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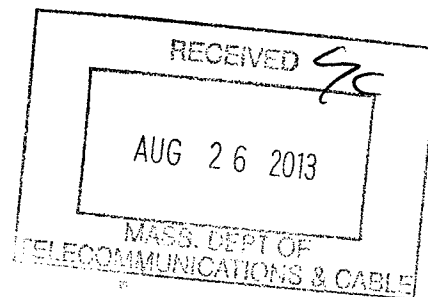


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August 23, 2013

Catrice C. Williams, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Cable
1000 Washington Street, Suite 820
Boston, MA 02118



Re: Interconnection Agreement between Verizon Massachusetts
and Sprint Spectrum L.P.

Dear Secretary Williams:

In accordance with § 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (“Act”), Verizon Massachusetts is herewith filing Amendment No. 3 between Verizon Massachusetts and Sprint Spectrum L.P. governing interconnection arrangements in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This Amendment is being submitted for Department approval under §§ 252(e)(1) and (e)(2) of the Act. Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that, if a state agency does not act to approve or reject an agreement reached by negotiation within 90 days following the filing, it shall be deemed approved.

Questions that the Department or interested persons may have regarding this filing should be directed to me or to Sprint’s representative. The address and telephone number of Sprint’s representative is:

Ellen Fuller, Contract Negotiator
Sprint Nextel
6360 Sprint Parkway
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Overland Park, KS 66251
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Please date stamp the enclosed copy of this letter, and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexander W. Moore (kms)".

Alexander W. Moore

cc: Karlen Reed, Director
Benedict Dobbs, Deputy Director
Ellen Fuller

AMENDMENT NO. 3
TO THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN

**VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC., D/B/A VERIZON MASSACHUSETTS, F/K/A NEW ENGLAND
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, D/B/A BELL ATLANTIC - MASSACHUSETTS**

AND

**SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P. AS AGENT OF AND GENERAL PARTNER OF WIRELESSCO L.P. D/B/A
SPRINT PCS**

This Amendment No. 3 (this "Amendment") shall be deemed effective on June 20, 2013 (the "Amendment Effective Date"), by and between Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts, f/k/a New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, d/b/a Bell Atlantic - Massachusetts ("Verizon"), a New York corporation with offices at 125 High Street - Oliver Tower, 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02110, and Sprint Spectrum L.P. as agent of and General Partner of WirelessCo L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS ("Sprint"), a Delaware limited partnership with offices at 6200 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, Kansas, 66251 (Verizon and Sprint may be hereinafter referred to individually, as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties"). This Amendment only covers the services addressed herein that Verizon provides in its operating territory in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "State").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Verizon and Sprint are Parties to an interconnection agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") dated May 8, 1997 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2011, in the Report and Order, *In the Matter of Connect America Fund, et al.*, 10-90, et al., FCC 11-161 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) (the "Order"), as modified by the Order On Reconsideration in the same docket (rel. Dec. 23, 2011) (the "Order on Reconsideration"), the Federal Communications Commission provided rules for (among other things) intercarrier compensation for traffic exchanged between Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") providers and Local Exchange Carriers; and

WHEREAS, in the Order, as modified by the Order on Reconsideration (and subject to the implementation timetable therein), the Commission adopted bill-and-keep as the default compensation for non-access traffic between local exchange carriers and CMRS providers (hereinafter referred to as "IntraMTA Default Compensation"); and

WHEREAS, Sprint has requested that the Parties amend the Agreement to address the matters set forth herein;

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

1. **Amendment to Agreement.** The Agreement is amended to incorporate the terms and conditions set forth in this Amendment, all of which shall apply to and be a part of the Agreement (such Agreement, as so amended, the "Amended Agreement") notwithstanding any other term or

condition of the Amended Agreement, a Tariff or a Verizon Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions ("SGAT").

