

**Single Point of Presence (“SPOP”) in the LATA Amendment  
to the Interconnection Agreement Between  
Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and  
SSTELECOM, INC. d/b/a/ ITC  
for the state of South Dakota**

This is an Amendment (“Amendment”) to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”), a Colorado corporation, and SSTELECOM, INC. d/b/a/ ITC (“CLEC”), a South Dakota corporation, (collectively, the “Parties”).

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into an Interconnection Agreement (“Agreement”) for service in the state of South Dakota which was approved by the Commission on July 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement by adding 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**

This Amendment is made in order to add terms, and conditions for Single Point of Presence (“SPOP”) in the LATA as set forth in Attachment 1, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Neither Party shall lose any of its rights from the original contract by entering into this Amendment for SPOP.

**Effective Date**

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon the Commission approval, however, the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution.

**Further Amendments**

Amendments; Waivers. The provisions of this Agreement, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Agreement 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**

This Agreement (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subjects of this Agreement 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 this Agreement.

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.

**SSTELECOM, INC. d/b/a/ ITC**

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**Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC**

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## ATTACHMENT 1

Single Point of Presence (SPOP) in the LATA is a Local Interconnection Service (LIS) Interconnection trunking option that allows CLEC to establish one physical point of presence in the LATA in CenturyLink's territory. CenturyLink and CLEC may then exchange traffic at the CLEC's SPOP utilizing trunking as described in Section 1:

1.1 By utilizing SPOP in the LATA, CLEC can deliver both Exchange Access/IntraLATA LEC Toll and Jointly Provided Switched Access traffic and Exchange Service EAS/Local traffic at CenturyLink's Access Tandem Switches. CLEC can also utilize CenturyLink's behind the tandem infrastructure to terminate traffic to specific end offices. The SPOP is defined as the CLEC's physical point of presence. This allows for a trunk group from CLEC's POI in one Local Calling Area (LCA) to be ordered to any CenturyLink local tandem or end office in another LCA which is otherwise not available, absent this amendment.

1.2 SPOP in the LATA includes an Entrance Facility (EF), Expanded Interconnect Channel Termination (EICT), or Mid Span Meet POI and Direct Trunked Transport (DTT) options available at both a DS1 and DS3 capacity.

1.3 Where CLEC intends to send calls through a CenturyLink tandem to a subtending end office, the following conditions apply:

1.3.1 The Parties shall terminate Exchange Service (EAS/Local) traffic on Tandem Switches or End Office Switches. When there is a DS1 level of Exchange Services (EAS/Local) traffic (512 BHCCS) between CLEC's Switch and a CenturyLink End Office Switch, CenturyLink may request CLEC to order a direct trunk group to the CenturyLink End Office Switch. CLEC shall comply with that request unless it can demonstrate that such compliance will impose upon it a material adverse economic or operations impact. Furthermore, CenturyLink may propose to provide Interconnection facilities to the local Tandem Switches or End Office Switches served by the Access Tandem Switch at the same cost to CLEC as Interconnection at the Access Tandem Switch. If CLEC provides a written statement of its objections to a CenturyLink cost-equivalency proposal, CenturyLink may require it only: (a) upon demonstrating that a failure to do so will have a material adverse affect on the operation of its network and (b) upon a finding that doing so will have no material adverse impact on the operation of CLEC, as compared with Interconnection at such Access Tandem Switch.

1.4 CLEC will provide notification to all Co-Providers in the local calling areas of CLEC's change in routing when the CLEC chooses to route its traffic in accordance with CenturyLink's SPOP interconnection trunking.

1.5 Ordering

1.5.1 Prior to ordering, CenturyLink and CLEC will work together to review CLEC's network configuration in order to ensure correct and complete ASR ordering.

1.5.2 SPOP in a LATA will be ordered based upon the standard ordering process for the type of facility chosen.

1.5.3 CLEC will issue ASRs to convert existing access tandem trunk groups to

SPOP trunk groups.

1.5.4 In addition, the ASR ordering SPOP trunks will include SPOP Remarks "Single POP in LATA " and the SPEC Field must be filled out with the appropriate code.