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RE: Docket No:

Amendment No. 1 to Interconnection, Resale, Unbundling, and Collocation Agreement Between Frontier Communications of the South, LLC and Centurylink Communications, LLC

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached is an Amendment No. 1 to Interconnection Agreement between Frontier Communications of the South, LLC and Centurylink Communications, LLC.

The Original Interconnection Agreement was approved under Docket No. 140129-TP on September 17, 2014.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 304-325-1688.

Sincerely,

s/Angela McCall

Angela McCall Manager – Government & External Affairs

Enclosure – Amendment to Interconnection Agreement

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#### **AMENDMENT**

#### TO THE

#### INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS

#### WITH

### **CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

This Amendment ("Amendment") deemed effective on February 1, 2020 (the "Amendment Effective Date") amends each of the Interconnection Agreements (each, the "Agreement", collectively, the "Interconnection Agreements") by and between each of the Frontier incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") affiliates (individually and collectively "Frontier") and each of the Centurylink Communications, LLC wireline competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") affiliates, individually and collectively the "Carrier"). Frontier and Carrier may be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties." Exhibit A hereto lists, to the best of the Parties knowledge, the Interconnection Agreements in effect as of the Effective Date. The term "affiliates," as used in this Amendment, shall have the same meaning as under Rule 405 of the Rules promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. This Amendment covers only the services addressed in this Amendment that Frontier provides in its operating territory in the states listed in Exhibit A.

#### **RECITALS**

- A. Frontier and Carrier, whether as original parties or as a result of Carrier's adoption of an agreement pursuant to 252(i) of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended (the "Act"), are Parties to an interconnection agreement under Section 251 and 252 of the Act (such interconnection agreement, as amended to date, being referred to as the "Agreement"); and
- B. The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") issued its Memorandum Opinion and Order, WC Docket Nos. 18-141 et al. (rel. Aug. 2, 2019) ("UNE Loop-Resale Order") and Report and Order on Remand and Memorandum Opinion Order, WC Docket Nos. 18-141 et al. (rel. July 12, 2019) ("UNE Transport Forbearance Order") (with the UNE Loop-Resale Order and the UNE Transport Forbearance Order being collectively referred to as the "FCC Forbearance Orders"):
- C. The Parties, each without waiving any rights or arguments it may have with respect to whether an amendment is required to effectuate the FCC Forbearance Orders under the terms of the Agreement, wish to amend the Agreement as set forth in this Amendment; and
- D. The Parties wish to amend the Agreement in accordance with the FCC Forbearance Orders and agree to do so under the terms and conditions contained in this Amendment.

#### **AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Amendment, the receipt and sufficiency of which the Parties acknowledge, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. The Agreement is amended to incorporate the terms and conditions set forth in this Amendment, all of which shall apply to and be a part of the Agreement notwithstanding any other term or condition of the Agreement or a Frontier tariff.
- Discontinuance of Wholesale Discount for Resale Services

- 2.1 As of February 2, 2020, Frontier will not provide to Carrier any new telecommunication service for resale at a wholesale discount.
  - 2.1.1 Resale services ordered by Carrier on or before February 1, 2020, are grandfathered at the wholesale rate in effect on the Amendment Effective Date for a transition period until the earlier of: (a) August 2, 2022; or (b) the date on which the resold Telecommunications Service is discontinued by Carrier or is terminated by Frontier for any reason permitted under the Agreement, a Frontier tariff or applicable law. Grandparented resale services are available only to the same extent as available on February 1, 2020, including only to the same End User with the same functionality at the same End User's existing location.
  - 2.1.2 On and after February 2, 2020, Frontier shall charge, and Carrier shall pay the applicable retail price for all Carrier purchases of Telecommunications Services, both new and those ordered on or before February 1, 2020 (if any remain in service). The retail price is as set forth in Frontier's then-current applicable tariff or, if there is no tariff price, the retail price that Frontier charges subscribers which are not telecommunications carriers.

## 3. Discontinuance of UNE Analog Loops

- 3.1 As of February 2, 2020, Carrier shall not order, and Frontier will not provide unbundled two-wire and four-wire analog voice grade copper loops, including the attached TDM equipment (referred to individually and collectively as "UNE Analog Loops").
- 3.2 UNE Analog Loops ordered by Carrier on or before February 1, 2020, are grandfathered for a transition period until the earlier of: (a) August 2, 2022; or (b) the date on which a UNE Analog Loop is converted or disconnected. During the transition period identified in this Section 3.2 and no later than August 2, 2022, Carrier shall either convert each UNE Analog Loop to an alternate non-UNE service (e.g., via a Frontier commercial offering or applicable tariff) or order disconnection of the UNE Analog Loop to be completed no later than August 2, 2022.
- On and after August 3, 2022, Frontier may convert any remaining UNE Analog Loops of Carrier to an applicable tariff service at month-to-month rates, terms and conditions. Frontier will charge and Carrier will pay all associated recurring and non-recurring charges for the conversion and the service.
- 3.4 For any UNE Analog Loop ordered on or after February 2, 2020, and any UNE Analog Loop not converted or disconnected after August 2, 2022, Frontier may bill (or back-bill, as applicable) Carrier and Carrier shall pay the difference between the UNE Analog Loop rate and the applicable, higher non-UNE rate.
- 3.5 For the avoidance of any doubt, the limitations on availability of UNE Analog Loops set forth in this Amendment apply regardless of whether the UNE Analog Loop is ordered or used as a stand-alone UNE, in combination with another UNE (e.g., as part of a loop-transport combination), or commingled with a non-UNE service or other arrangement.

