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**INTERCONNECTION AND/OR RESALE AGREEMENT  
UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

This Interconnection and/or Resale Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Agreement), by and between one or more of the AT&T Inc. owned ILECs: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana, AT&T Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T South Carolina, and AT&T Tennessee; Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma, AT&T Texas and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, (only to the extent that the agent for each such AT&T-owned ILEC executes this Agreement for such AT&T Inc. owned ILEC and only to the extent that such AT&T Inc. owned ILEC provides Telephone Exchange Services as an ILEC in each of the State(s) listed below) and Peerless Network of Connecticut, LLC, Peerless Network of Florida, LLC, Peerless Network of Georgia, LLC, Peerless Network of Indiana, LLC, Peerless Network of North Carolina, LLC, Peerless Network of Nevada, LLC, Peerless Network of Ohio, LLC, Peerless Network of Tennessee LLC, and Peerless Network of Texas, LLC ("CLEC" also referenced as "Peerless Network"), (Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, North Carolina, Nevada, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas Limited Liability Companies), shall apply to the States of Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, North Carolina, Nevada, Ohio, Tennessee and Texas.

**WHEREAS**, CLEC represents that it is, or intends to become, a provider of Telephone Exchange Service to residential and business End Users offered exclusively over its own Telephone Exchange Service facilities or predominantly over its own Telephone Exchange Service facilities in combination with the use of 251(c)(3) Unbundled Network Elements purchased from other entity(ies) and the Resale of Telecommunications Services of other carriers.

**WHEREAS**, the Parties want to Interconnect their networks at mutually agreed upon Points of Interconnection to provide Telephone Exchange Services and Exchange Access to residential and business End Users over their respective Telephone Exchange Service facilities in the state or states which are subject to this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties are entering into this Agreement to set forth the respective obligations of the Parties and the terms and conditions under which the Parties will Interconnect their networks and facilities and provide to each other services as required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 as specifically set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, for purposes of this Agreement, CLEC intends to operate where one or more of the AT&T Inc. entities, hereinafter referred to as, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana, AT&T Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T South Carolina, and AT&T Tennessee; Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma, AT&T Texas and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin, the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier(s) and CLEC, a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier, has or, prior to the provisioning of any Interconnection, access to 251(c)(3) Unbundled Network Elements, Telecommunications Services or any other functions, facilities, products or services hereunder, will have been granted authority to provide certain local Telephone Exchange Services in the foregoing ILEC Service areas by the appropriate State Commission(s);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

be deemed a CLEC to CLEC Mass Migration. The CLEC that is a Party to this Agreement shall provide AT&T-22STATE with ninety (90) calendar days advance written Notice of any CLEC to CLEC Mass Migration. CLEC's written Notice shall include the anticipated effective date of the assignment or transfer. The acquiring CLEC must cure any outstanding charges associated with any Interconnection Service to be transferred. In addition, the acquiring CLEC may be required to tender additional assurance of payment if requested under the terms of the acquiring CLEC's agreement.

- 7.5.2 Both CLECs involved in any CLEC to CLEC Mass Migration shall comply with all Applicable Law relating thereto, including but not limited to all FCC and state Commission rules relating to notice(s) to End Users. The acquiring CLEC shall be responsible for issuing all service orders required to migrate any Interconnection, Resale Service, 251(c)(3) UNEs, function, facility, product or service provided hereunder. The appropriate service order charge or administration fee (for Interconnection) will apply as specified in the Pricing Schedule to the acquiring CLEC's agreement. The acquiring CLEC shall also submit a new Operator Services Questionnaire (OSQ) to update any OS/DA Rate Reference information and Branding pursuant to the rates specified in the Pricing Schedule to the acquiring CLEC's agreement. In addition, the acquiring CLEC shall pay any and all charges required for re-stenciling, re-engineering, changing locks and any other work necessary with respect to Collocation, as determined on an individual case basis.

## 7.6 Project Coordination:

- 7.6.1 AT&T-22STATE will provide project management support to effectuate changes of the types identified in Section 7.5 above.
- 7.6.2 AT&T-22STATE will provide project management support to minimize any possible service outages during any CLEC to CLEC Mass Migration. Should AT&T-22STATE's most current version of LSOR or ASOR guidelines not support the required order activity, AT&T-22STATE will issue service orders at the manual rate, as specified in the Pricing Schedule to this Agreement, based upon type of service provided, and on the condition that CLEC provides to AT&T-22STATE any and all information AT&T-22STATE reasonably requests to effectuate such changes.

## 7.7 Referral Announcement

- 7.7.1 When an End User changes its service provider from AT&T-22STATE to CLEC or from CLEC to AT&T-22STATE and does not retain its original telephone number, the Party formerly providing service to such End User shall furnish a referral announcement ("Referral Announcement") on the original telephone number that specifies the End User's new telephone number in accordance with any applicable state laws, rules and tariffs.

## 8.0 Effective Date, Term and Termination

### 8.1 Effective Date:

- 8.1.1 In AT&T-22STATE, with the exception of AT&T OHIO, the Effective Date of this Agreement shall be ten (10) calendar days after the Commission approves this Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act or, absent such Commission approval, the date this Agreement is deemed approved under Section 252(e)(4) of the Act. In AT&T OHIO, based on the PUC-OH, the Agreement is Effective upon filing and is deemed approved by operation of law on the 91st day after filing.

### 8.2 Term:

- 8.2.1 Unless terminated for breach (including nonpayment), the term of this Agreement shall commence upon the Effective Date of this Agreement and shall expire on July 19, 2012 (the "Initial Term").

