 U.S.C. § 251 and 47 C.F.R. Part 51 is solely for the convenience of the Parties and shall not be construed to require or permit arbitration of any rates, terms, or conditions for such facility, service, or arrangement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(b) or other provision of Applicable Law.

5. Discontinuation of Wholesale Discount for Resold Services.

- 5.1 Notwithstanding any other term or condition of the Amended Agreement or a Verizon Tariff or SGAT, and subject to the transitional provisions set forth in Subsections 5.2 and 5.3 below, the wholesale discount for Telecommunications Services that Customer purchases for resale under 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(4) (such discount that applies under the Agreement or applicable Tariff, the "Wholesale Discount") is not available to Customer and shall hereby cease to apply except as set forth in Sections 5.2. and 5.3 below.
- 5.2 Customer's new purchases of Telecommunications Services for resale at the Wholesale Discount may be made pursuant to the Amended Agreement through February 2, 2020. After such date, any additional purchases of Telecommunications Services for resale may be made at the retail price for such Telecommunications Service as set forth in Verizon's applicable Tariffs (or, if there is no Tariff Retail Price for such Telecommunications Service, Verizon's retail price for the Telecommunications Service that is generally offered to Verizon's end user customers). Such services shall be deemed to be purchased for resale under 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(1), and all rates, terms and conditions that apply to the resale of Telecommunications Services under the Agreement, other than the Wholesale Discount, shall continue to apply to such services.
- 5.3 Any resold Telecommunications Services that Customer purchases (i.e., in service) at the Wholesale Discount as of February 2, 2020 will remain available at the Wholesale Discount through August 2, 2022 unless, prior to such date, the resold Telecommunications Service is discontinued by Customer or the Telecommunications Service is terminated by Verizon for any reason permitted under the Amended Agreement, a Verizon Tariff, or Applicable Law. After such date, any resold Telecommunications Service that has not previously been discontinued by Customer or terminated by Verizon will continue to be provided by Verizon at the retail price for such Telecommunications Service as set forth in Verizon's applicable Tariffs (or, if there is no Tariff Retail Price for such Telecommunications Service. Verizon's retail price for the Telecommunications Service that is generally offered to Verizon's end user customers). Such services shall be deemed to be purchased for resale under 47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(1), and all rates, terms and conditions that apply to the resale of Telecommunications Services under the Agreement (including without limitation any Verizon Tariff referenced therein), other than the Wholesale Discount, shall continue to apply to such services.

Miscellaneous Provisions.

- 6.1 Existing Rights and Obligations. Nothing contained in this Amendment shall be deemed: (a) to obligate Verizon to offer or provide unbundled access to Analog UNE Loops, UNE DS1 or DS3 Dedicated Transport, or any other unbundled network element (whether as a stand-alone UNE, as part of a combination, or otherwise) that was not already available to Customer under the Agreement prior to this Amendment (b) to obligate Verizon to offer or provide unbundled access at rates prescribed under Section 251(c)(3) of the Act to any facility that is or becomes a Discontinued UNE, whether as a stand-alone UNE, as part of a combination, or otherwise, (c) to obligate Verizon to apply the wholesale discount for resold services under 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(4) where such discount and associated terms and conditions are not already available under the Agreement prior to this Amendment, or (d) to limit any right of Verizon under the Agreement (independent of this Amendment), any Verizon Tariff or SGAT, or otherwise, to cease providing a Discontinued UNE, whether as a stand-alone facility, as part of a combination, or otherwise, or to cease providing the Wholesale Discount to resold services under 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(4).
- 6.2 Conflict Between this Amendment and the Agreement. This Amendment shall be deemed to revise the terms and conditions of the Agreement to the extent necessary to give effect to the terms and conditions of this Amendment. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of this Amendment and the terms and conditions of the Agreement, this Amendment shall govern; provided, however, that the fact that a term or condition appears in this Amendment but not in the Agreement, or in the Agreement but not in this Amendment, shall not be interpreted as, or deemed grounds for finding, a conflict for purposes of this_Section 6.2.
- 6.3 <u>Capitalization</u>. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings set forth in the Amended Agreement.
- 6.4 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 6.5 <u>Captions</u>. The Parties acknowledge that the captions in this Amendment have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and in no way define or limit the scope or substance of any term or condition of this Amendment.
- Scope of Amendment. This Amendment shall amend, modify and revise the Agreement only to the extent set forth expressly in this Amendment and, except to the extent expressly set forth in this Amendment, the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect after the Amendment Effective Date. For the avoidance of any doubt, nothing in this Amendment shall be deemed to amend or extend the term of the Amended Agreement, or to affect the right of a Party to exercise any right of termination it may have under the Amended Agreement.
- 6.7 <u>Joint Work Product</u>. The Parties acknowledge that this Amendment is the joint work product of the Parties, that, for convenience, this Amendment has been drafted in final form by Verizon and that, accordingly, in the event of ambiguities in this Amendment, no inferences shall be drawn for or against either Party on the basis of authorship of this Amendment.
- 6.8 <u>Amendments</u>. No amendments or modifications shall be made to this Amendment unless in writing and signed by appropriate representatives of the Parties.

