

**Amendment No. 4 to the Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement
between Verizon Wireless and Venture Communications Cooperative**

This Amendment No. 4 (“Amendment No. 4”) is made effective as of May 31, 2023 (“Amendment No. 4 Effective Date”), by and between Venture Communications Cooperative, Inc. (“Venture”), with its principal place of business at 218 Commercial Avenue, Highmore, South Dakota 57345 and the Verizon Wireless entities listed on the signature page of this Amendment No. 4 (collectively “Verizon Wireless”), with its principal place of business at One Verizon Way, Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920. Venture and Verizon Wireless may be hereinafter referred to, each individually, as a “Party” and, collectively, as the “Parties”.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Venture and CommNet Cellular, Inc. are Parties to a Reciprocal Transport and Termination Agreement entered into pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, that was effective December 15, 1997 (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless is the successor-in-interest to CommNet Cellular, Inc. and owns an equity interest of more than 10 percent; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless acquired Rural Cellular Corporation, Inc. on August 6, 2008 and owns an equity interest of more than 10 percent; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless and Venture are currently exchanging intrastate Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic over direct connection facilities pursuant to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless wishes to reconfigure the direct connection facilities that the Parties are using to exchange landline to mobile calls in which the mobile subscribers have an NPA-NXX associated with the landline rate center in which the call originates, (hereinafter “intrastate land to mobile Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic”) pursuant to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties, pursuant to Section 252(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, (the “Act”) and certain terms in the existing Agreement, wish to amend the Agreement in order to give contractual effect to the provisions set forth herein.

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

Amendment Terms

1. Verizon Wireless and Venture agree that Verizon Wireless may order new direct connection facilities to the POI located within Venture's rate center as specified in Attachment A.
2. The new direct connection facilities described in Paragraph 1, above, may be ordered by Verizon Wireless's agent pursuant to a written letter of authorization signed by Verizon Wireless and its agent. Such new direct connection facilities shall be subject to the rates, terms and conditions of Venture's local pricing catalog. Verizon Wireless will remain financially responsible for such direct connection facilities ordered by its agent.
3. Upon installation of the new direct connection facilities referenced in Paragraph 1, above, and the successful completion of any mutually agreed testing, the Parties shall begin exchanging intrastate land to mobile Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic over such new direct connection facilities.
4. If the Parties mutually agree to cease exchanging intrastate land to mobile Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic over existing direct connection facilities, Verizon Wireless or its agent may submit orders to disconnect such direct connection facilities. Upon receipt of such orders, Venture will disconnect such direct connection facilities and discontinue all billing for such direct connection facilities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to any disconnections, the Parties shall agree upon (1) treatment of all local dialing patterns and (2) how the Parties will exchange intrastate land to mobile Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic. If the Parties are unable to agree, then Venture is not obligated to disconnect direct connection facilities and Verizon Wireless or its agent shall continue to receive intrastate land to mobile Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic through existing direct connection facilities.
5. In the event Verizon Wireless or its agent delivers InterMTA Traffic over the new direct connection facilities, such traffic shall be subject to the provisions of Section 10 of Amendment No. 3 of the Agreement.
6. Notwithstanding any prior agreement the Parties made regarding dispute resolution, the Parties explicitly agree the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over this Amendment and shall adjudicate any dispute that results therefrom.

Miscellaneous Provisions

1. Conflict between this Amendment No. 4 and the Agreement. This Amendment No. 4 shall be deemed to revise the terms and provisions of the Agreement to the extent necessary to give effect to the terms and provisions of this Amendment No. 4. In the event of a conflict between the terms and provisions of this Amendment No. 4 and the

terms and provisions of the Agreement, this Amendment No. 4 shall govern, *provided, however,* that the fact that a term or provision appears in this Amendment No. 4 but not in the Agreement, or in the Agreement but not in this Amendment No. 4, shall not be interpreted as, or deemed grounds for finding a conflict for purposes of this Section 1.

2. 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
3. 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 provision of this Amendment.

[Signature page follows]

The Parties, intending to be legally bound, have executed this Amendment No. 4 as of the last date set forth below, in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**Alltel Corporation d/b/a Verizon
Wireless**

**Venture Communications Cooperative,
Inc.**

**Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon
Wireless**

**CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon
Wireless**

**Rural Cellular Corporation d/b/a
Verizon Wireless**

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Title: General Manager/ CEO

Date: May 30, 2023

Date: Jun 2, 2023

Attachment A

<u>Venture Office & NXX</u>		<u>Verizon local NXX</u>	<u>Internconnecting Office</u>
Selby	605-649	605-848 605-850 605-281 605-282	Highmore SD
Bowdle	605-285	605-281 605-282	Highmore SD
Gettysburg	605-765 605-768	605-771 605-769	Highmore SD
Highmore	605-852	605-870 605-871	Highmore SD
Harrold	605-875	605-870 605-871	Highmore SD
Ree Heights	605-943	605-870 605-871	Highmore SD