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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Originated Toll Free Service Jointly Provided Switched Access ("JPSA")
Amendment to the Wireline Interconnection Agreement between Qwest
Corporation and Neutral Tandem, Inc. for the State of South Dakota

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 is the Originated Toll Free Service Jointly Provided Switched Access ("JPSA") Amendment to the Wireline Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Neutral Tandem, Inc. for the State of South Dakota, pending before the Commission.

Contact information for Neutral Tandem, Inc. is as follows:

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Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Baker Thomson, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

George Baker Thomson, Jr.

Enclosure
e-mail cc: Neutral Tandem, Inc.
cc: David L. Ziegler, Qwest

**Originated Toll Free Service Jointly Provided Switched Access (“JPSA”)
Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement
between
Qwest Corporation and Neutral Tandem, Inc
for the State of South Dakota**

This is an amendment (“Amendment”) to incorporate certain terms and conditions related to Originated Toll Free Service JPSA traffic into the Agreement between Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”), a Colorado corporation, and Neutral Tandem, Inc (“CLEC”). Qwest and CLEC shall be known jointly as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, CLEC and Qwest entered into an Interconnection Agreement (“Agreement”) that was filed with the Commission; and

WHEREAS, CLEC offers a tariffed service (“Tandem Service ”); and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement to add terms and conditions that will permit 8XX Third Party Carriers to route unqueried originated Toll Free Service JPSA traffic to CLEC for the 8XX database dip, and to route the queried traffic to IXCs served by Qwest as JPSA traffic via CLEC’s LIS trunks.

WHEREAS, the Parties agree 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 to incorporate the terms and conditions set forth in Attachment 1 to this Amendment, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Effective Date

This Amendment shall be effective upon approval by the Commission and shall be effective for the term of the Agreement, including any applicable renewal or “evergreen” period (“Amendment Term”). The Parties agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution.

Scope

This Amendment shall amend, modify and revise the Agreement only to the extent specifically set forth in Attachment I of this Amendment. All other terms and provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Conflicts

In the event of a conflict between this Amendment and the terms and conditions of the Agreement, this Amendment shall control.

Further Amendments

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The provisions of this 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 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 (including the documents referred to herein and all effective amendments) 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.

Neutral Tandem, Inc.

David Tatak
Signature

David Tatak
Name Printed/Typed

VP – Billing & Revenue Service
Title

4/13/10
Date

Qwest Corporation

L. T. Christensen
Signature

L. T. Christensen
Name Printed/Typed

Director – Wholesale Contracts
Title

4/23/10
Date

ATTACHMENT 1

Originated Toll Free Service Jointly Provided Switched Access (JPSA)

1. DEFINITIONS

All terms used in this Amendment but not defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Agreement. Any references to, "8XX Third Party Carrier" and Commercial Mobile Radio Service" or "CMRS provider" in the definitions below shall only apply to the terms and conditions of this Amendment.

"8XX Third Party Carrier" means a CMRS provider whose originating Toll Free Service traffic transits CLEC's network, is queried by CLEC's network, and routes the queried traffic to IXCs served by Qwest as JPSA traffic via CLEC's LIS trunks.

"Meet-Point Billing" or "MPB" or "Jointly Provided Switched Access" or "JPSA" refers to an arrangement whereby two (2) or more Telecommunications Carriers including an ILEC, CLEC or CMRS provider receive traffic in the same LATA that the call is to be terminated in or originated from, and jointly provide Switched Access Service to an Interexchange Carrier, with each ILEC, CLEC or CMRS provider receiving an appropriate share of the revenues from the IXC as defined by their effective Switched Access Tariffs or, if applicable, CMRS contract.

"Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing" or "MECAB" refers to the document prepared by the Billing Committee of the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF), which functions under the auspices of the Carrier Liaison Committee (CLC) of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS). The MECAB document, published by ATIS (0401004-0009), contains the recommended guidelines for the billing of an Access Service provided by two or more Telecommunications Carriers (including a 8XX Third Party Carrier, LEC and/or a CLEC), or by one LEC in two or more states within a single LATA.

"Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design" or "MECOD" Guidelines for Access Services - Industry Support Interface, refers to the document developed by the Ordering/Provisioning Committee under the auspices of the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF), which functions under the auspices of the Carrier Liaison Committee (CLC) of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS). The MECOD document, published by ATIS (0404120-0006), contains recommended guidelines for processing orders for Access Service which is to be provided by two or more Telecommunications Carriers (including a 8XX Third Party Carrier, LEC and/or a CLEC).

2. JOINTLY PROVIDED SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES

2.1 Jointly Provided Switched Access Service is defined and governed by the FCC and state access Tariffs, Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) and Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD) Guidelines and based on LERG routing, and is not modified by any provisions of this Agreement. Both Parties agree to comply with such guidelines. For each 8XX Third Party Carrier, CLEC will require that such third party update the LERG to reflect that CLEC is the "800 SSP" for the 8XX Third Party Carrier's Mobile Services Switching Center (MSC).

2.2 Qwest has taken the approach as outlined in Section 2.4.1 to national committees to determine if documents and processes require updating to specifically address this approach. Both CLEC and Qwest agree to amend the Agreement to reflect any new industry standards that conflict with the terms and conditions of this Amendment

2.3 CLEC acknowledges 8XX Third Party Carriers will be set up with Qwest as “Meet Point Billing” carriers, which means that Qwest’s billing to IXCs for this traffic is based on Qwest FCC Access Tariff No. 1, section 2.4.7. CLEC agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to set up 8XX Third Party Carriers as Meet Point Billing carriers with Qwest thirty (30) days prior to the date such 8XX Third Party Carrier’s originated Toll Free Service JPSA traffic begins transiting CLEC’s network. In addition, CLEC will notify Qwest of third party carrier end office(s) that will originate Toll Free Service JPSA traffic thirty (30) days prior to the date that said end office begins transiting such traffic over CLEC’s network.

2.4 The Parties will file Billed Percentage (“BP”), agreed to by the Parties in the NECA 4 Tariff per the MECAB guidelines.

2.4.1 For Toll Free Service JPSA traffic originated by 8XX Third Party Carriers, sent to CLEC then to Qwest via the LIS facilities in place between CLEC and Qwest, the following 3 party BP arrangements will apply. The route type will be designated as SWT. Qwest office is designated as an end point. CLEC’s office is designated as an intermediate point. 8XX Third Party Carriers office is designated as an end point. The BP between Qwest and CLEC on this three party route will be calculated so that Qwest’s portion of the route between CLEC and Qwest is 50%. However when CLEC establishes a POI within a Collocation at a Qwest Tandem, if Qwest and the Third Party has the route filed in NECA in which the Third Party has 100% of the BP then both CLEC and Qwest will each have 0% of the BP. In addition, prior to the Parties filing any BP in the NECA 4 Tariff pursuant to the first sentence of this Section 2.4, CLEC’s BP will be 0%.

2.5 Exchange Message Interface (EMI) Category 11 JPSA records will be provided to Qwest by CLEC for any 8XX Third Party Carrier’s originated Toll Free Service JPSA traffic exchanged from 8XX Third Party Carrier’s NPA/NXXs to Qwest via CLEC LIS trunks for delivery to IXCs to ensure such traffic is treated appropriately in Qwest’s access billing systems, unless otherwise negotiated by the Parties.

2.6 Qwest agrees to function as the Access Service Coordinator (ASC) as defined in the Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD) Guidelines. Qwest will provide the operational, technical and administrative support required in the planning, Provisioning and maintenance involved in the joint access Provisioning process to the IXCs. Qwest will not fulfill the role of ASC if CLEC does not fully comply with MECOD requirements, including filing CLEC’s End Office Switches and BPs in the NECA 4 Tariff.¹

2.7 Qwest and CLEC will each prepare and render a separate bill to the IXC in accordance with its own Tariff or contract for the portion of the service it provides.²

¹ Replaces 7.5.2 of the Agreement

² Replaces 7.5.3 of the Agreement