1.1 Reciprocal Compensation Rate.

- 1.1.1 For traffic exchanged on and after the Rate Effectiveness Date (as defined below), the Reciprocal Compensation Rate that shall apply pursuant to Section 251(b)(5) of the Act and Section 5 of the Agreement for the transport and termination of Local Traffic, shall be the Reciprocal Compensation Rate set out in Exhibit A to this Amendment.
- 1.1.2 For the avoidance of any doubt, this Amendment shall not alter any rates and charges set forth in the Agreement other than the Reciprocal Compensation Rate.
- 1.1.3 The Reciprocal Compensation Rate provided for in Section 1.1.1 above shall replace and apply in lieu of the Reciprocal Compensation Rate for the transport and termination of Local Traffic set out in the Agreement (including, but not limited to, the Reciprocal Compensation Rate set out in Section 1.1.1.1 of Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement).
- 1.1.4 The Reciprocal Compensation Rate provided for in Section 1.1.1 above shall apply to the Parties in an equal and symmetrical manner.
- 1.1.5 The Reciprocal Compensation Rate (including, but not limited to, per minute of use rates) billed by Sprint to Verizon shall not exceed the Reciprocal Compensation Rate (including, but not limited to, per minute of use rates) billed by Verizon to Sprint.
- 1.1.6 The "Rate Effectiveness Date" shall be July 1, 2012. If the FCC or a court of competent jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof reverses, modifies or sets aside the rule for IntraMTA Default Compensation, the Parties will apply that decision in accordance with its terms, including any financial true-up that may be required if such a decision declares the rule for IntraMTA Default Compensation to be void ab initio or otherwise has retroactive effect.
- 1.1.7 The compensation regime set forth in this Amendment shall apply until such time as they are replaced prospectively by such new rates as may be approved or allowed into effect from time to time by the Commission pursuant to FCC orders and FCC regulations, or by the FCC, subject to a stay or other order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

1.2 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to traffic that is not subject to Reciprocal Compensation under Section 251(b)(5) of the Act.

2. Miscellaneous Provisions.

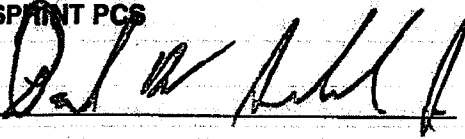
2.1 Conflict Between this Amendment and the Agreement. This Amendment shall be deemed to revise the terms and conditions of the Agreement to the extent necessary to give effect to the terms and conditions of this Amendment. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of this Amendment 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 2.1.

- 2.2 Capitalization. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings set forth in the Amended Agreement.
- 2.3 Counterparts. 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.
- 2.4 Captions. 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.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 Joint Work Product. 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.
- 2.7 Amendments. No amendments or modifications shall be made to this Amendment unless in writing and signed by appropriate representatives of the Parties.
- 2.8 Waivers. 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.
- 2.9 Definitions. Notwithstanding any other provision in the Agreement, this Amendment or any Verizon Tariff or SGAT, the term "Tariff," as used in this Amendment, shall mean: (a) Any applicable Federal or state tariff of a Party, as amended from time to time; or (b) any standard agreement or other document, as amended from time to time, that sets forth the generally available terms, conditions and prices under which a Party offers a Service. The term "Tariff" does not include any Verizon Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT) which has been approved or is pending approval by the Commission pursuant to Section 252(f) of the Act.
- 2.10 Further Assurance. Sprint represents and warrants that as of the Amendment Effective Date, and covenants that so long as this Amendment and the Agreement remain in effect, neither Sprint, nor any CMRS provider controlled by or under common control with Sprint, shall exchange with Verizon, or any incumbent local exchange carrier controlled by or under common control with Verizon, Local Traffic for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at any rates other than the rates for such traffic as specified in this Amendment.

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

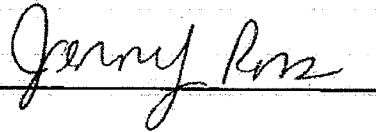
**SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P. AS AGENT OF AND
GENERAL PARTNER OF WIRELESSCO L.P.
D/B/A SPRINT PCS**

By: 

Printed: Paul Schieber

Title: V.P. Access and Roaming

**VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC., D/B/A VERIZON
MASSACHUSETTS**

By: 

Printed: Jennifer Ross

Title: Director-Interconnection

EXHIBIT A

A. SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND ARRANGEMENTS:

Service or Element Description:

Recurring Charges:

Non-Recurring Charge:

- I. Reciprocal Compensation Traffic Termination
Local Traffic

For traffic exchanged on and after the Rate Effectiveness Date: \$0.00 per minute of use. (Bill-and-Keep.)

Not Applicable