### 8.3 Termination for Nonperformance or Breach:

- 8.3.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, either Party may terminate this Agreement and the provision of any Interconnection Services provided pursuant to this Agreement, at the sole discretion of the terminating Party, in the event that the other Party fails to perform a material obligation or breaches a material term of this Agreement and the other Party fails to cure such nonperformance or breach within forty-five (45) calendar days after written Notice thereof. If the nonperforming Party fails to cure such nonperformance or breach within the forty-five (45) calendar day period provided for within the original Notice, then the terminating Party will provide a subsequent written Notice of the termination of this Agreement and such termination shall take effect immediately upon delivery of written Notice to the other Party.

- 36.6 Neither Party shall use any Interconnection Service provided under this Agreement or any other service related thereto or used in combination therewith in any manner that interferes with or impairs service over any facilities of AT&T-22STATE, its affiliated companies or other connecting telecommunications carriers, prevents any carrier from using its Telecommunications Service, impairs the quality or the privacy of Telecommunications Service to other carriers or to either Party's End Users, causes hazards to either Party's personnel or the public, damage to either Party's or any connecting carrier's facilities or equipment, including any malfunction of ordering or billing systems or equipment. Upon such occurrence either Party may discontinue or refuse service, but only for so long as the other Party is violating this provision. Upon any such violation, either Party shall provide the other Party notice of the violation at the earliest practicable time.

### **37.0 End User Inquiries**

- 37.1 Except as otherwise required by Section 26.1 above, each Party will refer all questions regarding the other Party's services or products directly to the other Party at a telephone number specified by that Party.
- 37.2 Except as otherwise required by Section 26.1 above, each Party will ensure that all of its representatives who receive inquiries regarding the other Party's services:

37.2.1 Direct the callers who inquire about the other Party's services or products to their local service provider.

37.2.2 Do not in any way disparage or discriminate against the other Party or its products or services.

- 37.3 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, CLEC shall be the primary point of contact for CLEC's End Users with respect to the services CLEC provides such End Users.

- 37.4 CLEC acknowledges that AT&T-22STATE may, upon End User request, provide services directly to such End User similar to those offered to CLEC under this Agreement.

### **38.0 Expenses**

- 38.1 Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, each Party will be solely responsible for its own expenses involved in all activities related to the matters covered by this Agreement.

- 38.2 AT&T-22STATE and CLEC shall each be responsible for one-half (1/2) of expenses payable to a Third Party for Commission fees or other charges (including regulatory fees, reproduction and delivery expense and any costs of notice or publication, but not including attorney's fees) associated with the filing of this Agreement or any amendment to this Agreement.

38.2.1 Prior to the filing of this Agreement and each and every Amendment filed in connection with this Agreement in the State of Nevada, CLEC will submit a check in the amount of \$200.00, payable to Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, to cover its portion of the expenses incurred with filing this Agreement. Upon receipt of CLEC's check, the Agreement will be processed for filing with the Commission.

### **39.0 Conflict of Interest**

- 39.1 The Parties represent that no employee or agent of either Party has been or will be employed, retained, paid a fee, or otherwise received or will receive any personal compensation or consideration from the other Party, or any of the other Party's employees or agents in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement or any associated documents.

### **40.0 Survival**

- 40.1 The Parties' obligations under this Agreement which by their nature are intended to continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement. Without limiting the general applicability of the foregoing, the following terms and conditions of the General Terms and Conditions are specifically agreed by the Parties to continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement: Section 8.0 above and Section 8.4 above on Termination; 10.6 above on Cash Deposits; Section 10.7 above on Deposit Interest; Section 10.8 above on Drawing on Cash Deposits; Section 11.9 above, Escrow requirements; Sections 11.1 above thru Section 11.6 above on Billing & Payment of Charges; Section 12.0 above on Non Payment and Procedures for Disconnection; Section 14.0 above on Audits; Section 15.0 above on Warranties; Section 17.0 above Indemnity; Section 18.0 above Performance Measures; Section 19.0 above Intellectual Property/License; Section 20.0 above Notices; Section 21.0 above Publicity and Use of Trademarks or Service Marks; Section 22.0 above Confidentiality; 24.0 above Governing Law; Section CALEA Compliance; Section 34.0 above Taxes; Section 35.0 above Non Waivers and Section 42.0 below Amendments and Modifications.

### **41.0 Scope of Agreement**



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Network of Georgia, LLC, Peerless Network of  
Indiana, LLC, Peerless Network of North  
Carolina, LLC, Peerless Network of Nevada,  
LLC, Peerless Network of Ohio, LLC, Peerless  
Network of Tennessee, LLC, and Peerless  
Network of Texas, LLC

By: [Signature]  
Name: Storkell  
Title: VP operations  
Date: 5/8/09

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a  
AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T North  
Carolina, and AT&T Tennessee; Indiana Bell  
Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T  
Indiana, Nevada Bell Telephone Company  
d/b/a AT&T Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone  
Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio, The Southern New  
England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T  
Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone  
Company d/b/a AT&T Texas by AT&T  
Operations, Inc., its authorized agent

By: [Signature]  
Name: Eddie A. Reed, Jr.  
Title: Director-Interconnection Agreements  
Date: 5-19-09

	<u>RESALE OCN</u>	<u>UNE OCN</u>
CONNECTICUT	_____	_____
FLORIDA	_____	_____
GEORGIA	_____	_____
INDIANA	_____	_____
NEVADA	_____	_____
NORTH CAROLINA	_____	_____
OHIO	_____	_____
TENNESSEE	_____	_____
TEXAS	_____	_____
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