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Via electronic mail and U.S. Mail

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DT-05-165



Dear Ms. Howland:


Enclosed please find seven (7) copies of the First Amendment to Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service operating affiliates, d/b/a AT&T Mobility ("AT&T Mobility") and TDS Telecommunications Corporation affiliates or subsidiaries (collectively "TDS"). I am also electronically filing this Amendment with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"). The original Agreement between the parties was dated June 1, 2005 and approved by the Commission on January 3, 2006 in DT-05-165.

This Amendment is being incorporated as a result of recent Federal Communications Commission Orders regarding intercarrier compensation charges between Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") carriers and Local Exchange Carriers ("LECs"). Per the Orders, effective July 1, 2012, bill and keep is the default methodology for determining compensation for Intra-MTA traffic (e.g., non-access CMRS-LEC traffic) exchanged between these types of carriers. Said Amendment complies with these FCC Orders by changing the compensation applicable to non-access traffic to bill and keep.

I have enclosed an extra copy of the filing. Please stamp this extra copy "Filed" and return to me for my file in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Margaret L. Stroud

Enclosures

cc: Debra A. Martone (w/enclosure via email)
Office of Consumer Advocate (w/enclosure via email)
Jeni White, TDS (w/enclosure via email)

First Amendment to Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement

This is an Amendment ("Amendment") to the Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement between the TDS Telecommunications Corporation affiliates or subsidiaries identified on Appendix A ("TDS TELECOM") and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Services ("CMRS") operating affiliates, operating as AT&T Mobility hereinafter ("AT&T Mobility"), jointly as the Parties.

WHEREAS the Parties or their predecessors in interest, previously entered into an Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 251/252 dated June 1, 2005 and approved by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission on January 3, 2006 in DT-05-165.

WHEREAS on November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Corporation ("FCC") released a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161, which included enacting new rules for Intercarrier Compensation for Wireless Traffic ("*USF/ICC Transformation Order*¹"). A subsequent Order on Reconsideration was released December 23, 2011 modifying two aspects of the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*.

WHEREAS the rules outlined in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order* constitute a change of law.

WHEREAS, 47 C.F.R. § 20.11 and § 51.700 - § 51.715 have been amended to provide that intercarrier compensation for non-access traffic exchanged between LECs and CMRS providers will be subject to a default bill-and-keep methodology for traffic exchanged on and after July 1, 2012.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the Order and change of law provision in the Agreement, Appendix C, Rates and Factors shall be amended as follows:

RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION RATES

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Transport and Termination

Bill and Keep*

*From July 1, 2012, forward, all non-access traffic exchanged between the Parties shall be exchanged pursuant to a bill-and-keep arrangement, which means that the originating Party has no obligation to pay terminating charges to the terminating Party; regardless of any charges the originating Party may assess its end users.

¹See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, High-Cost Universal Service Support, Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link-Up Universal Service Reform - Mobility Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket No. 07-135, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 01-92, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 03-109, WT Docket No. 10-208, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*).

IN ADDITION, the parties mutually agree to add the following to Section IV, Billing:

7. "Intermediary Traffic" is traffic that is delivered from a third-party Local Exchange Carrier or other telecommunications carrier such as a CMRS provider, through the network of either Party as an intermediate carrier to an end user of the other Party. In the event that "Intermediary Traffic" which is subject to tariffed access charges under the FCC's Inter-carrier compensation rules is routed over interconnection service facilities covered under this Agreement for any reason, each Party agrees that it will pay the applicable access compensation to the terminating Party for any and all such traffic it sends as an intermediate carrier.

Except as expressly set forth herein, the remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect without change. This Amendment shall be effective as of July 1, 2012 and shall remain effective as long as the Agreement remains effective between the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the Parties hereto have signed this Amendment effective as of the date and year set forth above.

By: TDS Telecommunications Corporation (not individually but as agent for the companies listed on Appendix A)

Signature

Date

Printed Name and Title:

Joel Dohmeier

Director Regulatory Revenue, Strategy & Compliance

By: New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service operating affiliates d/b/a AT&T Mobility

Signature

Date

Printed Name and Title:

Sheila M. Paananen

Lead Carrier Relations Manager

Signature Page to Amendment between TDS Telecommunications Corporation (NH Cos.) and AT&T Mobility effective the 1st day of July, 2012

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Appendix A

Kearsarge Telephone Company

Wilton Telephone Company

**Merrimack County Telephone Company (includes Merrimack County
Telephone Company d/b/a Contoocook Valley Telephone Company)**

Hollis Telephone Company, Inc.

Union Telephone Company