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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
SFN 2053 (4-2002)

PU-2751-02-398

Cellco Partnership/BEK Communications Cooperative
Interconnection Agreement

Application

02

Filed 8/2/2002

Closed 10/14/2002

DESCRIPTION

Scott, Sandi L.

From: Bauske, Shelly A.
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2002 12:44 |
To: Scott, Sandi L.
Subject: FW: Money Received.....

-----Original Message-----

From: Geiger, Gloria A.
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2002 12:36 PM
To: Bauske, Shelly A.
Cc: Geiger, Gloria A.
Subject: RE: Money Received.....

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Sent: Monday, November 18, 2002 10:45 AM
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Verizon Wireless

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by Celco Partnership/United Telephone Mutual Aid Co
11/19/2002 CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND ORDINARY MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Sharon Helbling deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **11th day of October, 2002**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota **six** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

Order

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Dan Kuntz
P O Box 1695
Bismarck ND 58502-1695

Cert. No. 7001 1940 0005 3426 5429

William E Braun
1-800-RECONEX, Inc.
2500 Industrial Ave
Hubbard OR 97032

Cert. No. 7001 1940 0005 3426 5436

Karen Johnson
Integra Telecom Inc
19545 NW Von Neumann Dr Ste 200
Beaverton OR 97006

Cert. No. 7001 1940 0005 3426 5443

Tom Simmons
Midcontinent Communications Inc
5001 W 41st St
Sioux Falls SD 57106

Cert. No. 7001 1940 0005 3426 5450

James Walter
VAL-ED Joint Venture L L P
702 Main Ave
Moorhead MN 56560

Cert. No. 7001 1940 0005 3426 5467

Don Negaard
Pringle & Herigstad
P O Box 1000
Minot ND 58702-1000

Cert. No. 7001 1940 0005 3426 5474

Sharon Helbling further deposes and says that on the **11th day of October, 2002**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **17** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

Scott Macintosh
Qwest Corporation
P O Box 5508
Bismarck ND 58502-5508

Dir-Interconnection Compliance
Qwest Corporation
1801 California St Rm 2410
Denver CO 80202

Royce S Aslakson
Reservation Telephone Cooperative
P O Box 68
Parshall ND 58770

Dave Dircks
North Dakota Telephone Company
P O Box 180
Devils Lake ND 58301-0180

Jerome Tishmack
BEK Communications Cooperative
P O Box 230
Steele ND 58482-0230

L Dan Wilhelmson
Consolidated Telcom
P O Box 1408
Dickinson ND 58602-1408

Ray Brown
Griggs County Telephone Co.
P O Box 506
Cooperstown ND 58425-0506

Ray Brown
Moore and Liberty Telephone Company
P O Box 66
Enderlin ND 58027

Keith Anderson
Inter-Community Telephone Company L.L.C.
P O Box 8
Nome ND 58062

Kenneth Lund Jr
Northwest Communications Cooperative
P O Box 38
Ray ND 58849-0038

Albert Grosz
West River Telecommunications Cooperative
P O Box 467
Hazen ND 58545-0467

Keith Larson
Dakota Central Telecommunications Coop
Dakota Central Telecom I
P O Box 299
Carrington ND 58421-0299

Darren Moser
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
Dickey Rural Communications Inc
P O Box 69
Ellendale ND 58436-0069

Mark Wilhelmi
Midstate Telephone Company
Midstate Communications Inc
P O Box 400
Stanley ND 58784

David Dunning
Polar Communications Mut Aid Corp
Polar Telecommunications Inc
P O Box 270
Park River ND 58270

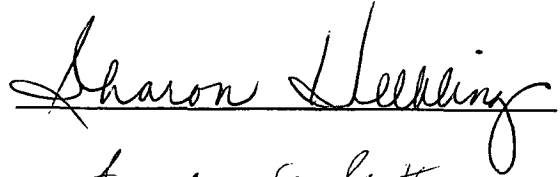
Ardon M Doran
Red River Rural Telephone Assoc
Red River Telecom Inc
P O Box 136
Abercrombie ND 58001

Kenneth Carlson
United Telephone Mut Aid Corp
Turtle Mountain Communications Inc
P O Box 729
Langdon ND 58249-0729

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 11th day of October, 2002.

SEAL





Notary Public

SANDRA L. SCOTT
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires JUNE 11, 2004

MOTION

October 10, 2002

APPROVED

DATE: 10-10-02
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Motion

by Public Service Commission

10/10/2002

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

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I move the Commission adopt the Order approving the captioned interconnection agreements.

JRL/sdh

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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ORDER

October 10, 2002

On July 12, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an application for approval of amendments negotiated to its interconnection agreements with 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. of Hubbard, Oregon, Case No. PU-2469-02-339; and Integra Telecom of North Dakota, Inc., Case No. PU-2463-02-340. On July 26, 2002, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Midcontinent Communications, Inc. of Sioux Falls, SD, Case No. PU-2745-02-382. These amendments set forth rates, terms and conditions for unbundled network element combinations.

Also on July 26, 2002, Qwest filed an application for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with VAL-ED Joint Venture, L.L.P. of Moorhead, MN, Case No. PU-2746-02-383. This amendment sets forth rates, terms and conditions for unbundled dark fiber.

On August 2, 2002, applications were filed for approval of the remaining 21 captioned interconnection agreements. These agreements were negotiated between Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and various North Dakota telephone service providers as indicated. These agreements set forth rates, terms and conditions for specific interconnection and reciprocal compensation arrangements between the parties.

These agreements were filed under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The Act requires that any agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration be submitted for approval to the Commission. Under section 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission may only reject an agreement (or portion thereof) adopted by negotiation if it finds that:

1. the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement;
2. the implementation of the agreement (or portion thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

In addition, the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry under section 253.

On August 16, 2002, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments, which provided that the Commission would receive comments on the agreements until September 17, 2002. No comments have been received.

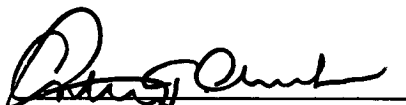
The Commission has reviewed the agreements and does not find them discriminatory against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreements. The Commission finds that implementation of the agreements is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Order


The Commission orders:

1. The captioned interconnection agreements are APPROVED.
2. The Commission retains continuing jurisdiction over the agreements at all times.
3. Notice of any changes to the agreements must be filed promptly with the Commission.
4. The agreements must not be assigned, assumed or otherwise transferred without the approval of the Commission.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Anthony T. Clark
Commissioner



Susan E. Wefald
President



Leo M. Reinbold
Commissioner

Scott, Sandi L.

