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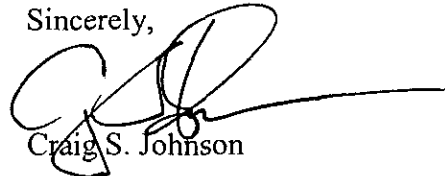
**Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone
Company for Arbitration of Unresolved Issues Pertaining to a Section
251(b)(5) Agreement with T-Mobile USA, Inc.**

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and eight (8) copies of the Verified Petition for Arbitration.

Thank you for seeing this filed.

Sincerely,



Craig S. Johnson

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Enclosure

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI**

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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

**In the Matter of the Petition of)
Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone)
Company for Arbitration of Unresolved)
Issues Pertaining to a Section 251(b)(5))
Agreement with T-Mobile USA, Inc.)**

Case No. _____

VERIFIED PETITION FOR ARBITRATION

Request for Negotiations Received: January 13, 2005
135th Day Thereafter: May 27, 2005
160th Day Thereafter: June 21, 2005
9 Months Thereafter: October 12, 2005

Comes now Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company (Petitioner), pursuant to 42 USC 252 and 4 CSR 240-240.36.010, and hereby requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission arbitrate unresolved issues remaining in a negotiation between Petitioner and Respondent T-Mobile USA, Inc. (Respondent). Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner is a small rural incumbent local exchange company, and a Missouri corporation. Although Petitioner is a rural carrier subject to the rural exemption of 47 USC 251(f), that exemption is inapplicable here as Petitioner's duty to negotiate reciprocal compensation arrangements pursuant to 47 USC 251(b)(5) is not subject to the Section 251(f) exemption. The Section 251(f) exemption only applies to the additional obligations of ILECs set forth in Section 251(c), not the obligations of all LECs set forth in Section 251(b). Therefore, Petitioner requests a waiver of that aspect

of 4 CSR 240-36.040 (2) that would otherwise require a Commission Order terminating Petitioner's rural exemption from preceding this Application.

2. All communications and submissions in this proceeding should be served upon the following designated contacts for the Petitioner:

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3. Respondent is a CMRS provider, or wireless carrier, operating and delivering traffic to Southwestern Bell Telephone (SBC) for termination to Petitioner in the state of Missouri.

4. All communications and submissions in this proceeding should be served upon the following designated contacts for Respondent:

Dan Menser
Counsel
T-Mobile USA Inc.
12920 SE 38th St.
Bellevue, WA 98006

5. Since February 5, 1998, Respondent has sent traffic its customers originated, and which was destined for termination to Petitioner's local exchange

customers, to SBC for termination in Petitioner exchanges in violation of various Commission Orders and Interconnection Agreements. As a result Petitioner as of April 13, 2005 had terminated 543,426 minutes of such traffic without receiving any compensation therefore. A portion of this traffic is the subject of an unresolved complaint pending in Commission Case No. TC-2002-57.

6. On January 13, 2005, Petitioner in an email to Respondent suggested that previous interconnection agreement negotiations be renewed. A copy is attached hereto as Attachment A.

7. On that same date Respondent agreed to renew these interconnection agreement negotiations. A copy is attached hereto as Attachment B.

8. Negotiations between Petitioner and Respondent since the exchange of Attachments A and B have failed to produce a voluntary agreement as to all terms of an agreement.

9. More that 135 days since Petitioner and Respondents exchange of Attachments A and B has expired.

10. Less than 160 days since Petitioner and Respondents exchange of Attachments A and B has expired.

11. Petitioner desires arbitration of the remaining unresolved issues in order to obtain an approved agreement and resolution of all issues which have surrounded the uncompensated termination of wireless originated traffic since February 5, 1998, and which will obviate future disputes for the term of the approved agreement.

12. A copy of this petition has been provided electronically to the negotiator for Respondent prior to the filing of this Petition with the Commission.

13. A proposed Traffic Termination Agreement (TTA), which includes both resolved and unresolved issues, is attached hereto as Attachment C. Unresolved matters are highlighted. This proposed agreement is based upon the same fundamental organization of clauses and subjects that This Commission has approved in numerous other negotiated agreements between similarly situated small rural telephone companies within the MITG and the STCG and other similarly situated CMRS Providers such as Cingular, Sprint PCS, Verizon Wireless, Alltel Communications, and United States Cellular Corporation.