- 6.9 <u>Waivers.</u> A failure or delay of either Party to enforce any of the provisions of this Amendment, or any right or remedy available under this Amendment, or at law or in equity, or to require performance of any of the provisions of this Amendment, or to exercise any option that is provided under this Amendment, shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions, rights, remedies or options.
- 6.10 <u>Electronic Signatures</u>. For the avoidance of any doubt, this Amendment may be signed electronically, and the Amendment and the signatures may be recorded and stored in an electronic form.
- 6.11 <u>Definitions.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision in the Agreement, this Amendment or any Verizon Tariff or SGAT, the following terms, as used in this Amendment, shall have the meanings set forth below:
 - 6.11.1 Dedicated Transport. Dedicated Transport is a Verizon DS1- or DS3-capacity transmission facility, within a LATA, between Verizon Wire Centers or switches (as identified in the LERG) that is dedicated to a particular customer or carrier. For avoidance of any doubt, Verizon shall not be required to provide unbundled access to any form of Dedicated Transport that Verizon is not required to unbundle under 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3) and 47 C.F.R. Part 51 (including, but not limited to, any Dedicated Transport that does not connect a pair of Verizon Wire Centers).
 - 6.11.2 <u>DS1 Dedicated Transport</u>. Dedicated Transport having a total digital signal speed of 1.544 Mbps.
 - 6.11.3 <u>DS3 Dedicated Transport</u>. Dedicated Transport having a total digital signal speed of 44.736 Mbps.
 - 6.11.4 Tariff. Any applicable Federal or state tariff, product guide, standard agreement or other document, as amended from time to time, that sets forth the generally available terms, conditions and prices under which Verizon makes a service, facility, arrangement or the like available for purchase. The term "Tariff" does not include any SGAT pursuant to Section 252(f) of the Act.
 - 6.11.5 <u>UNE Analog Loop</u>. An unbundled two-wire or four-wire analog voice-grade copper loop as defined in UNE Loop/Resale ForbearanceOrder (by whatever name the Agreement or Verizon Tariff or SGAT may use to refer to such loops, including, but not limited to, where the term "link" is used in lieu of "loop").
 - 6.11.6 <u>Wire Center</u>. As set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 51.5, a Wire Center is the location of a Verizon local switching facility containing one or more central offices, as defined in the Appendix to Part 36 of Chapter 1 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Wire Center boundaries define the area in which all customers served by a given Wire Center are located.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed as of the Amendment Effective Date.

THE WINDSTREAM PARTIES

THE VERIZON PARTIES

By: S Lynn Hughes

Stynn Hughes (Feb 4, 2020)