From: Bauske, Shelly A.
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2002 2:35 PM
To: Scott, Sandi L.
Subject: FW: More Money Received.....

-----Original Message-----

From: Geiger, Gloria A.
Sent: Monday, October 07, 2002 1:59 PM
To: Bauske, Shelly A.
Cc: Geiger, Gloria A.
Subject: RE: More Money Received.....

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Polar Communications
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Consolidated Telcom
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Case No. PU-2751-02-398
BEK Communications
\$18.69

Case No. PU-2766-02-413

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10/07/2002 CC: Comm Legal Illona Jerry .

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Red River Telecom
\$18.69

Case No. PU-2767-02-414
Red River Rural Telephone
\$18.69

Case No. PU-2750-02-397
North Dakota Telephone Company
\$37.39
return check

Case No. PU-2727-002-330
Xcel Telecommunications
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APPROVED

DATE: 9-25-02
KMF

MOTION

September 25, 2002

Cellco Partnership/
BEK Communications Cooperative
Interconnection Agreement
Application

Case No. PU-2751-02-398

I move the Commission bill Cellco Partnership and BEK Communications Cooperative for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2751-02-398, Cellco Partnership/BEK Communications Cooperative, Interconnection Agreement, Application.

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Utility Valuation Motion/Letter/Billing
Statement
by Public Service Commission

09/25/2002

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .



Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota

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September 25, 2002

Mary Bacigalupi
Verizon Wireless
2785 Mitchell Dr MS 7-1
Walnut Creek CA 94598

Jerome Tishmack
BEK Communications Cooperative
PO Box 230
Steele ND 58482-0230

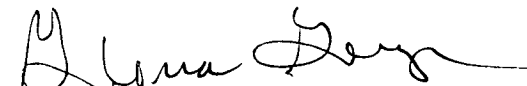
RE: Case No. PU-2751-02-398
Cellco Partnership/BEK Communications Cooperative
Interconnection Agreement
Application

Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the September 25, 2002
Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case
No. PU-2751-02-398.

Under N.D.C.C. 49-21-01.7, these expenses are billed through the Valuation
Fund and must be paid for by the telecommunications company involved.

Please make your check payable to the *Public Service Commission*.

Sincerely,


Gloria Geiger
Admin Staff Officer
701-328-2401

Enc.

c: Michael Bosh
Pringle & Herigstad
PO Box 1000
Minot ND 58702-1000

Billing Statement

September 25, 2002

Cellco Partnership/
BEK Communications Cooperative
Interconnection Agreement
Application

Case No. PU-2751-02-398

Bill To:

Cellco Partnership.....	\$18.70
BEK Communications Cooperative	\$18.69

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Advertising Costs	\$37.39
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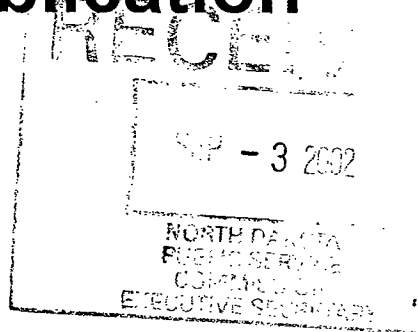
Send Payment and a Copy of this Statement To:

Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 408
Bismarck ND 58505-0480

Federal Tax ID 45-0309764

Affidavit of Publication

State of North Dakota)
)
 County of Burleigh)



Laune Thiel

, being duly sworn, state as follows:

- I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.
- The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of:
Qwest, 1 time(s)
 as required by law or ordinance.
- All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

Signed: [Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of August A.D. 2002.

[Signature: Laurie Schapper]

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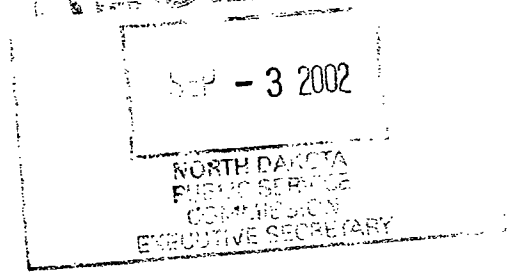
INVOICE

Date: 08/30/2002

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To:

JON H. MIELKE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE CAPITOL
BISMARCK ND 58505



Client: Public Service Commission

Order: 02084PP0

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Devils Lake Daily Journal	Qwest... C 08/23/2002	1.00	[Special]	94.50	94.50
Dickinson Press	Qwest... C 08/23/2002	1.00	[Special]	90.63	90.63
Fargo, The Forum	Qwest... C 08/26/2002	1.00	[Special]	86.62	86.62
Grand Forks Herald	Qwest... C 08/22/2002	1.00	[Special]	102.81	102.81
Jamestown Sun	Qwest... C 08/23/2002	1.00	[Special]	90.18	90.18
Minot Daily News	Qwest... C 08/23/2002	189.00	[Special]	102.06	19289.34
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Williston Herald	Qwest... C 08/23/2002	1.00	[Special]	95.16	95.16

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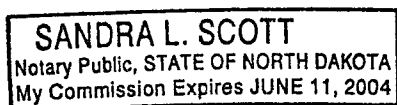
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I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments in the captioned applications for approval of interconnection agreements and amendments.

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August 16, 2002

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On July 26, 2002, Qwest filed an application for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with VAL-ED Joint Venture, L.L.P. of Moorhead, MN, Case No. PU-2746-02-383. This amendment sets forth rates, terms and conditions for unbundled dark fiber.

On August 2, 2002, applications were filed for approval of the remaining 21 captioned interconnection agreements. These agreements were negotiated between Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and various North Dakota telephone service providers as indicated. These agreements set forth rates, terms and conditions for specific interconnection and reciprocal compensation arrangements between the parties.

The agreements were filed under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The Act requires that any agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration be submitted for approval to the Commission. Under section 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission may only reject an agreement (or portion thereof) adopted by negotiation if it finds that:


1. the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement;
2. the implementation of the agreement (or portion thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

In addition, the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry under section 253. Section 252(e)(4) requires that the Commission must act to approve or reject an agreement adopted by negotiation within ninety (90) days after submission by the parties.

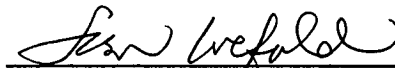
The Commission will receive written comments on these agreements until September 17, 2002.

