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Ms. Ilona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, Director  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Public Utilities Division  
600 East Boulevard, Department 408  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Re: Replacement Surety Bond

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Comtel Telcom Assets LP ("Comtel") submits the enclosed bond (#46BSBAD8283) as a replacement for the existing bond (#K07423780) currently on file with the Commission. Comtel obtained a new broker for bonds and other purposes, and as a result, replacement bonds have been issued. The existing bond will be canceled effective October 15, 2008.

Comtel sincerely appreciates your time and attention to this filing. Please direct any inquiries regarding this filing to the undersigned at becky.gipson@excel.com or at (972) 910-1453. Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this filing are respectfully requested. Please date and file stamp the attached copy of this correspondence and return it in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-prepaid envelope.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Gipson  
Sr. Director, Regulatory Affairs

Enclosure



**TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESELLER'S BOND**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
 SFN 50826 (5-96)

**BOND NO:** 46BSBAD8283

**PRINCIPAL  
(Reseller)**

Name Comtel Telcom Assets, LP			
Address 433 E. Las Colinas Blvd., Suite 1300	City Irving	State TX	Zip Code 75039

**SURETY  
(Bonding  
Company)**

Name Hartford Fire Insurance Company			
Address One Hartford Plaza	City Hartford	State CT	Zip Code 06116

We, the above named PRINCIPAL and SURETY are bound to the State of North Dakota in the penal sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred and no/100 (\$2,500.00) Dollars. The payment of the penal sum shall bind the PRINCIPAL and SURETY, our heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally under these obligations.

The PRINCIPAL is doing business in North Dakota as a reseller providing telecommunications services. This obligation covers all prepayments for service in this State including, but not limited to, front-end charges and prepaid monthly charges for services.

The condition of this obligation is as follows: if the PRINCIPAL faithfully performs all duties as a telecommunications reseller under the provisions of Certificate of Registration issued by the North Dakota Public Service Commission, complies with all laws of North Dakota pertaining to telecommunications companies and the rules of the Public Service Commission promulgated in connection therewith, and provides services in accordance with its legal obligations and agreements; then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in effect.

Liability for this undertaking commences on September 24, ~~XXX~~ 2008 and shall be continuous unless the SURETY by certified mail notifies the PRINCIPAL and the Public Service Commission that the surety bond has been canceled. The cancellation notice shall state that the surety bond will be canceled thirty (30) days after receipt by the Public Service Commission of the cancellation notice, or on a later date specified by the SURETY. In no event shall the aggregate liability of the SURETY accumulate above the face amount of the bond, unless the face amount is increased by appropriate endorsement or rider.

The liability of the SURETY for any violation of the obligations by the PRINCIPAL during the period of time the bond remains in effect shall remain in force for such period of time as may be permitted under the laws of the State of North Dakota. Bonding requirements may be increased or decreased by the Commission upon thirty (30) days notice to each PRINCIPAL and SURETY.

This bond, and the terms used herein, are governed by the provisions of Chapter 49-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, and Chapter 69-09-05 of the North Dakota Administrative Code.

Countersigned by North Dakota Resident Agent:

<u>Retaliatory</u>		
Name/Signature	Address	City, State(ND), Zip Code

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL**

State of Texas )  
 County of Dallas ) ss.  
 On this ~~24th~~ 28th day of ~~September~~ October, ~~2008~~ 2008  
 before me personally appeared Jerry Ou  
 known to me to be the person or said corporation described in and who executed the within instrument as PRINCIPAL and acknowledged to me that he/she or said corporation executed the same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public

My Commission expires 3/30/09

(SEAL)

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY SURETY**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)**

State of Texas )  
 County of Dallas ) ss.  
 On this 24th day of September, ~~2008~~ 2008  
 before me personally appeared Michele Degnon  
 known to me to be Attorney-in-Fact  
 of said corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument as SURETY, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Michele Degnon, Attorney-in-Fact  
 Name and Title of Person Signing for Surety

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public

My Commission expires 6/23/2012

(SEAL)

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
 State Capitol  
 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480  
 My Commission Expires March 30, 2009  
 Telephone 701-328-2400

ATTORNEY-IN-FACT MUST ATTACH VALID POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM SURETY.

# POWER OF ATTORNEY

Direct Inquiries/Claims to:

**THE HARTFORD**  
BOND, T-4  
P.O. BOX 2103, 690 ASYLUM AVENUE  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06115  
call: 888-266-3488 or fax: 860-757-5835  
Agency Code: 46 461496

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

- Hartford Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
- Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- Twin City Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
- Hartford Insurance Company of Illinois, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois
- Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
- Hartford Insurance Company of the Southeast, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida

having their home office in Hartford, Connecticut (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, **up to the amount of UNLIMITED** :

DENNIS DOWD, JOHN D. FULKERSON, KAE PERDUE, TOM P. ELLIS, III, DONNIE D. DOAN, MICHELE DEGNON, DEBBIE SMITH OF DALLAS, TEXAS

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign its name as surety(ies) only as delineated above by , and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

In Witness Whereof, and as authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies on January 22, 2004, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Vice President and its corporate seals to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Assistant Secretary. Further, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies, the Companies hereby unambiguously affirm that they are and will be bound by any mechanically applied signatures applied to this Power of Attorney.



*Paul A. Bergenholtz*  
Paul A. Bergenholtz, Assistant Secretary

*M. Ross Fisher*  
M. Ross Fisher, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }  
COUNTY OF HARTFORD } ss. Hartford

On this 1st day of February, 2004, before me personally came M. Ross Fisher, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the County of Hartford, State of Connecticut; that he is the Assistant Vice President of the Companies, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of the said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed by authority of the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto by like authority.



CERTIFICATE

*Scott E. Paseka*

Scott E. Paseka

Notary Public

My Commission Expires October 31, 2012

I, the undersigned, Assistant Vice President of the Companies, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force effective as of **September 24, 2008**.  
Signed and sealed at the City of Hartford.



*Gary W. Stumper*  
Gary W. Stumper, Assistant Vice President

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producer compensation practices at [www.thehartford.com](http://www.thehartford.com)  
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