14. The following is a statement of each unresolved issue, in bold, with a listing of both parties' position with respect thereto. Petitioner is not confident it is aware of all positions of Respondent. This listing utilizes numbers corresponding to the sections of the attached TTA. Under each party's position is that party's justification therefore, and documentation supporting that position.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES, POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES

5.5. Coordinated Resolution of Past Compensation Issues with Prospective Traffic Termination Agreement.

1. Petitioner's position is that all issues associated with past uncompensated traffic should be resolved simultaneously with approval of a TTA applying to future traffic, as has been accomplished with small companies and Cingular, Sprint PCS, Verizon Wireless, Alltel Communications, and United States Cellular Corporation. Similarly, the terms of approved interconnection agreements of ILEC Sprint Missouri Inc. contain provisions to the same effect.

Petitioner proposes that, upon approval of the TTA, that past compensation amounts due Petitioner be paid by Respondent, that Petitioner thereupon dismiss its complaint pending against Respondent in TC-2002-57 with prejudice, and that the terms of the TTA then be applied to all traffic terminating after the last traffic date included in the computation for the past compensation amount due.

2. Respondent has not agreed to compensation for past traffic in this TTA.

5.5 Past Traffic Compensation Amount Due Petitioner

A. Past Traffic Volumes

1. Petitioner's position is that records provided by SBC establish that, between February 5, 1998 and April 13, 2005 Petitioner terminated 543,426 minutes of Respondent originated traffic.

2. Respondent has neither agreed with this past traffic volume nor provided contrary information.

B. Past Traffic Jurisdiction

1. Petitioner's position is that 77.5% of this past traffic is intraMTA in jurisdiction, as presented in TC-2002-57, for this time period; that 22.5% is interMTA traffic of which 80.0% is intrastate and 20.0% is interstate.

2. Respondent has neither agreed to this past traffic jurisdiction nor provided contrary information.

C. Compensation Rates for Past Traffic

1. Petitioner has proposed that the intraMTA traffic be rated at a compromise rate, significantly lower than its state access rate, of 9.2184 cents per minute, and that interMTA traffic be rated at its terminating intrastate and interstate switched access rates.

2. Respondent has neither agreed with these compensation rates nor provided contrary information.

D. Compensation Due Petitioner

1. Petitioner's position is that, applying A through C above, Petitioner is due \$43,890.00 from Respondent for past traffic.

2. Respondent has not agreed to this amount.

4.2, Appendix 2, InterMTA Factor

1. Petitioner has proposed a 22.5% interMTA factor as per the evidence in TC-2002-57, and in view of the Commission's January 27, 2005 decision in TC-2002-1077 approving factors based on the traffic studies as Petitioner placed into evidence in TC-2002-57. Petitioner proposed that, of the interMTA traffic, 80.0% be considered intrastate and 20.0% be considered intrastate.

2. Respondent has not agreed to this factor.

Appendix 1 IntraMTA Rate

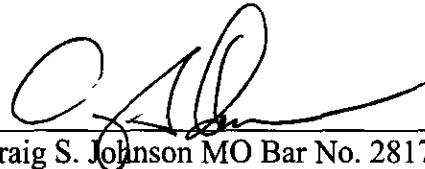
1. Petitioner proposes that the prospective intraMTA rate under the TTA be 3.5 cents per minute, as has been the case with TTAs filed with or approved by the Commission between small rural companies and Sprint PCS, Cingular, Alltel TTAs, and United States Cellular Corporation.

2. Respondent has not agreed to this intraMTA rate.

Relief Requested

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, Petitioner requests that the Commission appoint an arbitrator, schedule an initial arbitration meeting as soon as possible in view of the deadlines created by 47 USC 252, to conduct arbitration of the unresolved issues, resolve them, and approve a final interconnection or traffic termination agreement setting forth both the voluntarily agreed terms and also the arbitrated matters and terms, together with such other and further relief as is consistent with the Commission's role and authority with respect to 47 USC 252.

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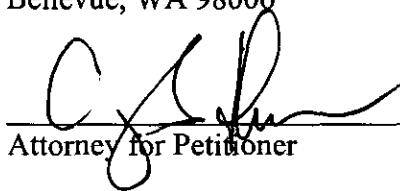
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned does hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was hand delivered or mailed, via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 7 day of June, 2005, to the following representatives of Staff, OPC, and Respondent:

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Attorney for Petitioner

VERIFICATION

I, Ray Ford, being first duly sworn, state that I am Manager of Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company; that I am authorized to make this Verification on its behalf; that I have read the foregoing Petition for Arbitration; that the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief; and that Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace and Johnson, LLC is authorized to file the Petition for Arbitration on the Company's behalf.

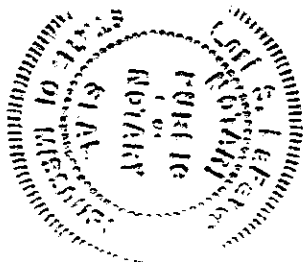


Ray Ford
Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone
Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of May, 2005.