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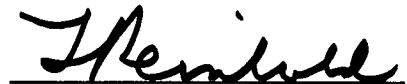
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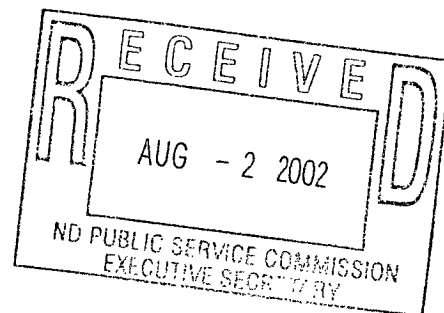
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INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Please find enclosed for filing 8 copies of the Wireless Interconnection/Compensation Agreement between Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless and BEK Communications Cooperative, effective January 1, 2002.

If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

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**WIRELESS INTERCONNECTION/COMPENSATION
AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN

BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

AND

CELLCO PARTNERSHIP, d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS

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I. Article I

1. INTRODUCTION

This Interconnection/Compensation Agreement ("Agreement") is effective as of the 1st day of January, 2002 (the "Effective Date"), by and between BEK Communications Cooperative ("BEK") with offices at P.O. Box 200, Steele, North Dakota 58482, and Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("VZW") with offices at 180 Washington Valley Road, Bedminster, NJ 07921, on behalf of the FCC CMRS licensees and markets listed in Attachment A.

2. RECITALS

WHEREAS, BEK is an incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in the State of North Dakota;

WHEREAS, VZW is a Commercial Mobile Radio Service provider of two-way mobile communications services operating within the state of North Dakota;

WHEREAS, BEK and VZW exchange calls between their networks and wish to establish Interconnection and Compensation arrangements for these calls;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, BEK and VZW hereby agree as follows:

II. Article II

1. DEFINITIONS

Special meanings are given to common words in the telecommunications industry, and coined words and acronyms are common in the custom and usage in the industry. Words used in this contract are to be understood according to the custom and usage of the telecommunications industry, as an exception to the general rule of contract interpretation that words are to be understood in their ordinary and popular sense. In addition to this rule of interpretation, the following terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings as specified below:

1.1 "Act" means the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

1.2 "As Defined in the Act", means as specifically defined by the Act, as may be interpreted from time to time by the FCC, the Commission, North Dakota state courts, or federal courts.

1.3 "As Described in the Act" means as described in or required by the Act, as may be interpreted from time to time by the FCC, the Commission, North Dakota state courts, or federal courts.

1.4 "Affiliate" means a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "own" means to own an equity interest (or the equivalent thereof) of more than 10 percent. 47 U.S.C. §153(1)

1.5 "Central Office Switch" means a switch used to provide Telecommunications Services, including, but not limited to:

(a) "End Office Switch" is a switch in which the subscriber station loops are terminated for connection to trunks. The subscriber receives terminating, switching, signaling, transmission, and related functions for a defined geographic area by means of an end office switch.

(b) "Remote End Office Switch" is a switch in which the subscriber station loops are terminated. The control equipment providing terminating, switching, signaling, transmission and related functions would reside in a host office. Local switching capabilities may be resident in a remote end office switch.

(c) "Host Office Switch" is a switch with centralized control over the functions of one or more remote end office switches. A host office switch can serve as an end office as well as providing services to other remote end offices requiring terminating, signaling, transmission, and related functions including local switching.

(d) "Tandem Office Switch" is a switching system that establishes trunk-to-trunk connections. Local tandems switch calls from one end office to another within the same geographic area, and access tandems switch traffic from host or end offices to and from an interexchange carrier. A tandem office switch can provide host office or end office switching functions as well as the tandem functions.

A Central Office Switch may also be employed as a combination End Office/Tandem Office Switch.

1.6 "Commercial Mobile Radio Services" or "CMRS" means a radio communication service between mobile stations or receivers and land stations, or by mobile stations communicating among themselves that is provided for profit and that makes interconnected service available to the public or to such classes of eligible users as to be effectively available to a substantial portion of the public. 47 CFR part 20

1.7 "Commission" means the Public Service Commission of North Dakota.

- 1.8 "Effective Date" means the date first above written.
- 1.9 "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission.
- 1.10 "Interconnection" for purposes of this Agreement is the linking of BEK and VZW networks for the exchange of telecommunications traffic described in this Agreement.
- 1.11 "Interexchange Carrier" or "IXC" means a carrier, other than a CMRS carrier, that provides or carries, directly or indirectly, InterLATA Service or IntraLATA Toll Traffic.
- 1.12 "InterLATA Service" means telecommunications between a point located in a local access and transport area and a point located outside such area.
- 1.13 "IntraLATA Toll Traffic," means those intraLATA station calls that are not defined as Local Traffic in this Agreement.
- 1.14 "Local Exchange Routing Guide" or "LERG" is the Telcordia Technologies reference customarily used to identify NPA-NXX routing and homing information, as well as network element and equipment designation.
- 1.15 "Local Access and Transport Area" or "LATA" means a contiguous geographic area:
- (A) Established before February 8, 1996, by a Bell operating company such that no exchange area includes points within more than 1 metropolitan statistical area, consolidated metropolitan statistical area, or State, except as expressly permitted under the AT&T Consent Decree; or
 - (B) Established or modified by a Bell operating company after February 8, 1996, and approved by the Commission.
- 1.16 "Local Service Area" means, for VZW, Major Trading Area Number 12 (Minneapolis-St. Paul) and for BEK, its local calling area contained in BEK's then current General Subscriber Service Tariff. An NPA/NXX assigned to VZW shall be included in any EAS calling scope or similar program to the same extent as any other ILEC's NPA/NXX in the same rate center.
- 1.17 "Local Traffic" is defined for purposes of determining compensation under this Agreement is Local Service Area traffic that (a) originates on the network of one Party, (b) may transit a third-party LEC's network pursuant to an agreement between the originating Party and the transiting LEC, in lieu of a direct connection between the Parties, (c) terminates on the network of the other Party, within the same MTA provided that the customer or roamer of VZW is a two-way CMRS customer and receives mobile service on a wireless, mobile basis as described in 47 U.S.C. §153(27).

For purposes of determining the originating and terminating points, at the beginning of the call, for application of Reciprocal Compensation, the origination and termination point for each Party shall be:

- (A) BEK: The end office serving the calling or called party,
- (B) VZW: The originating or terminating cell site location, which services the calling or called party, at the beginning of the call.

1.18 "Local Exchange Carrier" or "LEC" means any person that is engaged in the provision of telephone exchange service or exchange access. Such term does not include a person insofar as such person is engaged in the provision of a commercial mobile service under section 332(c) of the Act, except to the extent that the Federal Communications Commission finds that such service should be included in the definition of such term. 47 U.S.C. §153(26)

1.19 "Major Trading Area" or "MTA" means the Major Trading Area as designated by the FCC.

