# ICC VoIP Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Level 3 Communications, LLC for the state of South Dakota

This Amendment ("Amendment") is to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink"), a Colorado corporation, and Level 3 Communications, LLC ("CLEC") (collectively, the "Parties").

#### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into an Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") for service in the State of South Dakota, that was approved by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission in Docket No. 01-92, *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, issued an order that affects the Parties rights and obligations with respect to the exchange of VoIP traffic between CLEC providers and LECs in addition to revised call signaling rules effective December 29, 2011 ("FCC Order" or "Order"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to amend the Agreement in response to the FCC Order with 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 replacing and adding terms, conditions, and rates as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The provisions included in Attachment 1 are intended to supersede and replace the same numbered provisions in the Agreement and be added to the Agreement to the extent that the applicable numbered provision is not currently in the Agreement.

By signature on this Amendment, CLEC has elected to modify existing contract terms in order to implement the applicable provisions of the above mentioned Order.

# **Effective Date**

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon Commission approval; however, the Parties agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment as of December 1, 2012.

## **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.

## **Reservation of Rights**

In entering into this Amendment and carrying out the provisions herein, neither Party waives, but instead expressly reserves, all of its rights, remedies and arguments with respect to any orders, decisions, legislation or proceedings and any remands thereof and any other federal or state regulatory, legislative or judicial action(s) in respect to such Amendment. Furthermore, CLEC specifically reserves its rights, remedies and arguments contesting any assertion by the Commission of its jurisdiction over the subject matter, interpretation or enforcement of this Amendment including, but not limited to, federal tariffs or VoIP-PSTN Traffic as a result of the inclusion of terms or references to such tariffs or VoIP-PSTN Traffic in this Agreement and/or use of facilities that are otherwise included within this Agreement. CLEC has acceded to CenturyLink's request to amend this Agreement as reflected herein as a matter of administrative convenience only.

#### **Entire Agreement**

The Agreement as amended (including the documents referred to herein) 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, which may be 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	Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
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Andrea Pierantozzi Name Printed/Typed	L. T. Christensen  Name Printed/Typed
VP – Interconnection Services Title	
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