Notary Public

My Commission expires: 9/26/08



LORI S. LAFAVER
Notary Public - State of Missouri
County of Sullivan
My Commission Expires Sep. 26, 2008

Craig Johnson

From: Craig Johnson [cjohnson@aempb.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2005 11:12 AM
To: Mark Johnson; Dan Menser
Cc: 'Ray Ford'; 'Andy Heins'; 'Bryan Lade'; 'Craig Johnson'; 'Gary Godfrey'; 'Harriet Eudy'; 'Janie Prettyman'; 'Jim Simon'; 'Lisa Chase'; Lise Rhea; 'Oral Glasco'; 'Gary Romig'; 'Denise Day'
Subject: MITG/T-Mobile negotiations

Mark, Dan:

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We have successfully concluded such negotiations with Cingular, Sprint PCS, and most recently Alltel (wireless).

In the meantime, we are awaiting a Commission decision in TC-2002-57. Some of my clients with Wireless Termination Tariffs have been observing the STCG/SBC blocking activities, and may be interested in duplicating them. We have continued to monitor FCC filings regarding T-Mobile's position regarding the lawfulness of state tariffs. Finally, the Western District Court of Appeals has upheld our position in the "Alma" access tariff case, although some wireless carriers have recently requested transfer from the Missouri Supreme Court.

The traffic volumes from T-Mobile to the MITG members were not as substantial as those from Cingular, Sprint PCS, or Alltel. We believe it would be in both our and T-Mobile's interests to attempt to bring our dispute to resolution, rather than continue the expense of "multi-front" litigation.

Please advise if you are willing to renew these negotiations.

Craig S. Johnson
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Subject: RE: MITG/T-Mobile negotiations

Craig, we are very open to resuming discussions. As compensation for past traffic is a component of the discussions, we may move forward more quickly by discussing actual dollars. I have attached a spreadsheet template based on previous discussions with a few of your clients. T-Mobile is prepared to discuss settlement figures once we have MOUs and an initial offer from the LECs. If settlement figures are not readily available, we are open to beginning discussions more focused on compensation going forward. Suggested times for a conference call include:

TUE 1/18 at 11.30am central
 THURS 1/20 at 3.30pm central
 FRIDAY 1/21 at 11.30am or 4pm central

Thanks for contacting us; regards,
 Dan

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6/6/2005

TRAFFIC TERMINATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement for the termination of traffic between Alma Communications Company d/b/a Alma Telephone Company (Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company), an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) certificated to provide local exchange services in the State of Missouri, and T-Mobile USA, Inc. f/k/a VoiceStream Wireless Corp., with offices located at 12920 SE 38th St., Bellevue WA 98006 ("TMUSA"), effective upon the [REDACTED] Day of [REDACTED] 2005 ("Effective Date") (March 12, 2005 for Alma, May 17, 2005 for Chariton Valley, April 20, 2005 for Mid-Missouri, and April 13, 2005 for Northeast). This Agreement has been executed pursuant to Section 251(b)(5) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. (ILEC and TMUSA are also sometimes referred to herein as "Party" or, collectively, "Parties.")

ILEC is a local exchange carrier operating in Missouri. TMUSA is a commercial mobile radio service carrier operating in Missouri. TMUSA terminates traffic originated by its end user customers and terminating to ILEC through the facilities of another local exchange carrier in Missouri. ILEC may terminate traffic originated by its end user customers and terminating to TMUSA through the facilities of another local exchange carrier in Missouri. TMUSA and ILEC recognize their responsibilities to compensate the other pursuant to Section 4 of this Agreement for termination of the traffic originated by and under the responsibility of each Party.

In consideration of the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1 - SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

1.1 This Agreement shall cover traffic originated by, and under the responsibility of, one of the Parties and terminated to the other Party without the direct interconnection of the Parties'

networks, and which terminates to the other Party through the facilities of another local exchange carrier in Missouri. "Traffic originated by and under the responsibility of," a Party means traffic that is originated by a Party pursuant to that Party's rate schedules, tariffs, or contract with the end-user customer. This Agreement does not cover traffic for which the originating party has contracted with an Interexchange Carrier ("IXC") to assume responsibility for terminating the traffic, or traffic originated by an IXC pursuant to the IXC's rate schedules, tariffs, end-users contracts, or presubscription rules. This Agreement shall cover both Local and Non-local Traffic as those terms are defined in Section 2 of this Agreement. This Agreement shall not apply to traffic or calls completed by either Party in compliance with any obligation to port numbers of the former customers of one Party when that customer takes service from the other Party.

SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS

Certain terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings as defined below. Other terms used but not defined herein will have the meanings ascribed to them in the Act or in the Rules and Regulations of the FCC or the Missouri Public Service Commission. The Parties acknowledge that other terms appear in this Agreement that are not defined or ascribed as stated above. The Parties agree that any such terms shall be construed in accordance with their customary usage in the telecommunications industry as of the Effective Date of this Agreement.

2.1 "Act" - the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and as further amended from time to time and as interpreted in the duly authorized rules and regulations and Orders of the Federal Communication Commission or a state regulatory commission.

2.2 "CMRS" - Commercial Mobile Radio Service, as defined in the Act.

2.3 "Commission" - Missouri Public Service Commission.

2.4 "FCC" - Federal Communications Commission.

2.5 "LEC" - local exchange carrier, includes any provider of local exchange telecommunications service that holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity or certificate of service authority from the Missouri Public Service Commission.

2.6 "Local Traffic" - Local Traffic under this Agreement is traffic between ILEC and TMUSA that, at the beginning of the call, originates and terminates within the same Major Trading Area. For ILEC, the origination or termination point of a call shall be the end office switch that serves, respectively, the calling or called party at the beginning of the call. For TMUSA, the origination or termination point of a call shall be the cell site/base station that serves, respectively, the calling or called party at the beginning of the call.

2.7 "MTA" - Major Trading Area as defined in 47 C.F.R. 24 of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

2.8 "Non-local Traffic" - Non-local Traffic under this Agreement is traffic between ILEC and TMUSA that is not Local Traffic. Non-local Traffic may be either interstate or intrastate traffic, depending on the locations where the call originates and terminates.

SECTION 3 - TRAFFIC EXCHANGE

3.1 Each Party shall be responsible for provisioning its traffic, if any, exchanged under this Agreement. Each Party shall be responsible for establishing appropriate contractual or tariff relationships with the third-party LEC(s), if any, that Party selects for transiting traffic to the other Party. Each Party shall be responsible for providing the trunks from its network to the point of interconnection with the network(s) of any such third-party LEC(s), and for paying such third-party LEC(s) for the costs of transiting calls that the Party originates.

SECTION 4 - COMPENSATION

4.1 Compensation for traffic originated by, and under the responsibility of, a Party and terminated to the other Party's network shall be based upon the specific type and jurisdiction of the call as follows:

4.1.1 Local Traffic - Local Traffic calls as defined in Section 2 of this Agreement shall be compensated based on the local termination rate established in Appendix 1.

4.1.2 Non-local Intrastate Traffic - Non-local Traffic (as defined in Section 2 of this Agreement) originated by TMUSA and terminating to ILEC within the same State will be compensated based upon the rate for termination of non-local intrastate traffic identified in Appendix 1. Compensation for Non-local Intrastate Traffic originated by, and under the responsibility of, ILEC and terminating to TMUSA, if any, shall be based on the rate for termination of non-local intrastate traffic identified in Appendix 1.

4.1.3 Non-local Interstate Traffic - Non-local Traffic (as defined in Section 2 of this Agreement) originated by TMUSA and terminating to ILEC within different States will be compensated based upon the rate for termination of non-local interstate traffic identified in Appendix 1. Compensation for Non-local Interstate Traffic originated by, and under the responsibility of, ILEC and terminating to TMUSA, if any, shall be based on the rate for termination of non-local interstate traffic identified in Appendix 1.

4.2 Factors - For the purposes of this Agreement, the Parties agree to use the percentages referenced in Appendix 2 as a fair estimate of the proportions of the total amount of traffic originated by TMUSA that is assignable to each of the three different jurisdictions identified in Section 4.1 above. This percentage shall remain in effect until amended as provided in Section 5.2 below.

SECTION 5 - RECORD EXCHANGES AND BILLING

5.1 The Party terminating traffic under this Agreement (*i.e.*, the "Billing Party") shall issue bills based on the best information then available including, but not limited to, records of terminating traffic created by the Party at its end office or tandem switch. Records should be provided at an individual call detail record, if possible, with sufficient information to identify the specific date and time of the call, the call duration, and the originating and terminating numbers or locations. It is understood that SBC currently provides ILEC with access to IXC type modified 11-01-XX call records from which ILEC can obtain the volumes of traffic originated by TMUSA and terminating to ILEC, but these records do not provide sufficient individual call detail to determine individual call jurisdiction. The Parties will work cooperatively in the future to improve the call information available to provide or exchange billing records in industry standard formats containing sufficient call detail to allow the Billing Party to issue bills based on information it receives through the network, without having to rely upon or pay for the services of a non-party such as SBC. Neither Party shall be obligated as a result of this Agreement to develop or create new billing formats or records to satisfy any duty or obligation hereunder, or to pay for the services of transiting ILECs or other entities for billing format or record creation to satisfy any duty or obligation hereunder.