1.20 "Mobile service" means a radio communication service carried on between mobile stations or receivers and land stations, and by mobile stations communicating among themselves, and includes (A) both one-way and two-way radio communication services, (B) a mobile service which provides a regularly interacting group of base, mobile, portable, and associated control and relay stations (whether licensed on an individual, cooperative, or multiple basis) for private one-way or two-way land mobile radio communications by eligible users over designated areas of operation, and (C) any service for which a license is required in a personal communications service established pursuant to the FCC proceeding entitled "Amendment to the Commission's Rules to Establish New Personal Communications Services" (GEN Docket No. 90-314; ET Docket No. 92-100), or any successor proceeding. 47 U.S.C. §153(27)

1.21 "Mobile station" means a radio-communication station capable of being moved and which ordinarily does move. 47 U.S.C. §153(28)

1.22 "Non-Local Traffic" - All traffic which is not Local Traffic as defined in Section 1.17 hereof is Non-Local Traffic and will not be subject to Reciprocal Compensation.

1.23 "NPA" or the "Number Plan Area" also referred to as an "area code" refers to the three-digit code which precedes the NXX in a dialing sequence and identifies the general calling area within the North American Numbering Plan scope to which a call is to be routed (i.e., NPA/NXX-XXXX.).

1.24 "NXX" means the three-digit code, which appears as the first three digits of a seven-digit telephone number within a valid NPA or area code.

- 1.25 "Party" means either BEK or VZW, and "Parties" means BEK and VZW.
- 1.26 "Rate Center" means the specific geographic point and corresponding geographic area that are associated with one or more particular NPA/NXX Codes that have been assigned to an ILEC for its provision of Exchange Services.
- 1.27 "Reciprocal Compensation" means an arrangement between two carriers in which each receives the same compensation rate from the other carrier for the transport and termination on each carrier's network of Local Traffic, as defined in Section 1.17 above, that originates on the network facilities of the other carrier. Compensation, regardless of the Party that receives it, is symmetrical.
- 1.28 "Telecommunications" means the transmission, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user's choosing, without change in the form or content of the information as sent and received. 47 U.S.C. §153(43)
- 1.29 "Telecommunications Act" means the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.
- 1.30 "Telecommunications Carrier" means any provider of telecommunications services, except that such term does not include aggregators of telecommunications services (as defined in 47 U.S.C. Section 226(a)(2)). A telecommunications carrier shall be treated as a common carrier under this chapter only to the extent that it is engaged in providing telecommunications services, except that the Federal Communications Commission shall determine whether the provision of fixed and mobile satellite service shall be treated as common carriage. 47 U.S.C. §153(44)
- 1.31 "Telecommunications Services" means the offering of Telecommunications for a fee directly to the public, or to such classes of users as to be effectively available directly to the public, regardless of the facilities used.
- 1.32 "Termination" means the switching of Local Traffic at the terminating carrier's end office switch, or equivalent facility, and delivery of such traffic to the called party's premises or mobile handset.
- 1.33 "Transiting Traffic" is traffic that originates from one provider's network; "transits" one or more other provider's network substantially unchanged, and terminates to yet another provider's network.
- 1.34 "Transport" means the transmission and any necessary tandem switching of Local Traffic subject to Section 251(b)(5) of the Act from the interconnection point between the two carriers to the terminating carrier's end office switch that directly serves the called party, or equivalent facility provided by a carrier other than an incumbent LEC.

1.35 "Type 1 Service" often referred to as a line-side trunk connection, is a service that involves interconnection to a telephone company end office. A Type 1 Service is offered in connection with the provision of telephone numbers hosted by a BEK switch. If available and economically feasible, SS7 functionality will be used.

1.36 "Type 2 Service" often referred to as a trunk side connection, is a service that involves interconnection to a telephone company end office (Type 2-B) or tandem (Type 2-A).

2.0 INTERPRETATION AND CONSTRUCTION

All references to Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be deemed to be references to Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement unless the context shall otherwise require. The headings of the Sections and the terms are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the meaning of this Agreement. Unless the context shall otherwise require, any reference to any agreement, other instrument or other third party offering, guide or practice, statute, regulation, rule or tariff is for convenience of reference only and is not intended to be a part of or to affect the meaning of a rule or tariff as amended and supplemented from time-to-time (and, in the case of a statute, regulation, rule or tariff, to any successor provision).

3.0 SCOPE

3.1 This Agreement is intended, *inter alia*, to describe and enable specific Interconnection/Reciprocal Compensation arrangements between the Parties. This Agreement does not obligate either Party to provide arrangements not specifically provided for herein. This Agreement relates to exchange of traffic between BEK and VZW. BEK's NXXs are listed in Telcordia's Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG") under Operating Company Number ("OCN") 1604 in the state of North Dakota. VZW represents that it is a CMRS provider of telecommunications services to subscribers in MTA No. 12, Minneapolis-St. Paul. VZW's NXXs are listed in the LERG under OCN 6568 in the state of North Dakota. Additions or changes to either Party's NPA/NXXs will be listed in the LERG.

3.2 This Agreement is limited to traffic of BEK end user customers for which BEK has tariff authority to carry. This Agreement is limited to traffic of VZW customers and roamers to which VZW provides service on a two-way wireless, mobile basis. This Agreement covers only traffic of VZW customers that are utilizing a mobile station, as defined in the Communication Act of 1934. This Agreement does not cover traffic of VZW customers or roamers that are utilizing customer premise equipment for communications over a wireless local loop or quasi-fixed wireless service, even though the customer premise equipment might be transportable in a quasi-mobile application.

This Agreement does not cover traffic of VZW on a one way mobile basis, sometimes called paging service.

3.3 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver by either Party to institute proceedings before the Commission to compel the establishment of interconnection arrangements between VZW and BEK for wireless local loop or quasi fixed wireless service. If VZW decides to provide such services, the Parties agree to negotiate appropriate terms for such interconnection agreement, prior to VZW offering such services. In absence of a mutually acceptable interconnection agreement, either Party may institute proceedings before the appropriate state or federal court, commission, or FCC to compel the establishment of interconnection arrangements between VZW and BEK for such service, and/or to obtain clarification and/or guidance regarding the appropriate regulations applicable for interconnection and exchange of traffic related to such service.

3.4 Any amendment, modification, or supplement to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by an authorized representative of each Party.

4.0 SERVICE AGREEMENT

Description of Arrangements. This Agreement provides for the following interconnection and arrangements between the networks of BEK and VZW. Additional arrangements that may be agreed to in the future will be delineated in Attachment B to this Agreement. Type 2 interconnection and arrangements are based on the existing rate center designation for VZW's NPA/NXX, as listed in the Routing Database System's Destination Code Records.

