

CARRIER-TO-CARRIER AGREEMENT CHECKLIST

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1. PARTIES *Competitive Carrier*

Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier

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Adoption: Adopts existing carrier-to-carrier agreement approved by the Commission.

- Docket ARB _____

- Parties to prior agreement: _____ & _____

New Agreement: Seeks approval of a new negotiated agreement.

Does adoption or agreement replace an existing agreement between the parties?

NO

YES, Docket ARB _____

Amendment: Amends an existing carrier to carrier agreement.

Docket ARB 665 _____

Does this filing replace an agreement or amendment currently pending Commission approval?

NO

YES, Docket ARB _____, Filed on _____

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**Carrier Partner for Interconnected VoIP Provider Amendment
to the Interconnection Agreement between
CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc. dba CenturyLink
CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. dba CenturyLink
and
Level 3 Communications, LLC
for the State of Oregon**

This Carrier Partner for Interconnected VoIP Provider Amendment (the "Amendment") is to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, LLC dba CenturyLink; CenturyTel of Oregon, LLC dba CenturyLink ("CenturyLink"), and Level 3 Communications, LLC ("CLEC"). CenturyLink and CLEC shall be known jointly as the "Parties".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, CenturyLink and CLEC entered into an Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") for service in the state of Oregon which was approved by the Commission on May 8, 2018; which, among other terms, required each party to provide for the exchange of Exchange Service (EAS/Local), IntraLATA LEC Toll, Transit, VoIP-PSTN Traffic and Jointly Provided Switched Access traffic; and

WHEREAS, CLEC wishes to act as a Carrier Partner for an Interconnected VoIP Provider, which obtains their own number resources pursuant to FCC Report and Order 15-70 ("VoIP Numbering Order"), released June 22, 2015. CLEC will provide a switch for its use and seeks to combine CLEC's traffic with Interconnected VoIP Provider's VoIP-PSTN Traffic and exchange such traffic with CenturyLink according to the terms of this "Carrier Partner for Interconnected VoIP Provider Amendment" (the "Carrier Partner Amendment"), subject to limitations and requirements of the Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG") and other applicable requirements, including but not limited to the Agreement and the Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have amended the Agreement in response to the Order that the Federal Communications Commission issued in Docket No. 01-92, *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, effective December 29, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement under 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 specific terms and conditions under which CLEC exchanges traffic with CenturyLink as set forth in Attachment 1 to this Amendment, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Effective Date

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval by the Commission, or by being permitted to go into effect by operation of law; however, the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution. To accommodate this need, CLEC must generate, if necessary, updated customer documentation. In addition, all system updates will need to be completed by CenturyLink. Carrier Partner will be notified when all system changes have been made. Actual order processing may begin once these requirements have been met. .

Further Amendments

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The provisions of this Carrier Partner Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Carrier Partner Amendment may not be given without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representative. No waiver by any Party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

Entire Agreement

The Agreement as amended constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subjects of the Agreement as amended and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subjects of the Agreement as amended.

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

Level 3 Communications. LLC

**CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc
dba CenturyLink**

CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc dba CenturyLink

Gary R Black Jr

Gary R Black Jr (Jun 14, 2021 12:10 MDT)

Signature

Kimberly J. Povirk

Kimberly J. Povirk (Jun 15, 2021 09:08 CDT)

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Gary Black

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VP – Carrier Relations

Title

Sr. Dir. Bus. Ops Wholesale Sales

Title

Jun 14, 2021

Date

Jun 15, 2021

Date

ATTACHMENT 1

The following language is added to the existing language, in the Agreement, in its entirety:

Terms of Carrier Partner Amendment

1. Pursuant to the terms of this Amendment, CLEC will be exchanging with CenturyLink VoIP-PSTN Traffic, Transit and Jointly Provided Switched Access traffic of Interconnected VoIP Providers on the CLEC's interconnection trunks.

1.1 Prior to CLEC exchanging traffic for an Interconnected VoIP Provider with CenturyLink, CLEC will notify CenturyLink and CenturyLink will confirm that the Interconnected VoIP Provider has completed all necessary actions to perform number portability with CenturyLink pursuant to Applicable Law and ensure traffic routes properly in an environment of numbers ported to the Interconnected VoIP Provider.

1.2 CLEC will notify CenturyLink when CLEC is no longer routing an Interconnected VoIP Provider's traffic on CLEC's interconnection trunks.

1.3 CLEC will provide such notifications to their CenturyLink Customer Account Manager (CAM).

1.4 CLEC will follow applicable procedures of the LERG and the CLEC Agreement in order to identify the OCNs and NPA-NXX(s) of the Interconnected VoIP Provider which will be associated with the CLEC's Switch and routed on the CLEC's interconnection trunk groups.