5.2 If either Party provides to the other a valid traffic study, or a valid study of interMTA traffic by access jurisdiction, the Parties shall use such traffic study or reexamination to negotiate in good faith a mutually acceptable revised local traffic factor, or interMTA or access jurisdiction percentage.

For purposes of this Agreement, a "valid interMTA traffic study" may be based upon, but not necessarily limited to, calling and called party information (*e.g.*, originating and terminating

NPA NXX, minutes of use, available detail, if any, identifying location of TMUSA calling or called customer, or available detail, if any, identifying the location of the cell tower serving TMUSA calling or called customers, *etc.*) which, for at least three consecutive billing periods, indicates an amount of interMTA traffic that is at least five percentage points greater or lesser than the interMTA percentage amount to which the Parties previously agreed. Either Party initiating an interMTA traffic study for the purpose of proposing changes to this Agreement will provide the other Party not less than thirty (30) days' notice of intent to conduct the study, and the opportunity for the other Party to participate in the establishment, conduct, and results of the study. The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith to amend this Agreement to reflect this revised interMTA percentage, and such revised percentage will be effective upon amendment of this Agreement, including any state commission approval, if required. Such studies or reexaminations shall be conducted no more frequently than once annually.

For purposes of this Agreement, a "valid study of interMTA traffic by access jurisdiction" may be based upon, but not necessarily limited to, calling and called party information (*e.g.*, originating and terminating NPA NXX, minutes of use, available detail, if any, identifying location of TMUSA calling or called customer, or available detail, if any, identifying the location of the cell tower serving TMUSA calling or called customers, *etc.*) which, for at least three consecutive billing periods, indicates an amount of interMTA traffic by access jurisdiction that is at least five percentage points greater or lesser than the interMTA access jurisdiction percentage amount to which the Parties previously agreed. Either Party initiating an interMTA traffic study by access jurisdiction for the purpose of proposing changes to this Agreement will provide the other Party not less than thirty (30) days' notice of intent to conduct the study, and the opportunity for the other Party to participate in the establishment, conduct, and

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5.3 The originating Party shall pay the Billing Party for all charges properly listed on the bill. Such payments are to be received within thirty (30) days from the effective date of the billing statement. The originating Party shall pay a late charge on any undisputed charges that are not paid within the thirty (30) day period. The rate of the late charge shall be the lesser of 1% per month or the maximum amount allowed by law. Normally, neither Party shall bill the other Party for traffic that is more than ninety days old. However, in those cases where billing cannot be performed within that time frame because of record unavailability, inaccuracies, corrections, *etc.*, billing can be rendered or corrected for periods beyond ninety days. In no case, however, will billing be made for traffic that is more than one year old.

5.4 The Billing Party agrees not to render a single bill totaling less than \$250.00, but rather will accumulate billing information and render one bill for multiple billing periods when the total amount due for the multiple billing periods exceeds \$250.00; provided however that a Billing Party is entitled to render a bill at least once per calendar year, even if the bill rendered is for less than \$250.00.

5.5 At the same time that the Parties execute this Agreement, they are entering into a confidential agreement to settle all claims related to traffic exchanged between the Parties prior to the effective date of this Agreement. Each Party represents that this settlement agreement completely and finally resolves all such past claims.

SECTION 6 - AUDIT PROVISIONS

6.1 As used herein, "Audit" shall mean a comprehensive review of services performed under this Agreement. Either Party (the "Requesting Party") may perform one (1) Audit per 12-month period commencing with the Effective Date.

6.2 Upon thirty (30) days written notice by the Requesting Party to the other "Audited Party", the Requesting Party shall have the right, through its authorized representative(s), to perform an Audit, during normal business hours, of any records, accounts and processes which contain information bearing upon the services provided, and performance standards agreed to, under this Agreement. Within the above-described 30-day period, the Parties shall reasonably agree upon the scope of the Audit, the documents and processes to be reviewed, and the time, place and manner in which the Audit shall be performed. The Audited Party agrees to provide Audit support, including reasonable access to and use of the Audited Party's facilities (e.g., conference rooms, telephones, copying machines).