4.1 Type 2-B Interconnection at Linton: BEK's Linton exchange is a remote served by Steele Host Office Switch. A two-way direct trunk group is provisioned between BEK's Steele Host Office Switch (STELNDXA1MD) and VZW's point of presence in the Linton exchange, with the point of interconnection designated at BEK's Steele Host Office Switch. This trunk group is provisioned in connection with VZW's NPA/NXX of 701/321, rate centered at the Linton exchange. Applicable tariff charges for establishing and provisioning these trunk groups are billed by BEK to VZW in accordance with Section 5.4 below.

A. Landline to Wireless:

1. Local Service Area calls from BEK to VZW's shall be routed from BEK's Steele Host Office Switch to VZW via the two-way direct trunk group.
2. All other landline to wireless calls shall be routed in accordance with Telcordia's Traffic Routing Administration instructions.

B. Wireless to Landline:

1. Local Service Area calls originated by VZW's customers within MTA #12 (Minneapolis-St.Paul) or customers of another CMRS provider that has entered into roaming arrangement with VZW, while roaming in MTA #12, to BEK customers in Steele exchange and BEK's remote exchanges that are hosted by BEK's Steele Host Office Switch shall be routed from VZW's network via the two-way direct trunk group to BEK's Steele Host Office Switch for termination by BEK to its customers, as appropriate.
2. All other wireless to landline calls shall be routed in accordance with Telcordia's Traffic Routing Administration instructions.

4.2 Indirect Traffic to BEK. To the extent that VZW and Qwest have entered into or may enter into contractual arrangements for the delivery of VZW traffic to BEK's network (i.e. traffic that is not covered elsewhere in this Agreement) for termination to BEK's customers, BEK will accept this traffic subject to compensation arrangement as outlined in Section 5 below.

4.3 Transit Traffic: The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is intended to govern the exchange of traffic to and from the Parties' respective networks only. Traffic that is originated on a network of a non-party Telecommunications Carrier ("Non-Party Carrier") and routed to a Party may be delivered to the other Party's network. In addition, traffic that is originated by a customer or roamer of a Party on that Party's network that is routed to the other Party may be delivered to a Non-Party Carrier. If a Non-Party Carrier objects to the delivery of such traffic, then either Party to this Agreement may request direction from the Commission, FCC, North Dakota state courts or federal courts. The transiting Party will continue to perform transiting functions for the other Party pending ruling from the Commission, FCC, North Dakota state courts or federal courts. The Party performing such transiting function will bill the originating carrier (other Party or a Non-Party Carrier) the transiting charge, as specified in Section 5 below. In order for the other Party or a Non-Party Carrier to bill the originating carrier (a Non-Party or other Party) for charges it is obligated to pay, the Party performing the transiting function will provide, subject to availability, total minutes of transiting traffic terminating to the terminating carrier (Non-Party Carrier or the other Party). VZW shall not perform a transiting function pursuant to this Agreement. If VZW desires to perform a transiting function, VZW will request an amendment to this Agreement.

5.0 COMPENSATION

5.1 Traffic Subject to Reciprocal Compensation.

Reciprocal compensation is applicable for Transport and Termination of Local Traffic as defined in Section 1.16 and is related to the exchange of traffic described in Section 4.1, 4.2, and in Attachment B, as applicable.

The symmetrical rate for Reciprocal Compensation shall be \$0.034773 per minute.

5.2 Traffic Subject to Access Charges.

Access charges apply to all Non-Local Traffic originated on VZW's network and delivered to BEK for termination to its customers as described in sections 4.1, 4.2 and Attachment B, as applicable. VZW shall compensate BEK at BEK's applicable access tariff rates for all VZW-originated Non-Local Traffic only to the extent that such VZW-originated Non-Local Traffic is not handed off to an interexchange carrier for delivery to BEK.

5.3 Traffic Subject to Transit Compensation

Transit Compensation is applicable to Transit Traffic that originates on one Party's network, traverses the other Party's network, and is terminated on a Non-Party's network.

The rate for Transit compensation shall be \$0.008171 per minute.

5.4 Facility Compensation

Where interconnection facilities are used for two-way traffic exchange between the Parties, the charges for such facilities (with the exception of new construction) provided and billed for by BEK shall be reduced by an agreed upon percentage representing the estimated or actual percentage of traffic exchanged between the Parties over such facilities that originate on BEK's network by BEK's customers. This percentage is referred to as the Traffic Factor. The Parties agree to review those percentages on a periodic basis and, if warranted by the actual usage, revise the percentages appropriately.

- a. Landline to Wireless: 20%
- b. Wireless to Landline: 80%

5.5 Calculation of Payments and Billing.

5.5.1 VZW will compensate BEK for Local and Non-Local Traffic delivered to BEK for termination to its customers, as prescribed and at the rates provided in Sections 5.1, 5.2. VZW will also compensate BEK for Transit Traffic originated by VZW and routed over the two-way direct trunk group for delivery to a Non-Party Carrier as prescribed and at the rate provided in Section 5.3, and for facilities as prescribe in Section 5.4. BEK will compensate VZW for Local Traffic originated by BEK customers on BEK's network and

delivered to VZW over the two-way trunk group, for termination to its customers, as prescribed and at the rate provided in Section 5.1.

5.5.2 VZW shall prepare a monthly billing statement to BEK, reflecting the calculation of Reciprocal Compensation due VZW. BEK shall prepare a monthly billing statement to VZW which will separately reflect the calculation of Reciprocal Compensation, Access Charges, Transit Compensation, Facility Compensation and total compensation due BEK. BEK shall use the total recorded originating traffic, recorded by BEK, and total terminating traffic recorded by either BEK and/or Qwest for billing VZW. If either Party lacks the billing capability upon agreement by both Parties, BEK shall also include the Reciprocal Compensation due to VZW as a credit on the monthly billing statement.

5.5.3 To facilitate this billing by BEK, VZW shall provide BEK on a monthly basis with VZW usage information showing (a) total minutes of Local and Non-Local traffic originated on VZW's network and routed over the two-way direct trunk group to BEK (i.e., traffic subject to Reciprocal Compensation in accordance with Section 5.1, above or Access Charges in accordance with 5.2, above), and (b) total minutes of Local and Non-Local traffic originated on VZW's network that terminate to BEK through indirect connection (i.e., traffic subject to Reciprocal Compensation in accordance with Section 5.1, above or Access Charges in accordance with 5.2, above).