1.5 The CLEC's end office CLLI must be designated in LERG 7 SHA as the Actual Switch ID.

2. CLEC and CenturyLink will continue to exchange traffic under the terms of the CLEC Agreement, including traffic terminating to CenturyLink end users. Solely for purposes of this Amendment, all traffic CLEC terminates to CenturyLink end users or that transits CenturyLink to other providers will be treated as though originated by CLEC, including but not limited to terminating intercarrier compensation, Transit compensation, compensation for use of interconnection transport facilities, and establishment of direct trunk groups.

3. No compensation for transiting traffic will be paid by CenturyLink to CLEC for traffic that CenturyLink sends through the CLEC to terminate to Interconnected VoIP Provider. All CenturyLink end user traffic will be treated as though it was terminated with the CLEC.

4. Interconnected VoIP Provider traffic will be included as the CLEC's responsibility in accordance with applicable terms of the Agreement. The Parties understand and agree that the nature of VoIP technology results in differing traffic patterns, while not changing the compensation required under Applicable Law. VoIP technology may permit an end user to move between places while still having access to its VoIP telephony services ("Nomadic VoIP"), which may make the Parties unable to properly track and bill applicable compensation charges. In addition, fixed locations may use telephone numbers not associated with the rate center of the fixed location, creating traffic patterns similar to VNXX Traffic, discussed elsewhere in this Agreement. The Parties agree that, while such uses of VoIP telephony do not change compensation requirements under Applicable Law, they wish to establish a means of remedying issues while reducing the

potential for dispute. As a result, CLEC represents that contracts with its customers will include provisions that traffic be properly routed and identified in order to facilitate proper compensation. If CenturyLink suspects that certain traffic exchanged under this Amendment is being routed in a way that avoids appropriate compensation being paid, it will provide CLEC written notice of the basis for its suspicion that such traffic is not Nomadic VoIP, and provide CLEC 45 days to remedy the situation or provide a response sufficient to show that such traffic is properly being routed and appropriate compensation being paid. If such traffic is not remedied, CLEC will be responsible for payment of appropriate compensation under Applicable Law for all such traffic including any Interconnected VoIP Provider traffic. The Parties will work cooperatively to address any compensation concerns. In addition, if Nomadic VoIP traffic rises above a *de minimus* level, the parties will jointly determine a method to track and pay appropriate compensation for such traffic.

5. This Amendment does not otherwise modify or supersede the terms and conditions of any agreement that CLEC may have with CenturyLink, including tariff, Interconnection and/or other agreements.

6. This Amendment does not authorize CLEC to bill CenturyLink on behalf of Interconnected VoIP Provider for any charges associated with transit traffic, terminating traffic or interconnection facilities, including, but not limited to any compensation arrangements contained in separate agreements or tariffs with CenturyLink.

7. CLEC will pass unaltered signaling information (e.g., originating Calling Party Number and destination called party number, etc.) for the Interconnected VoIP Provider's traffic per 47 C.F.R. § 64.1601 and industry standards.

8. CLEC agrees that CenturyLink may notice CLEC upon CenturyLink's temporary discontinuance of accepting all traffic delivered over CLEC's trunking where CenturyLink experiences from Interconnected VoIP Provider a Denial of Service (DoS) attack or such Interconnected VoIP Provider traffic otherwise contributes to the degradation of CenturyLink's network or CenturyLink's ability to provide service to its customers. CLEC agrees to remove the inappropriate Interconnected VoIP Provider traffic from its network prior to CenturyLink's subsequent acceptance of CLEC's other traffic. Following any such event, CLEC and CenturyLink agree to work in good faith towards a mutually agreeable outcome that demonstrates CLEC's ability to prevent future DOS attacks as a potential alternative to CenturyLink's right to require CLEC to establish a separate trunk group for the responsible Interconnected VoIP Provider's exclusive use for any subsequent Interconnected VoIP Provider traffic.

9. Where CLEC uses its interconnection trunks with CenturyLink for the routing of Interconnected VoIP Provider's traffic, in addition to its own traffic, CLEC will ensure traffic routed over such trunks is destined solely to the geographic area served by CenturyLink's switch as defined in the LERG.

10. CLEC agrees that CenturyLink will not be responsible to provide 911 services directly to the Interconnected VoIP Provider and that instead CLEC will be responsible as the Carrier Partner to provide such 911 services in accordance with applicable terms of the Agreement.

11. If CLEC chooses to obtain numbering from NANPA under a different OCN as an Interconnected VoIP Provider and exchange corresponding traffic with CenturyLink under the Agreement and this Amendment CLEC agrees to the same responsibilities stated in Section 1 and its subparts.

12. Definitions

12.1 Carrier Partner is a Certified Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) that provides the facilities and trunking that an Interconnected VoIP Provider needs in order to exchange traffic with CenturyLink and to demonstrate its facilities readiness as described in the VoIP Numbering Order.

12.2 Denial of Service (DoS) is an action that prevents legitimate user(s) from using or being provided service.

12.3 Interconnected VoIP Provider is an entity that provides interconnected VoIP service, as that term is defined in 47 C.F.R. § 9.3 and that directly obtains numbering resources as described in the VoIP Numbering Order.