6.3 Each party shall bear the cost of its own expenses in connection with the conduct of the Audit. The reasonable cost of special data extraction required by the Requesting Party to conduct the Audit will be paid for by the Requesting Party. For purposes of this Section 6.3, "Special Data Extraction" shall mean the creation of an output record or information report (from existing data files) that is not created in the normal course of business by the Audited Party. If any program is developed to the Requesting Party's specifications and at the Requesting Party's expense, the Requesting Party shall specify at the time of request whether the program is to be retained by the Audited Party for reuse during any subsequent Audit.

6.4 Adjustments, credits or payments shall be made, and any correction action shall commence, within thirty (30) days from the Requesting Party's receipt of the final audit report to

compensate for any errors or omissions which are disclosed by such Audit and are agreed to by the Parties. One and one-half (1 1/2) percent or the highest interest rate allowable by law for commercial transactions, whichever is lower, shall be assessed and shall be computed on any adjustments, credits or payments if the audit establishes an overpayment or underpayment of greater than two percent (2%) of the actual amount due by compounding monthly from the time of the error or omission to the day of payment or credit.

6.5 Neither the right to Audit, nor the right to receive an adjustment, shall be affected by any statement to the contrary appearing on checks or otherwise, unless such statement expressly waiving such right appears in writing, is signed by the authorized representative of the Party having such right and is delivered to the other Party in a manner provided by this Agreement.

6.6 This Section 6 shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement for a period of two (2) years after expiration or termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 7 - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

7.1 The Parties agree to resolve disputes arising out of this Agreement with a minimum amount of time and expense. Accordingly, the Parties agree to use the following dispute resolution procedure as a sole remedy with respect to any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, except for an action seeking to compel compliance with the confidentiality provision of Section 8 or this dispute resolution process (venue and jurisdiction for which would be in Kansas City, Missouri).

7.2 At the written request of a Party commencing the dispute resolution process described herein, each Party will appoint a representative to meet and negotiate in good faith for a period of sixty (60) days (unless it becomes clear that a voluntary resolution is unlikely) after the request to resolve any dispute arising under this Agreement. The Parties intend that these negotiations

be conducted by non-lawyer business representatives, but nothing prevents either Party from also involving an attorney in the process. The location, format, frequency, duration, and conclusion of these discussions shall be left to the discretion of the representatives. Upon mutual agreement of the representatives, the representatives may utilize other alternative dispute resolution procedures such as mediation to assist in the negotiations. Discussion and correspondence among the representatives for purposes of these negotiations shall be treated as settlement discussions and confidential information developed for purposes of settlement, exempt from discovery and production, which shall not be admissible in the Commission proceeding or arbitration described below or in any lawsuit without concurrence of both Parties.

7.3 If the negotiations do not resolve the dispute within sixty (60) days (or sooner if the parties agree that a voluntary resolution will not occur) after the initial written request, the dispute may be brought in any lawful forum for resolution unless the Parties mutually agree to submit the dispute to binding arbitration by a single arbitrator pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association or such other rules to which the Parties may agree. If the Parties mutually agree to submit the dispute to binding arbitration, the arbitration hearing shall be commenced within forty-five (45) days after the agreement for arbitration and shall be held in Kansas City, Missouri, or any other location to which the Parties mutually agree. The arbitrator shall control the scheduling so as to process the matter expeditiously. The Parties may submit written briefs. The arbitrator shall rule on the dispute by issuing a written opinion within thirty (30) days after the close of hearing. The times specified in this section may be extended upon mutual agreement of the Parties or by the arbitrator upon a showing of good cause. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the Parties, and judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having

jurisdiction. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees of the arbitration procedures set forth in this Section and shall equally split the fees and costs of the arbitration and the arbitrator.

7.4 In addition to the foregoing Dispute Resolution process, if any portion of an amount due to 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 thirty (30) days of its receipt of the invoice containing such disputed amount, give notice to the Billing Party of the amounts in dispute ("Disputed Amounts") 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. The balance of the Disputed Amount shall thereafter be paid, with late charges as provided in Section 5.3, if appropriate, upon final determination of such dispute. Late charges assessed on those amounts that were unpaid but disputed after thirty (30) days from the receipt of the invoice, shall be credited to the non-paying Party for any disputed amounts which were ultimately found to be not due and payable.

7.5 No cause of action, regardless of form, arising out of the subject matter of this Agreement may be brought by either Party more than two years after the cause of action has accrued. The Parties waive the right to invoke any different limitation on the bringing of actions provided under state or federal law unless such waiver is otherwise barred by law.