5.5.4 In the event that there is insufficient representative and verifiable data on the actual Local and Non-Local Traffic exchanged between the Parties to use in preparation of the monthly billing statement, the Parties agree to apply a Non-Local Traffic factor to the total traffic volumes originated by VZW as an estimate of the Non-Local Traffic being originated by VZW. This factor shall be based on aggregated end user billing initially provided by VZW. Due to administrative cost, the Non-Local factor will not be applied in those circumstances where Non-Local Traffic usage is less than 2% of total traffic (i.e., All traffic will be considered Local and subject to Reciprocal Compensation as described in Section 5.1, above).

5.5.5 Each Party may request to inspect, during normal business hours, the records, which are the basis for any monthly bill issued by the other Party and to request copies thereof provided that the requested records do not exceed twelve (12) months in age from the date the monthly bill containing said record information was issued.

5.5.6 Neither Party shall bill the other Party for traffic that is more than six (6) months old or that predates this Agreement.

6.0 NOTICE OF CHANGES

If a Party contemplates a change in its network, which it believes will materially affect the inter-operability of its network with the other Party, the Party making the change shall provide at least ninety- (90) days advance written notice of such change to

the other Party, provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to changes necessitated by emergencies or other circumstances outside the control of the party modifying its network.

7.0 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

7.1 Each Party is individually responsible to provide facilities within its network which are necessary for routing, transporting and, consistent with Section 5, measuring and billing traffic from the other Party's network and for delivering such traffic to the other Party's network in an acceptable industry standard format, and to terminate the traffic it receives in that acceptable industry standard format to the proper address on its network. The Parties are each solely responsible for participation in and compliance with national network plans, including The National Network Security Plan and The Emergency Preparedness Plan. Neither Party shall use any service related to or use any of the Services provided in this Agreement in any manner that prevents other persons from using their service or destroys the normal quality of service to other carriers or to either Party's customers, and subject to notice and a reasonable opportunity of the offending Party to cure any violation, either Party may discontinue or refuse service if the other Party violates this provision.

7.2 Each Party is solely responsible for the services it provides to its customers and to other Telecommunications Carriers.

7.3 Each Party is responsible for managing NXX codes assigned to it.

7.4 Each Party is responsible for obtaining Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG") listings of the Common Language Location Identifier ("CLLI") assigned to its switches.

7.5 Each Party shall use the LERG published by Telcordia or its successor for obtaining routing information and shall provide all required information to Telcordia for maintaining the LERG in a timely manner.

7.6 Each Party agrees to adhere to the blocking requirements for interconnection (P.01) as provided in Telcordia documentation GR145 - Core Compatibility for Interconnection of a Wireless Services Provider and a Local Exchange Company Network.

8.0 TERM AND TERMINATION

8.1 Subject to the provisions of Sections 13, the initial term of this Agreement shall be for two years ("Term") which shall commence on the Effective Date. This Agreement shall automatically renew for successive six-month periods, unless, not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the end of the Term or any renewal term, either party

notifies the other party of its intent to terminate this Agreement or renegotiate a new agreement. In the event of such renegotiation, this Agreement shall remain in effect until such time that a new agreement becomes effective.

8.2 The Parties agree that disputed and undisputed amounts due under this Agreement shall be handled as follows:

8.2.1 If any portion of an amount due to a Party (the "Billing Party") under this Agreement is subject to a bona fide dispute between the Parties, the Party billed (the "Non-Paying Party") shall, within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the invoice containing such disputed amount, give written notice to the Billing Party of the amounts it disputes ("Disputed Amounts") and include in such notice the specific details and reasons for disputing each item. The Non-Paying Party shall pay when due all undisputed amounts to the Billing Party. The Parties will work together in good faith to resolve issues relating to the disputed amounts. If the dispute is resolved such that payment is required, the Non-paying Party shall pay the disputed amounts with interest at the lesser of (i) one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month or (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under North Dakota's applicable law. In addition, the Billing Party may cease terminating traffic for the Non-paying Party after undisputed amounts not paid become more than 90 days past due, provided the Billing Party gives an additional 30 days' written notice and opportunity to cure the default.

8.2.2 Any undisputed amounts not paid when due shall accrue interest from the date such amounts were due at the lesser of (i) one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month or (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under North Dakota's applicable law.

8.2.3 Undisputed amounts shall be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice from the Billing Party.

8.3 Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement in accordance with this Section:

- (a) Each Party shall comply immediately with its obligations as set forth in Section 8.2 above;
- (b) Each Party shall promptly pay all undisputed amounts (including any late payment charges) owed under this Agreement;
- (c) Each Party's indemnification obligations shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

8.4 Either Party may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part in the event of a default of the other Party, provided, however, that the non-defaulting Party notifies the defaulting Party in writing of the alleged default and the defaulting

Party does not correct the alleged default within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof.

9.0 CANCELLATION CHARGES

Except as provided herein, no cancellation charges shall apply.

10.0 NON-SEVERABILITY

VZW recognizes that BEK must provision facilities in order to allow for exchange of traffic under this Agreement, and agrees that compensation for establishing and provisioning these facilities is non-severable from provisioning of such facilities.

11.0 INDEMNIFICATION

11.1 Each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall indemnify and hold harmless the other Party ("Indemnified Party") from and against loss, cost, damage, and expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) to customers and other third parties for:

damage to tangible personal property or for personal injury proximately caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnifying Party, its employees, agents or contractors.

Notwithstanding this indemnification provision or any other provision in the Agreement, neither Party, nor its parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants, or employees, shall be liable to the other for Consequential Damages (as defined in Section 12.3).

11.2 The Indemnified Party will notify the Indemnifying Party promptly in writing of any claims, lawsuits, or demands by customers or other third parties for which the Indemnified Party alleges that the Indemnifying Party is responsible under this Section, and, if requested by the Indemnifying Party, will tender the defense of such claim, lawsuit or demand.

(1) In the event the Indemnifying Party does not promptly assume or diligently pursue the defense of the tendered action, then the Indemnified Party may proceed to defend or settle said action and the Indemnifying Party shall hold harmless the Indemnified Party from any loss, cost liability, damage and expense.

(2) In the event the Party otherwise entitled to indemnification from the other elects to decline such indemnification, then the Party making such an election

may, at its own expense, assume defense and settlement of the claim, lawsuit or demand.

(3) The Parties will cooperate in every reasonable manner with the defense or settlement of any claim, demand, or lawsuit.

