

**CLEC to CLEC Connections Amendment  
to the Interconnection Agreement  
between Qwest Corporation  
and  
Windstream of the Midwest, Inc.  
(fka ALLTEL Communications of the Midwest, Inc.)  
for the State of Nebraska**

This is an Amendment ("Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), a Colorado corporation, and Windstream of the Midwest, Inc. (fka ALLTEL Communications of the Midwest, Inc. ("CLEC")).

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, CLEC and Qwest entered into an Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") for services in the state of Nebraska which was approved by the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") on June 11, 1997, as referenced in Application No. C-1530; and

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 by adding terms, conditions and rates for CLEC to CLEC Connections as set forth in Attachment 1 and in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Rates in Exhibit A shall be updated to reflect legally binding decisions of the Commission and shall be applied on a prospective basis from the effective date of the legally binding Commission decision, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

**Effective Date**

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon Commission approval; however, the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution. To accommodate this need, CLEC must generate, if necessary, an updated Customer Questionnaire. In addition to the Questionnaire, all system updates will need to be completed by Qwest. CLEC will be notified when all system changes have been made. Actual order processing may begin once these requirements have been met. Additionally, Qwest shall implement any necessary billing changes within two (2) billing cycles after the latest execution date of this Amendment, with a true-up back to the latest execution date of this Amendment by the end of the second billing cycle. The Parties agree that so long as Qwest implements the billing changes and the true-up as set forth above, CLEC's bills shall be deemed accurate and adjusted without error.

**Amendments: Waivers**

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) 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.

**Windstream of the Midwest, Inc.**

**Qwest Corporation**

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Signature

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Signature

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Name Printed/Typed

L. T. Christensen  
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Director – Interconnection Agreements  
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## ATTACHMENT 1

### **CLEC-to-CLEC Connections**

8.2.1.23 Qwest shall design and engineer the most efficient route and cable racking for the connection between CLEC's equipment in its collocated spaces to the collocated equipment of another CLEC located in the same Qwest Premises; or to CLEC's own non-contiguous Collocation space. The most efficient route generally will be over existing cable racking, to the extent Technically Feasible, but to determine the most efficient route and cable racking, Qwest shall consider all information provided by CLEC in the Collocation Application form, including but not limited to, distance limitations of the facilities CLEC intends to use for the connection. CLEC shall have access to the designated route and construct such connection, using copper, coax, optical fiber facilities, or any other Technically Feasible method utilizing a vendor of CLEC's own choosing. CLEC may place its own fiber, coax, copper cable, or any other Technically Feasible connecting facilities outside of the actual physical Collocation space, subject only to reasonable NEBS Level 1 safety limitations using the route specified by Qwest. CLEC may perform such Interconnections at the ICDF, if desired. CLEC may interconnect its network as described herein to any other collocating Carrier, to any collocated Affiliate of CLEC, to any End User Customer's premises, and may interconnect CLEC's own collocated space and/or equipment (e.g., CLEC's Physical Collocation and CLEC's Virtual Collocation on the same Premises). CLEC-to-CLEC Connections shall be ordered either as part of a Collocation Application, or separately from a Collocation Application in accordance with Section 8.4.7. CLEC-to-CLEC Cross Connections at an ICDF are available, as follows:

#### 8.2.1.23.1 CLEC-to-CLEC Cross Connections at the ICDF.

8.2.1.23.1.1 CLEC-to-CLEC Cross Connection (COCC-X) is defined as CLEC's capability to order a Cross Connection from its Collocation in a Qwest Premises to its non-adjacent Collocation space or to another CLEC's Collocation within the same Qwest Premises at the ICDF.

8.2.1.23.1.2 Qwest will provide the capability to combine these separate Collocations through an Interconnection Distribution Frame (ICDF). This is accomplished by the use of CLEC's Connecting Facility Assignment (CFA) terminations residing at an ICDF. Also, ICDF Cross Connections must terminate on the same ICDF at the same service rate level.

8.2.1.23.1.3 If CLEC has its own dedicated ICDF, CLEC is responsible for ordering tie cables to the common ICDF frame/bay where the other CLEC resides. These tie cables would be ordered through the existing Collocation Application form.

8.2.1.23.1.4 CLEC is responsible for the end-to-end service design that uses ICDF Cross Connection to ensure that the resulting service meets its End User Customer's needs. This is accomplished by CLEC using the Design Layout Record (DLR) for the service connection.

8.2.1.23.1.5 If two (2) CLECs are involved, one (1) CLEC acts as the "ordering" CLEC. The ordering CLEC identifies both connection CFAs on the ASR. CLEC requests service order activity by using the standard ASR forms. These forms are agreed upon nationally at the OBF

(Ordering and Billing Forum). Refer to the DMP (Document Management Platform)/Carrier/Carrier Centers/"A"/"ASOG" for copies of all forms including definitions of the fields. CLEC is responsible for obtaining these forms. Qwest must not reproduce copies for its Customers, as this is a copyright violation. The standard industry forms for CLEC-to-CLEC Cross Connections (COCC-X) are: Access Service Request (ASR), Special Access (SPE) and Additional Circuit Information (ACI).

8.3.1.16 CLEC-to-CLEC Connection Charge. Recovers the cost of order processing, design and engineering. Additional charges will be assessed for Virtual Collocation connections and cable holes, if applicable. There will be recurring charges for cable racking.