SECTION 8 - CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

8.1 The Parties recognize that they or their authorized representatives may come into possession of confidential and/or proprietary data about each other's business as a result of this Agreement. Each Party agrees to treat all such data as strictly confidential and to use such data only for the purpose of performance under this Agreement. Each Party agrees not to disclose

data about the other Party's business, unless such disclosure is required by lawful subpoena or order, to any person without first securing the written consent of the other party. If a Party is obligated to produce, divulge, or otherwise disclose the other Party's confidential information as the result of an order or subpoena issued by a court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction, then the Party to which such demand is being made shall notify the other Party as soon as possible of the existence of such demand, and shall provide all necessary and appropriate assistance as the Party whose information is sought to be disclosed may reasonably request in order to preserve the confidential nature of the information sought.

SECTION 9 - LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

9.1 Neither Party assumes any liability for any act or omission of the other Party in the furnishing of its services to its subscribers solely by virtue of entering into the Agreement. To the extent not prohibited by law or inconsistent with the other terms of this Agreement, each Party shall indemnify the other Party and hold it harmless against any loss, costs, claims, injury or liability relating to any third-party claim arising out of any act or omission of the indemnifying Party in connection with the indemnifying Party's performance under this Agreement. Furthermore, the Parties agree to arrange their own interconnection arrangements with other telecommunications carriers, and each Party shall be responsible for any and all of its own payments thereunder. Neither Party shall be financially or otherwise responsible for the rates, terms, conditions, or charges between the other Party and another telecommunications carrier.

9.2 NEITHER PARTY MAKES ANY WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, FOR ANY HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, GOODS, OR SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. ALL WARRANTIES, INCLUDING THOSE OF MERCHANTABILITY AND

FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED AND
WAIVED.

9.3 In any event, each Party's liability for all claims arising under this Agreement, or under the provision of the service provided under this Agreement, shall be limited to the amount of the charges billed to the Party making a claim for the month during which the claim arose.

SECTION 10 - TERM OF AGREEMENT

10.1 This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date, and shall terminate two years after the Effective Date. This Agreement shall renew automatically for successive one-month terms, commencing on the termination date of the initial term or latest renewal term. The automatic renewal shall take effect without notice to either Party, except that either Party may elect (1) not to renew by giving the other Party at least thirty (30) days written notice of the desire not to renew; or (2) to negotiate a subsequent agreement by giving the other Party at least thirty (30) days written notice of the desire to commence negotiations. If a Party elects to negotiate a subsequent agreement and a subsequent agreement has not been consummated prior to the termination date of the current Agreement, the current Agreement shall continue to be in effect until it is replaced by a new Agreement, or one hundred eighty (180) days beyond the termination date of the current Agreement, whichever is less.

SECTION 11 - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

11.1 The Parties to this Agreement are independent contractors. Neither Party is an agent, representative, or partner of the other Party. Neither Party shall have the right, power, or authority to enter into any agreement for or on behalf of, or incur any obligation or liability of, or to otherwise bind the other Party. This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed to create

an association, joint venture, or partnership between the Parties or to impose any partnership obligation or liability upon either Party.

SECTION 12 - THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

12.1 This Agreement is not intended to benefit any person or entity not a Party to it and no third Party beneficiaries are created by this Agreement.

SECTION 13 - GOVERNING LAW, FORUM AND VENUE

13.1 The construction, validity, and enforcement of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws and regulations of the State of Missouri, except when Federal law may be controlling, in which case Federal law will govern.

SECTION 14 - ENTIRE AGREEMENT

14.1 This Agreement, including all Parts and Attachments and subordinate documents attached hereto or referenced herein, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference, constitute the entire matter thereof, and supersede all prior oral or written agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, proposals, and undertakings with respect to the subject matter thereof.

SECTION 15 - NOTICE

15.1 Notices shall be sent via certified, registered, or overnight mail. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, notice by mail shall be effective on the date it is officially recorded as delivered by return receipt or equivalent, in the case of TMUSA to:

T-Mobile USA, Inc.
Attn: General Counsel
12920 SE 38th St.
Bellevue, WA 98006
(425) 378-4040 facsimile
dan.menser@t-mobile.com

With a copy to:

T-Mobile USA, Inc.
Attn: Carrier Management
12920SE 38th St.
Bellevue, WA 98006
(425) 378-4040 facsimile
chris.sykes@t-mobile.com

In the case of ILEC:

Andy Heins
Manager
Alma Telephone Company
206 S/ County Road
Alma, MO 64001

(Jim Simon
General Manager
Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation
109 Butler St.
Macon, MO 63552)

(Denise Day
Co-President
Mid-Missouri Telephone Company
P.O. Box 38
215 Roe St.
Pilot Grove, MO 65276)

(Ray Ford
General Manager
Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company
P.O. Box 98
718 South West Street
Green City, MO 63545)

with a copy to:

Craig S. Johnson
Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace & Johnson, LLC
P.O. Box 1438
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
(573) 634-7822 facsimile
CJohnson@aempb.com

or to such other location as the receiving Party may direct in writing.