12.0 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

12.1 No liability shall attach to either Party, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants, employees, officers, directors, or partners for damages arising from errors, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, or delays in the course of establishing, furnishing, rearranging, moving, terminating, changing, or providing or failing to provide services or facilities (including the obtaining or furnishing of information with respect thereof or with respect to users of the services or facilities) in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

12.2 Except as otherwise provided in Section 11.0, no Party shall be liable to the other Party for any loss, defect or equipment failure caused by the conduct of the first Party, its agents, servants, contractors or others acting in aid or concert with that Party, except in the case of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

12.3 In no event shall either Party have any liability whatsoever to the other Party for any indirect, special, consequential, incidental or punitive damages, including but not limited to loss of anticipated profits or revenue or other economic loss in connection with or arising from anything said, omitted or done hereunder (collectively, "Consequential Damages"), even if the other Party has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

13.0 REGULATORY APPROVAL

The Parties understand and agree that this Agreement will be filed with the Commission, and to the extent required by FCC rules may thereafter be filed with the FCC. Each Party covenants and agrees to fully support approval of this Agreement by the Commission or the FCC under Section 252(e) of the Act without modification. The Parties, however, reserve the right to seek regulatory relief and otherwise seek redress from each other regarding performance and implementation of this Agreement. In the event the Commission or FCC rejects this Agreement in whole or in part, the Parties agree to meet and negotiate in good faith to arrive at a mutually acceptable modification of the rejected portion(s). Further, this Agreement may be subject to change, modification, or cancellation as may be required by a final, non-appealable order of a regulatory authority or court in the exercise of its lawful jurisdiction.

The Parties agree that their entrance into this Agreement is without prejudice to any positions they may have taken previously, or may take in future, in any legislative,

regulatory, judicial or other public forum addressing any matters, including matters related to the same types of arrangements covered in this Agreement.

14.0 PENDING JUDICIAL APPEALS AND REGULATORY RECONSIDERATION

The Parties acknowledge that the respective rights and obligations of each Party as set forth in this Agreement are based on the text of the Telecommunications Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the FCC and the Commission as of the Effective Date ("Applicable Rules"). In the event of any amendment to the Telecommunications Act, any effective legislative action or any effective, final and non-appealable, regulatory or judicial order, rule, regulation, arbitration award, dispute resolution procedures under this Agreement or other legal action purporting to apply the provisions of the Telecommunications Act to the Parties or in which the FCC or the Commission makes a generic determination that is generally applicable which revises, modifies or reverses the Applicable Rules (individually and collectively, Amended Rules), either Party may, to the extent permitted or required, by providing written notice to the other party, require that the affected provisions of this Agreement be renegotiated in good faith and this Agreement shall be amended accordingly to reflect the pricing, terms and conditions of each such Amended Rules relating to any of the provisions in this Agreement.

15.0 MOST FAVORED NATION PROVISION

BEK shall comply with Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act, as may be interpreted from time to time.

16.0 MISCELLANEOUS

16.1 Authorization

16.1.1 BEK is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of North Dakota and has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder, subject to any necessary regulatory approval.

16.1.2 VZW is a general partnership duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder, subject to any necessary regulatory approval.

16.2 Compliance. Each Party shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations applicable to its performance under this Agreement.

16.3 Independent Contractors. Neither this Agreement, nor any actions taken by VZW or BEK in compliance with this Agreement, shall be deemed to create an agency or joint venture relationship between VZW and BEK, or any relationship other than that of co-carriers. Neither this Agreement, nor any actions taken by VZW or BEK in compliance with this Agreement, shall create a contractual, agency, or any other type of relationship or third party liability between VZW and BEK end users or others.

16.4 Force Majeure. Neither Party shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Agreement from any cause beyond its control and without its fault or negligence including, without limitation, acts of nature, acts of civil or military authority, government regulations, embargoes, epidemics, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, floods, equipment failure, power blackouts, volcanic action, other major environmental disturbances, unusually severe weather conditions, inability to secure products or services of other persons or transportation facilities or acts or omissions of transportation carriers (collectively, a "Force Majeure Event"). If any Force Majeure condition occurs, the Party delayed or unable to perform shall give immediate notice to the other Party and shall take all reasonable steps to correct the force majeure condition. During the pendency of the Force Majeure, the duties of the Parties under this Agreement affected by the Force Majeure condition shall be abated and shall resume without liability thereafter.

16.5 Confidentiality

16.5.1 Any information such as specifications, drawings, sketches, business information, forecasts, models, samples, data, computer programs and other software and documentation of one Party (a Disclosing Party) that is furnished or made available or otherwise disclosed to the other Party or any of its employees, contractors, or agents (its "Representatives" and with a Party, a "Receiving Party") pursuant to this Agreement ("Proprietary Information") shall be deemed the property of the Disclosing Party. Proprietary Information, if written, shall be clearly and conspicuously marked "Confidential" or "Proprietary" or other similar notice, and, if oral or visual, shall be confirmed in writing as confidential by the Disclosing Party to the Receiving Party within ten (10) days after disclosure. Unless Proprietary Information was previously known by the Receiving Party free of any obligation to keep it confidential, or has been or is subsequently made public by an act not attributable to the Receiving Party, or is explicitly agreed in writing not to be regarded as confidential, such information: (i) shall be held in confidence by each Receiving Party; (ii) shall be disclosed to only those persons who have a need for it in connection with the provision of services required to fulfill this Agreement and shall be used by those persons only for such purposes; and (iii) may be used for other purposes only upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed to in advance of such use in writing by the Parties. Notwithstanding the

foregoing sentence, a Receiving Party shall be entitled to disclose or provide Proprietary Information as required by any governmental authority or applicable law, upon advice of counsel, only in accordance with Section 16.5.2 of this Agreement.

16.5.2 If any Receiving Party is required by any governmental authority or by applicable law to disclose any Proprietary Information, then such Receiving Party shall provide the Disclosing Party with written notice of such requirement as soon as possible and prior to such disclosure. The Disclosing Party may then seek appropriate protective relief from all or part of such requirement. The Receiving Party shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Disclosing Party in attempting to obtain any protective relief which such Disclosing Party chooses to obtain.

16.5.3 In the event of the expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever, each Party shall return to the other Party or destroy all Proprietary Information and other documents, work papers and other material (including all copies thereof) obtained from the other Party in connection with this Agreement and shall use all reasonable efforts, including instructing its employees and others who have had access to such information, to keep confidential and not to use any such information, unless such information is now, or is hereafter disclosed, through no act, omission or fault of such Party, in any manner making it available to the general public.

16.6 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the domestic laws of the State of North Dakota without reference to conflict of law provisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties may seek resolution of disputes under this Agreement by the FCC, the Commission, or the North Dakota state court, or federal court, as appropriate.