#### **8.4.1 Ordering – All Collocation**

8.4.1.5 CLEC shall submit a Collocation Application to order Collocation at a particular Qwest Premises. A Collocation Application shall be considered complete, if it contains:

- a) Identification of the Qwest Premises;
- e) Type of Collocation
- h) Type and quantity of terminations;
- j) Billing contact.

8.4.1.5.1 Parties will work cooperatively to ensure the accuracy of the Collocation Application. If Qwest determines that the Collocation Application is not complete, Qwest shall notify CLEC of any deficiencies within ten (10) Days after receipt of the Collocation Application. Qwest shall provide sufficient detail so that CLEC has a reasonable opportunity to cure each deficiency. To retain its place in the Collocation queue for the requested Premises, CLEC must cure any deficiencies in its Collocation Application and resubmit the Collocation Application within ten (10) Days after being advised of the deficiencies.

8.4.1.6 Acceptance – After receipt of a Collocation Quotation Form from Qwest, CLEC shall formally accept the quotation in order for Qwest to continue the processing of the Collocation Application. A Collocation Acceptance shall be considered complete, if it contains:

- a) Signed Notification of Acceptance; and
- b) Payment of fifty percent (50%) of quoted charges.

#### **8.4.7 Ordering – CLEC to CLEC Connections**

8.4.7.1 Application -- Upon receipt of the applicable portions of a complete Collocation Application as described in Section 8.4.1.5 (Subsections a, e, h and j). Qwest will perform a feasibility study to determine if adequate cable racking can be found for the placement of CLEC's copper, coax, or fiber optic cable, or any other Technically Feasible method used to interconnect CLEC's collocated equipment that is in separate locations in the same Qwest Premises, or to another CLEC's equipment in the same Premises. The feasibility study will be provided within ten (10) Days from date of receipt of a complete Collocation Application.

8.4.7.1.1 If Qwest determines that the Collocation Application is not complete, Qwest shall notify CLEC of any deficiencies within ten (10) Days of the Collocation Application. Qwest shall provide sufficient detail so that CLEC has a reasonable opportunity to cure each deficiency. To retain its place in the Collocation queue for the requested Premises, CLEC must cure any deficiencies in its Collocation Application and resubmit the Collocation Application within ten (10) Days after being advised of the deficiencies.

8.4.7.2 Quotation -- If existing cable racking is available, Qwest will provide CLEC with a quotation and the specific cable rack route to CLEC with the feasibility study. If additional cable racking is required to accommodate CLEC's request, Qwest shall provide a feasibility and quotation to CLEC no later than ten (10) Days of receipt of Collocation Application. CLEC-to-CLEC Connection quotations will be honored for thirty (30) Days from the date the quotation is provided. During this period, the space is reserved pending CLEC's Acceptance of the quoted charges.

8.4.7.3 Acceptance -- There are two (2) forms of Acceptance for CLEC-to-CLEC Connections:

8.4.7.3.1 CLEC-to-CLEC connections with existing cable rack. – CLEC must submit payment of one hundred percent (100%) of the quoted nonrecurring charges with its Acceptance. Upon receipt of a complete Collocation Acceptance, CLEC may begin placement of its copper, coax, or fiber cables along the Qwest designated cable rack route. Recurring charges will begin with CLEC Acceptance.

8.4.7.3.2 CLEC-to-CLEC Connections using new cable rack. – Upon receipt of a complete Acceptance from CLEC, as described in Section 8.4.1.6, Qwest will begin construction of the new cable rack.

8.4.7.4 Interval – Pursuant to Section 8.4.7.3.2, the construction interval for CLEC-to-CLEC Connections requiring the construction of new cable rack by Qwest shall be within sixty (60) Days of the receipt of the complete Collocation Acceptance. If CLEC submits its Acceptance more than thirty (30) Days after receipt of the Qwest quotation, the Collocation Application shall be resubmitted by CLEC.

Windstream of the Midwest  
Exhibit A  
Nebraska

Amendment				Notes					
				Recurring	Recurring Per Mile	Non-Recurring	REC	REC PER MILE	NRC
<b>8.0 Collocation</b>									
<b>8.7 CLEC-to-CLEC</b>									
8.7.1	Design Engineering & Installation - No Cables								
	8.7.1.1	Fiber Flat Charge				\$1,339.04			1
	8.7.1.2	Flat Charge				\$745.12			A
8.7.2	Cable Racking								
	8.7.2.1	DS0, per Foot		\$0.16526			A		
	8.7.2.2	DS1, per Foot		\$0.17587			A		
	8.7.2.3	DS3, per Foot		\$0.15130			A		
	8.7.2.4	Fiber, per Request		\$119.64			1		
8.7.3	Virtual Connections (Connections Only; No Cables)								
	8.7.3.1	DS0, per 100 Connections				\$181.50			A
	8.7.3.2	DS1, per 28 Connections				\$85.00			A
	8.7.3.3	DS3, per 1 Connection				\$5.80			A
	8.7.3.4	Fiber, per Fiber Spliced (see rate in 8.1.3.2)				\$35.96			15
	8.7.4	Cable Hole, if Applicable				\$422.16			A
	8.7.5	CLEC-to-CLEC Cross Connection				\$189.12			A
<b>NOTES:</b>									
*	Unless otherwise indicated, all rates are pursuant Nebraska Public Service Commission Dockets listed below:								
A	Cost Docket C-2516 / PI-49 Effective 6/7/02								
1	Rates not addressed in Cost Docket (estimated TELRIC)								
15	Rate was prevously ordered for this element in a different section of Exhibit A.								