By: Claudine Celestino (Feb 4, 2020

Printed: S Lynn Hughes

Printed: Claudine Celestino

Title: Director Interconnection

Title: Manager, Contract Management

Date: Feb 4, 2020

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Attachment 1

Customer Legal Entity Name	Verizon Legal Entity Name	Contract State	Agreement Effective Date	Agreement ID (for Verizon Use Only)
A.R.C. Networks Inc.	Verizon New York Inc.	CT	7/26/2000	00000336.0
A.R.C. Networks Inc.	Verizon Delaware LLC	DE	7/24/2001	00000344.0
A.R.C. Networks Inc.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts	MA	2/3/2003	00000351.0
A.R.C. Networks Inc.	Verizon Maryland LLC	MD	3/30/2000	00000360.0
A.R.C. Networks Inc.	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	12/2/1999	00000368.0
A.R.C. Networks Inc.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	3/9/2000	00000381.0
A.R.C. Networks Inc.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island	RI	9/19/2001	00000384.0
ATX Licensing, Inc.	Verizon Washington, DC Inc.	DC	2/19/1999	00004647.0
ATX Licensing, Inc.	Verizon Delaware LLC	DE	1/11/2000	00004653.0
ATX Licensing, Inc.	Verizon Maryland LLC	MD	12/20/2000	00004658.0
ATX Licensing, Inc.	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	2/19/1999	00004664.0
ATX Licensing, Inc.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	2/19/1999	00004671.0
ATX Telecommunications Services of Virginia, LLC	Verizon Virginia LLC	VAe	2/8/2000	00004687.0
BridgeCom International, Inc.	Verizon New York Inc.	NY	2/3/2004	00005737.0
Broadview Networks of Virginia Inc.	Verizon Virginia LLC	VAe	2/12/2003	00006282.0
Broadview Networks of Virginia Inc.	Verizon South Inc.	VAw	8/7/2002	00006287.0
Broadview Networks, Inc.	Verizon New York Inc.	CT	10/27/2004	00006290.0
Broadview Networks, Inc.	Verizon Washington, DC Inc.	DC	10/27/2004	00006296.0
Broadview Networks, Inc.	Verizon Delaware LLC	DE	10/27/2004	00006301.0
Broadview Networks, Inc.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts	MA	10/27/2004	00006307.0
Broadview Networks, Inc.	Verizon Maryland LLC	MD	10/27/2004	00006311.0
Broadview Networks, Inc.	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	10/27/2004	00006323.0
Broadview Networks, Inc.	Verizon New York Inc.	NY	2/12/2003	00006334.0
Broadview Networks, Inc.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	10/27/2004	00006347.0
Broadview Networks, Inc.	Verizon North LLC	PAw	10/27/2004	00006352.0
Broadview Networks, Inc.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island	RI	10/27/2004	00006355.0
Broadview NP Acquisition Corp.	Verizon New York Inc.	СТ	10/27/2004	00006393.0
Broadview NP Acquisition Corp.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts	MA	10/27/2004	00006401.0
Broadview NP Acquisition Corp.	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	10/27/2004	00006417.0
Broadview NP Acquisition Corp.	Verizon New York Inc.	NY	10/1/2003	00006422.0
Broadview NP Acquisition Corp.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	10/27/2004	00006429.0

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Broadview NP Acquisition Corp.	Verizon North LLC	PAw	10/27/2004	00006434.0
Broadview NP Acquisition Corp.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island	RI	10/27/2004	00006440.0
Business Telecom Inc.	Verizon Maryland LLC	MD	7/11/2001	00006895.0
Business Telecom Inc.	Verizon South Inc.	NC	6/11/2001	00006899.0
Business Telecom Inc.	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	7/11/2001	00006908.0
Business Telecom Inc.	Verizon New York Inc.	NY	7/11/2001	00006910.0
Business Telecom Inc.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	7/11/2001	00006911.0
Business Telecom of Virginia Inc.	Verizon Virginia LLC	VAe	6/11/2001	00006931.0
Business Telecom of Virginia Inc.	Verizon South Inc.	VAw	6/11/2001	00006932.0
Business Telecom, Inc.	Verizon Washington, DC Inc.	DC	7/11/2001	00006933.0
Business Telecom, Inc.	Verizon Delaware LLC	DE	7/11/2001	00006934.0
Cavalier Telephone Mid- Atlantic, LLC	Verizon Washington, DC Inc.	DC	1/30/2002	00007296.0
Cavalier Telephone Mid- Atlantic, LLC	Verizon Maryland LLC	MD	3/1/2000	00007307.0
Cavalier Telephone Mid- Atlantic, LLC	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	11/12/1999	00007309.0
Cavalier Telephone, LLC	Verizon Delaware LLC	DE	1/17/2000	00007277.0
Cavalier Telephone, LLC	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	1/17/2000	00007284.0
Cavalier Telephone, LLC	Verizon Virginia LLC	VAe	3/12/2004	00007316.0
Cavalier Telephone, LLC	Verizon South Inc.	VAw	3/21/2000	00007270.0
Choice One Communications of Massachusetts Inc.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts	MA	5/24/1999	00010649.0
Choice One Communications of Pennsylvania, Inc.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	12/8/1998	00010658.0
Choice One Communications of Pennsylvania, Inc.	Verizon North LLC	PAw	10/21/1999	00010664.0
Choice One Communications of Rhode Island Inc.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island	RI	3/29/1999	00010668.0
Conversent Communications of Connecticut LLC	Verizon New York Inc.	СТ	3/20/2002	00012132.0
Conversent Communications of Massachusetts LLC	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts	MA	6/4/2001	00012152.0
Conversent Communications of New Jersey LLC	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	9/29/2003	00012170.0
Conversent Communications of New York LLC	Verizon New York Inc.	NY	5/22/2001	00012178.0
Conversent Communications of Rhode Island LLC	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island	RI	7/3/2001	00012189.0
CTC Communications Corp.	Verizon New York Inc.	СТ	3/8/2001	00012819.0
CTC Communications Corp.	Verizon Washington, DC Inc.	DC	4/8/2002	00012825.0
CTC Communications Corp.	Verizon Delaware LLC	DE	3/20/2014	00012843.0
CTC Communications Corp.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts	MA	7/14/2000	00012845.0

