

STATE OF TENNESSEE )  
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COUNTY OF KNOX )

**AFFIDAVIT AND VERIFICATION OF LINDA N. LOWRANCE**

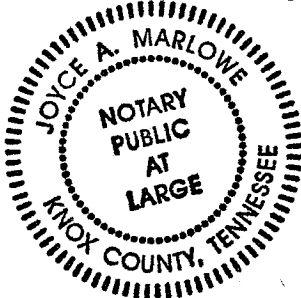
Before me, the Undersigned Authority, on this 14th day of August, 2006,  
personally appeared Linda Lowrance, Manager-Interconnection of New London  
Telephone Company, who, upon being by me duly sworn on oath deposed and said the  
following:

1. My name is Linda Lowrance. I am over the age of twenty-one, of sound mind and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am the Manager-Interconnection of New London Telephone Company ("New London") and have personal knowledge of the Agreement between New London and Level 3. I have reviewed the agreement on behalf of the New London, and I have personal knowledge of the provisions. The parties have negotiated diligently under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, culminating in this executed agreement.
2. The Agreement is the result of negotiation and compromise.
3. There are no outstanding issues between the parties that need the assistance of mediation or arbitration if this Agreement is approved.
4. Approval of this Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity, as it will allow the exchange of traffic between the New London and Level 3.
5. This Agreement does not discriminate against any telecommunications

carrier. The terms of this agreement are available to any similarly situated provider in negotiating a similar agreement.

6. New London is a Missouri corporation in good standing with the Missouri Secretary of State.
7. New London is not aware of any pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates.
8. New London's annual report and assessment fees are not overdue.

Further Affiant sayeth naught.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda Lowrance".

Linda Lowrance  
Manager-Interconnection  
New London Telephone Company

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 14 day of August 2006 to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joyce A. Marlowe".

Notary Public

**My Commission Expires June 7, 2008**