



**Adoption of the
Interconnection Agreement**

By

Clear Rate Communications, Inc.

**Adopting the
Interconnection Agreement**

Between

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC

And

BCN Telecom, Inc.

For the State of Utah

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This Adoption of the Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink"), a Colorado corporation, and Clear Rate Communications, Inc. ("CLEC"), a Michigan corporation, each of which may be referred to herein as "Party", or collectively as "the Parties", to establish the terms, conditions and rates for local interconnection and the exchange of Local traffic for the State of Utah.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. ADOPTED AGREEMENT

- 1.1 This Agreement between the Parties shall consist of the Interconnection Agreement entered into by and between CenturyLink and BCN Telecom, Inc., that was approved by the Commission in 2014 ("Adopted Agreement").
- 1.2 This Agreement is made a part of and incorporates the terms and conditions of the Adopted Agreement, including all amendments to that Adopted Agreement (the "Terms").
- 1.3 Except as set forth herein, the Adopted Agreement remains unchanged and in full force and effect. In the event of a conflict between the Terms of the Adopted Agreement and this Agreement, this Agreement will control.

2. PARTY

For the purposes of this Agreement, Clear Rate Communications, Inc. ("CLEC") is hereby substituted in the Adopted Agreement for BCN Telecom, Inc. ("CLEC").

3. PROVISIONS

- 3.1 The Terms of the BCN Telecom, Inc. Agreement are being adopted in its entirety by CLEC pursuant to CLEC's statutory rights under Section 252(i). The filing and performance by CenturyLink of the Terms does not in any way constitute a waiver by CenturyLink of any position as to the Terms or a portion thereof, nor does it constitute a waiver by CenturyLink of any or all rights and remedies it may have to seek review of the Terms, or to seek review in any way of any provisions included in these Terms as a result of CLEC's 252(i) election.
- 3.2 Should CLEC attempt to apply the adopted Terms in a manner that conflicts with the provisions set forth herein, CenturyLink reserves its rights to seek appropriate legal and/or equitable relief.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

- 4.1 This Agreement, if an initial Agreement shall become effective on the date of Commission Approval ("Effective Date"); however the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Agreement upon execution by both Parties. However, the initiation of a new account, any new provision of service or obligation or any revision to currently existing services or obligations may take up to 60 days to accommodate any required initial processes.
- 4.2 In the event that the Parties currently have an existing Interconnection Agreement, this Agreement shall replace the existing Interconnection Agreement in its entirety beginning on the Effective Date. However, nothing relieves the Parties from fulfilling all obligations incurred under that prior Interconnection Agreement.
- 4.3 The expiration date of this Adoption Agreement shall be the same as the expiration date of the BCN Telecom, Inc. Agreement that is being adopted, which is April 28, 2017.

5. NOTICES

Except as otherwise provided, all notices and communication hereunder will be deemed to have been duly given when made in writing and delivered in person or deposited in the U.S. mail, certified, postage paid, return receipt requested, and addressed as follows:

CenturyLink:

CenturyLink
Director Wholesale Contracts
930 15th Street, 6th Floor
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303-672-2879
Email: intagree@centurylink.com

With Copy to:

CenturyLink Legal Department
Wholesale Interconnection
1801 California Street, 9th Floor
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303-383-6553
Email: legal.interconnection@centurylink.com

CLEC:

Michelle Roose
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Clear Rate Communications, Inc.
555 S Old Woodward, Suite 600
Birmingham, MI 48009
Phone: 248-556-9522
Email: mroose@clearrate.com

6. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 CLEC represents and warrants that it is authorized to provide telecommunications services in the State of Utah.
- 6.2 The Parties will cooperate to file this Agreement with the Commission for approval and complete all attendant requirements of the Commission for such approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, CLEC and CenturyLink have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

Clear Rate Communications, Inc.

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC

Signature

Sam H. Namy
Printed Name

Chief Financial Officer
Title

Date

Signature

L. T. Christensen
Printed Name

Director – Wholesale Contracts
Title

Date