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CTC Communications Corp.	Verizon Maryland LLC	MD	7/18/2002	00012855.0
CTC Communications Corp.	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	1/18/2002	00012880.0
CTC Communications Corp.	Verizon New York Inc.	NY	3/8/2001	00012891.0
CTC Communications Corp.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	1/18/2002	00012898.0
CTC Communications Corp.	Verizon North LLC	PAw	1/18/2002	00012906.0
CTC Communications Corp.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island	RI	12/21/2000	00012910.0
CTC Communications of Virginia, Inc.	Verizon Virginia LLC	VAe	5/19/2014	00012968.0
CTC Communications of Virginia, Inc.	Verizon South Inc.	VAw	5/23/2014	00012971.0
DeltaCom, LLC	Verizon South Inc.	NC	11/23/1999	00013296.0
Eureka Telecom of VA, Inc.	Verizon Virginia LLC	VAe	10/19/2005	00014912.0
Eureka Telecom of VA, Inc.	Verizon South Inc.	VAw	11/16/2005	00014915.0
Eureka Telecom, Inc.	Verizon New York Inc.	CT	12/20/2005	00014918.0
Eureka Telecom, Inc.	Verizon Washington, DC Inc.	DC	1/24/2006	00014921.0
Eureka Telecom, Inc.	Verizon Delaware LLC	DE	11/28/2005	00014924.0
Eureka Telecom, Inc.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts	MA	7/29/2005	00014926.0
Eureka Telecom, Inc.	Verizon Maryland LLC	MD	12/20/2005	00014929.0
Eureka Telecom, Inc.	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	5/21/2004	00014935.0
Eureka Telecom, Inc.	Verizon New York Inc.	NY	11/3/2000	00014939.0
Eureka Telecom, Inc.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	3/27/2006	00014943.0
Eureka Telecom, Inc.	Verizon North LLC	PAw	3/27/2006	00014945.0
Eureka Telecom, Inc.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island	RI	9/14/2005	00014949.0
InfoHighway of Virginia Inc.	Verizon Virginia LLC	VAe	7/24/2001	00018023.0
Lightship Telecom LLC	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts	MA	1/23/2002	00019801.0
Lightship Telecom LLC	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	6/14/2000	00019825.0
Lightship Telecom LLC	Verizon New York Inc.	NY	7/28/2000	00019829.0
Lightship Telecom LLC	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	7/25/2000	00019835.0
Lightship Telecom LLC	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island	RI	6/14/2000	00019844.0
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc.	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	5/31/2001	00021644.0
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc.	Verizon New York Inc.	NY	6/23/2001	00021645.0
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	9/17/2001	00021648.0
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc.	Verizon North LLC	PAw	8/27/2001	00021649.0