SECTION 16 - FORCE MAJEURE

16.1 The Parties shall comply with applicable orders, rules, or regulations of the FCC and the Commission and with applicable Federal and State law during the terms of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, a Party shall not be liable nor deemed to be in default for any delay or failure of performance under this Agreement resulting from acts of God, civil or military authority, acts of the public enemy, war, hurricanes, tornadoes, storms, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods, government regulation, strikes, lockouts, or other work interruptions by employees or agents not within the control of the non-performing Party.

SECTION 17 - TAXES

17.1 The Party collecting revenues shall be responsible for collecting, reporting, and remitting all taxes associated therewith, provided that the tax liability shall remain with the Party upon whom it is originally imposed.

SECTION 18 - ASSIGNMENT

18.1 Neither Party may assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, provided, however, a Party may assign this Agreement or any portion thereof, without consent, to any entity that, on the effective date of this Agreement, controls, was controlled by or under the common control with the assigning Party. Any such assignment shall not, in any way, affect or limit the rights and/or obligations of the Parties under the terms of this Agreement.

SECTION 19 - TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO EITHER PARTY

19.1 Failure of either Party to pay undisputed charges shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement. If either Party fails to pay when due any undisputed charges billed to them under this Agreement ("Undisputed Unpaid Charges"), and any portion of such charges remain unpaid more than thirty (30) days after the due date of such Undisputed Unpaid Charges, the Billing Party will notify the billed Party in writing that in order to avoid having service disconnected, the billed Party must remit all Undisputed Unpaid Charges to the Billing Party within thirty (30) days after receipt of said notice (the "Termination Notice"). Disputes hereunder will be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedures set out in Section 7 of this Agreement.

19.2 Either Party may discontinue service to the other Party upon failure to pay Undisputed Unpaid Charges as provided in Section 19.1, and will have no liability to the non-paying Party in the event of such disconnection. To the extent necessary, either party may request the assistance of a third-party LEC in order to effectuate disconnection.

19.3 After disconnect procedures have begun, the Billing Party will not accept service orders from the non-paying Party until all Undisputed Unpaid Charges are paid in full, in immediately available funds. The Billing Party will have the right to require a deposit equal to one month's charges (based on the highest previous month of service from the Billing Party) prior to resuming service to the non-paying Party after disconnection for nonpayment.

SECTION 20 - MISCELLANEOUS

20.1 This Agreement is not an interconnection agreement under 47 U.S.C. 251(c), but rather a reciprocal compensation agreement under 47 U.S.C. 251(b)(5). The Parties acknowledge that ILEC may be entitled to a rural exemption as provided by 47 U.S.C.251(f), and ILEC does not waive such exemption by entering into this Agreement.

20.2 In the event that any effective legislative, regulatory, judicial, or other legal action affects any material terms of this Agreement, or the ability of the Parties to perform any material terms of this Agreement, either Party may, on thirty (30) days' written notice, require that such items be renegotiated, and the Parties shall renegotiate in good faith such mutually acceptable new terms as may be required. In the event that such new terms are not renegotiated within ninety (90) days after such notice, either Party may terminate this Agreement or the dispute may be referred to the Dispute Resolution procedure set forth in Section 7 of this agreement.

This Agreement is executed this ____ day of _____, 2005.

Signatures:

T-Mobile USA, Inc.

Alma Communications Company
d/b/a Alma Telephone Company

(Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation,
Mid-Missouri Telephone Company,
Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone
Company)

APPENDIX 1

Pursuant to Section 4.1:

Rates for termination of Local Traffic via an indirect interconnection:

Local Termination Rate \$0.035 per minute (MITG)

Rates for termination of Non-Local Interstate Traffic shall be taken from ILEC's access tariff for interstate intraLATA traffic:

Rates for termination of Non-Local Intrastate Traffic shall be taken from ILEC's access tariff for intrastate intraLATA traffic:

APPENDIX 2

Pursuant to Section 4.2:

% of traffic shall be deemed to be Local

% of traffic shall be deemed to be InterMTA

Of the InterMTA traffic:

% shall be deemed to be Interstate

% shall be deemed to be Intrastate

MITG Position:

Alma:	0.0% interMTA
Chariton Valley:	26.0% interMTA; of interMTA traffic 80% intrastate, 20% interstate
Mid-Missouri:	16.0% interMTA; of interMTA traffic 80% intrastate, 20% interstate
Northeast:	22.5% interMTA; of interMTA traffic 80% intrastate, 20% interstate