- 4. Discontinuance of UNE DS1 and DS3 Transport Between Certain Wire Centers
  - As of January 12, 2020, Carrier shall not order and Frontier will not provide unbundled dedicated DS1 and DS3 capacity transport facilities, whether standalone or as part of a combination (e.g., Enhanced Extended Link), between Tier 1 wire centers and between wire centers subject to the UNE DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport forbearance as outlined in the FCC Wireline Competition Bureau's Public Notice DA 19-733, dated August 1, 2019 (collectively, "UNE DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport").
  - 4.2 UNE DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport ordered by Carrier on or before January 11, 2020, is grandfathered for a transition period until the earlier of: (a) July 12, 2022; or (b) the date on which a UNE DS1 or DS3 Dedicated Transport is converted. During the transition period identified in this Section 4.2 and no later than July 12, 2022, Carrier shall convert each UNE DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport to another Frontier service (e.g., via a Frontier commercial offering or applicable tariff).
  - 4.3 On and after July 13, 2022, Frontier may convert any remaining UNE DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport of Carrier to an applicable tariff at month-to-month rates, terms and conditions. Frontier will charge, and Carrier will pay all associated recurring and non-recurring charges for the conversion and the service.
  - 4.4 For any UNE DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport ordered by Carrier on or after January 12, 2020 and any UNE DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport not converted by Carrier on or before July 11, 2022, Frontier shall bill (or back-bill, as applicable) Carrier and Carrier shall pay the difference between the UNE DS1/DS3 Dedicated Transport rate and the applicable, higher Special Access rate.
- 5. Any future FCC forbearance related to, or other FCC changes to, the Section 251(c)(3) UNEs offered pursuant to the Agreement shall be effective as of the effective date of the applicable FCC order and shall not require a written amendment to the Agreement. The Parties will implement the subsequent forbearance or rule change in accordance with the terms agreed to in this amendment. Frontier shall provide Notice to Carrier, which will include any applicable transition periods, rate changes, terms and conditions applicable pursuant to the Agreement.

### 6. Additional Provisions

- 6.1 <u>Conflict Between this Amendment and the Agreement</u>. This Amendment shall be deemed to revise the terms and conditions of the Agreement to the extent necessary to give effect to the terms and conditions of this Amendment. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of this Amendment and the terms and conditions of the Agreement, this Amendment shall govern; provided, however, that the fact that a term or condition appears in this Amendment but not in the Agreement, or in the Agreement but not in this Amendment, shall not be interpreted as, or deemed grounds for finding, a conflict for purposes of this Section 6.1.
- 6.2 <u>Capitalization</u>. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in this Amendment have the meanings set forth in the Agreement.
- 6.3 <u>Counterparts.</u> This Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

- 6.4 <u>Headings/Captions</u>. The Parties acknowledge that the headings and captions in this Amendment have been inserted solely for ease of reference and in no way define or limit the scope or substance of any term or condition of this Amendment.
- 6.5 Scope of Amendment. Except to the extent set forth in this Amendment, the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect after the Amendment Effective Date. For the avoidance of any doubt, nothing in this Amendment shall be deemed to amend or extend the term of the Agreement or to affect the right of a Party to exercise any right of termination it may have under the Agreement.
- 6.6 <u>Joint Work Product</u>. The Parties acknowledge that this Amendment is the joint work product of the Parties and that, for convenience, this Amendment has been drafted in final form by Frontier. Accordingly, in the event of ambiguities in this Amendment, no inferences shall be drawn for or against either Party on the basis of authorship of this Amendment.
- 6.7 <u>Amendments</u>. Except as expressly set forth in Section 5 of this Amendment, no amendments or modifications shall be made to this Amendment unless in writing and signed by appropriate representatives of the Parties.
- 6.8 <u>Waivers</u>. A failure or delay of either Party to enforce any of the provisions of this Amendment, or any right or remedy available under this Amendment, or at law or in equity, or to require performance of any of the provisions of this Amendment, or to exercise any option that is provided under this Amendment, shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions, rights, remedies or options.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

### **SIGNATURE PAGE**

The Parties have caused this Amendment to be executed as of the Amendment Effective Date.

CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

THE FRONTIER PARTIES

By: Gary & Black Jr

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Title: VP, Carrier Relations Title: VP, Carrier Services

Date: Feb 2, 2021 Date: Feb 2, 2021

## **EXHIBIT A**

## **INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS**

Frontier	Level 3		Agreement	Amendment
Legal Entity	Legal Entity	State	Effective Date	No.
Frontier	Centurylink			
Communications of	Communications,			
the South, LLC	LLC	AL	4/7/2015	1
Citizens	Qwest			
Telecommunications	Communications			
Company of	Company LLC dba			
California Inc.	CenturyLink QCC	CA	12/27/2012	1
Frontier	Qwest			
Communications of	Communications			
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	Qwest			
Frontier California	Communications			
Inc.	Company, LLC	CA	5/18/2000	6
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Company d/b/a				
Frontier	Qwest			
Communications of	Communications			
Connecticut	Company, LLC	CT	5/7/2009	1
Frontier	Centurylink			
Communications of	Communications,			
the South, LLC	LLC	FL	9/17/2014	1
Frontier	Centurylink			
Communications of	Communications,			
Georgia LLC	LLC	GA	5/5/2015	1
Frontier	Centurylink			
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Iowa, LLC	LLC	IA	1/13/2017	1
Frontier North Inc.,	Qwest			
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Michigan, Inc.	LLC	MI	8/14/2015	1
Citizens	Qwest			
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Minnesota, LLC	Centurylink QCC	MN	8/2/2013	1
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