16.7 Taxes. Each Party purchasing services hereunder shall pay or otherwise be responsible for all federal, state, or local sales, use, excise, gross receipts, transaction or similar taxes, fees or surcharges levied against or upon such purchasing Party (or the providing Party when such providing Party is permitted to pass along to the purchasing Party such taxes, fees or surcharges), except for any tax on either Party's corporate existence, status or income. Whenever possible, these amounts shall be billed as a separate item on the invoice. To the extent a sale is claimed to be for resale tax exemption, the purchasing Party shall furnish the providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate as authorized or required by statute or regulation by the jurisdiction providing said resale tax exemption. Failure to timely provide such sale for resale tax exemption certificate will result in no exemption being available to the purchasing Party.

16.8 Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Parties and shall continue to be binding upon all such entities regardless of any subsequent change in their ownership. Each Party covenants that, if it sells or otherwise transfers to a third party, unless the Party which is not the subject of the sale or transfer reasonably determines that

the legal structure of the transfer vitiates any such need, it will require as a condition of such transfer that the transferee agree to be bound by this Agreement with respect to services provided over the transferred facilities. Except as provided in this paragraph, neither Party may assign or transfer (whether by operation of law or otherwise) this Agreement (or any rights or obligations hereunder) to a third party without the prior written consent of the other Party which consent will not be unreasonably withheld; provided that either Party may assign this Agreement to a corporate Affiliate or an entity acquiring all or substantially all of its assets or equity by providing prior written notice to the other Party of such assignment or transfer. Any attempted assignment or transfer that is not permitted is void *ab initio*. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties' respective successors and assigns.

16.9 Non-Waiver. Failure of either Party to insist on performance of any term or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or privilege hereunder shall not be construed as a continuing or future waiver of such term, condition, right or privilege.

16.10 Notices. Notices given by one Party to the other Party under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be: (i) delivered personally; (ii) delivered by express delivery service; (iii) mailed, certified mail, return receipt requested; or (iv) delivered by telecopy to the following addresses of the Parties:

To:

Verizon Wireless
Attn: Mary Bacigalupi
2785 Mitchell Drive, MS 7-1
Walnut Creek CA 94598

To:

BEK Communications Cooperative
Jerome Tishmack
P. O. Box 200
Steele, ND 58482

Or to such other address as either Party shall designate by proper notice. Notices will be deemed given as of the earlier of: (i) the date of actual receipt; (ii) the next business day when notice is sent via express mail or personal delivery; (iii) three (3) days after mailing in the case of certified U.S. mail; or (iv) on the date set forth on the confirmation in the case of telecopy.

16.11 Publicity and Use of Trademarks or Service Marks. Neither Party nor its subcontractors or agents shall use the other Party's trademarks, service marks, logos or other proprietary trade dress in any advertising, press releases, publicity matters or other promotional materials without such Party's prior written consent.

16.12 Joint Work Product. This Agreement is the joint work product of the Parties and has been negotiated by the Parties and their respective counsel and shall be fairly

interpreted in accordance with its terms. In the event of any ambiguities, no inferences shall be drawn against either Party.

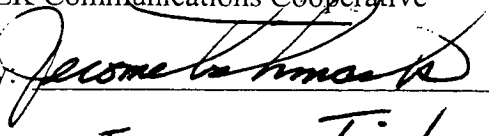
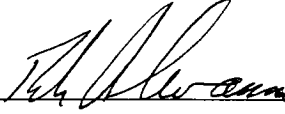
16.13 No Third Party Beneficiaries; Disclaimer of Agency. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties and their permitted assigns, and nothing herein expressed or implied shall create or be construed to create any third-party beneficiary rights hereunder. Except for provisions herein expressly authorizing a Party to act for another, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a party as a legal representative or agent of the other Party; nor shall a Party have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind, express or implied, against, in the name of, or on behalf of the other Party, unless otherwise expressly permitted by such other Party. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no party undertakes to perform any obligation of the other Party, whether regulatory or contractual, or to assume any responsibility for the management of the other Party's business.

16.14 No License. No license under patents, copyrights, or any other intellectual property right (other than the limited license to use consistent with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Agreement) is granted by either Party, or shall be implied or arise by estoppel with respect to any transactions contemplated under this Agreement.

16.15 Technology Upgrades. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit either Parties' ability to upgrade its network through the incorporation of new equipment, new software or otherwise, provided it is to industry standards, and that the Party initiating the upgrade shall provide the other Party written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to the incorporation of any such upgrade in its network which will materially impact the other Party's service. Each Party shall be solely responsible for the cost and effort of accommodating such changes in its own network.

16.16 Entire Agreement. The terms contained in this Agreement and any Schedules, Exhibits, tariffs and other documents or instruments referred to herein are hereby incorporated into this Agreement by reference as if set forth fully herein, and constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, superseding all prior understandings, proposals and other communications, oral or written. Neither Party shall be bound by any preprinted terms additional to or different from those in this Agreement that may appear subsequently in the other Party's form documents, purchase orders, quotations, acknowledgments, invoices or other communications. This Agreement may only be modified by a writing signed by an officer of each Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of this 1st day of January, 2002.

<p>Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless</p> <p>Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless By CommNet Cellular Inc., Its Managing Agent</p> <p>Bismarck MSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless By Cellular Inc. Network Corporation, Its General Partner</p> <p>North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota L.P. d/b/a Verizon Wireless By CommNet Cellular Inc., Its Managing Agent</p> <p>North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless By AirTouch North Dakota, LLC, Its General Partner</p> <p>North Dakota 5-Kidder Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless By CommNet Cellular Inc., Its Managing Agent</p> <p>Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota L.P. d/b/a Verizon Wireless By CommNet Cellular Inc., Its Managing Agent</p>	<p>BEK Communications Cooperative</p> <p>By: <u></u></p> <p>Printed: <u>Jerome Tishmark</u></p> <p>Title: <u>CEO</u></p> <p>Date: <u>7-24-02</u></p>
<p>Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless</p> <p>By: <u></u></p> <p>Printed: Robert F. Swaine</p> <p>Title: West Area Vice President – Network</p> <p>Date: <u>7-17-02</u></p>	

Attachment A

Licensee

Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership
Bismarck MSA Limited Partnership
North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota L.P.
North Dakota 5-Kidder Limited Partnership
Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota L.P.
North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership
Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC
Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC

Market Name

North Dakota 4-McKenzie
Bismarck
North Dakota 2-Bottineau
North Dakota 5-Kidder
North Dakota 1-Divide
North Dakota 3-Barnes
Fargo-Moorehead
Grand Forks

Attachment B

Reserved For Future Use