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McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island	RI	8/20/2001	00021650.0
New Edge Network Inc.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts	MA	1/7/2000	00023698.0
New Edge Network Inc.	Verizon Maryland LLC	MD	1/25/2000	00023699.0
New Edge Network Inc.	Verizon South Inc.	NC	4/25/2000	00023706.0
New Edge Network Inc.	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	1/25/2000	00023710.0
New Edge Network Inc.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	1/7/2000	00023719.0
New Edge Network Inc.	Verizon North LLC	PAw	10/26/2000	00023720.0
New Edge Network Inc.	Verizon Virginia LLC	VAe	1/25/2000	00023726.0
New Edge Network of Virginia	Verizon South Inc.	VAw	8/18/2000	00023732.0
New Edge Networks Inc.	Verizon Delaware LLC	DE	1/25/2000	00023736.0
PaeTec Communications Inc.	Verizon Washington, DC Inc.	DC	1/21/1999	00025644.0
PaeTec Communications Inc.	Verizon Delaware LLC	DE	3/5/1999	00025648.0
PaeTec Communications Inc.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts	MA	11/24/1998	00025655.0
PaeTec Communications Inc.	Verizon Maryland LLC	MD	11/24/1998	00025666.0
PaeTec Communications Inc.	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	11/24/1998	00025675.0
PaeTec Communications Inc.	Verizon New York Inc.	NY	11/24/1998	00025689.0
PaeTec Communications Inc.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	11/20/1998	00025700.0
PaeTec Communications Inc.	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island	RI	11/24/1998	00025704.0
PaeTec Communications of Virginia, Inc.	Verizon Virginia LLC	VAe	11/25/1998	00026285.0
PaeTec Communications of Virginia, Inc.	Verizon South Inc.	VAw	5/16/2003	00026288.0
PAETEC Communications, Inc.	Verizon North LLC	PAw	1/15/2009	00026299.0
Talk America Inc.	Verizon New York Inc.	CT	6/23/2000	00030748.0
Talk America Inc.	Verizon Washington, DC Inc.	DC	6/23/2000	00030749.0
Talk America Inc.	Verizon Delaware LLC	DE	8/7/2003	00030750.0
Talk America Inc.	Verizon Maryland LLC	MD	6/23/2000	00030753.0
Talk America Inc.	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	6/23/2000	00030755.0
Talk America Inc.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	6/2/2000	00030757.0
Talk America of Virginia, Inc.	Verizon Virginia LLC	VAe	7/9/2004	00030767.0
Talk America Services, LLC	Verizon New York Inc.	CT	11/1/2015	00030769.0
Talk America Services, LLC	Verizon Washington, DC Inc.	DC	11/1/2015	00030770.0
Talk America Services, LLC	Verizon Delaware LLC	DE	11/1/2015	00030771.0
Talk America Services, LLC	Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts	MA	11/1/2015	00030772.0
Talk America Services, LLC	Verizon Maryland LLC	MD	11/1/2015	00030773.0
Talk America Services, LLC	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	11/1/2015	00030774.0
Talk America Services, LLC	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	11/1/2015	00030775.0

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Talk America Services, LLC	Verizon North LLC	PAw	11/1/2015	00030776.0
Talk America Services, LLC	Verizon Virginia LLC	VAe	11/1/2015	00030778.0
Talk America Services, LLC	Verizon South Inc.	VAw	11/1/2015	00030779.0
Trucom Corporation	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	9/12/2001	00032879.0
US LEC of Maryland Inc.	Verizon Maryland LLC	MD	10/6/1999	00033721.0
US LEC of North Carolina Inc.	Verizon South Inc.	NC	7/28/2003	00033724.0
US LEC of Pennsylvania	Verizon New York Inc.	NY	6/15/2001	00033761.0
US LEC of Pennsylvania Inc.	Verizon Delaware LLC	DE	12/3/1999	00033764.0
US LEC of Pennsylvania Inc.	Verizon New Jersey Inc.	NJ	2/28/2000	00033766.0
US LEC of Pennsylvania, Inc.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	1/18/2008	00033770.0
US LEC of Pennsylvania, Inc.	Verizon North LLC	PAw	1/15/2009	00033773.0
US LEC of Virginia L.L.C.	Verizon Washington, DC Inc.	DC	8/5/1999	00033778.0
US LEC of Virginia L.L.C.	Verizon Virginia LLC	VAe	5/14/2003	00033783.0
US LEC of Virginia L.L.C.	Verizon South Inc.	VAw	5/2/2003	00033788.0
Windstream Communications, Inc.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	7/11/2006	00037072.0
Windstream D&E Systems, Inc.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	9/1/2001	00037141.0
Windstream D&E Systems, Inc.	Verizon North LLC	PAw	9/1/2001	00037144.0
Windstream KDL, Inc.	Verizon Delaware LLC	DE	4/12/2010	00037153.0
Windstream KDL, Inc.	Verizon Maryland LLC	MD	12/24/2008	00037155.0
Windstream KDL, Inc.	Verizon Pennsylvania LLC	PAe	6/21/2006	00037156.0
Windstream KDL, Inc.	Verizon North LLC	PAw	6/21/2006	00037158.0
Windstream KDL-VA, Inc.	Verizon Virginia LLC	VAe	4/7/2004	00037171.0
Windstream KDL-VA, Inc.	Verizon South Inc.	VAw	4/7/2004	00037173.0