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RE: Bona Fide Request for Interconnection Negotiations Pursuant to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with Sprint Florida, Inc. and US LEC of Florida Inc. in the State of Florida

Dear Ms. Feeney:

The purpose of this letter is to formalize the US LEC of Florida Inc. ("US LEC") Bona Fide Request for an interconnection agreement with Sprint Florida, Inc. ("Sprint") in the State of Florida as a subsequent agreement to the current interconnection agreement between the parties.

Based upon Section 3.1 of the current Florida interconnection agreement between US LEC and Sprint, negotiations effectively began on June 3, 2004, 270 days prior to the agreement termination date of February 28, 2005. Even though negotiations did not actively begin on this date, US LEC now seeks to negotiate a replacement agreement from the standard interconnection agreement template for the state of Florida.

US LEC looks forward to concluding an agreement with Sprint addressing the areas of interconnection, access to unbundled elements, resale of telecommunications services, and transport and termination of traffic as identified in Sections 251(a) through (c) of the Act.

In order to facilitate the discussions between US LEC and Sprint, I request that the topics of negotiation include:

- CMP _____
- COM 1. Interconnection Arrangements
- CTR _____
- ECR _____
- GCL _____
- OPC _____
- MMS _____
- RCA _____
- SCR _____
- SEC 1 _____
- OTH 2. Meet-Point Billing Arrangements

US LEC and Sprint should reach efficient and mutually agreeable interconnection arrangements that include non-discriminatory, real-time access to databases, at cost-based rates pursuant to Section 252(d)(1) of the Act, and associated signaling necessary for call routing and completion.

Sprint should also make available to US LEC collocation for equipment necessary for interconnection or access to unbundled network elements as contemplated by Section 251(c)(6) of the Act.

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US LEC would like to establish meet-point billing arrangements with Sprint so that it may offer a common transport option to parties purchasing originating and terminating switched access services from US LEC.

3. Reciprocal Compensation

Compensation for traffic exchanged between the networks of US LEC and Sprint should allow for the mutual and reciprocal recovery of costs associated with transport and termination as contemplated by Sections 251(b)(5) and 252(d)(2) of the Act.

4. Access to Ancillary Platforms

US LEC seeks access to all ancillary platform arrangements such as 911/E911, Directory Assistance, Directory Listings and Directory Distribution, Transfer of Service Announcement, Coordinated Repair Calls, and Busy Line Verification and Interrupt.

5. Unbundled Elements

US LEC requests nondiscriminatory access to Sprint's network elements on an unbundled basis as contemplated by Section 251(c)(3).

6. Number Portability

Until permanent number portability arrangements are available under Section 251(b)(2), US LEC and Sprint should provide interim number portability ("INP") options to each other on a competitively neutral basis, in accordance with the FCC's July, 1996 Number Portability Order.

7. Access to Rights-of-Way

US LEC would like access Sprint's poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way as needed by US LEC to provide local exchange services.

8. Resale of Local Services

Sprint should make available to US LEC for resale, at wholesale rates as defined in Section 252(d)(3), any telecommunications services currently provided at retail to subscribers who are not telecommunications carriers.

The suggested topics of negotiations listed above are intended only to assist in establishing an initial framework for interconnection negotiations. US LEC reserves the right to suggest additional or modified arrangements as negotiations proceed.

US LEC would like to provide local exchange services to customers currently located within Sprint's traditional serving area. Furthermore, we would like to do this in concert with Sprint through a fully functional interconnection of our respective networks at a mutually agreeable point (or points) inside Sprint's service boundaries in accordance with the terms of the Act.

This is a "Bona-Fide Request" for interconnection pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 251(f)(1)(A). We are therefore providing a copy of the request to the Florida Public Service Commission pursuant to Section 251(f)(1)(A).

All notices or other communication following approval of the agreement should be sent to:

Vice President – Regulatory and Industry Affairs
US LEC Corp.
Morrocroft III
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Charlotte, NC 28211

With copy to:

Deputy General Counsel - Regulatory
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During the negotiation process I will be the primary contact and may be reached at the following:

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Upon the receipt of your response and template agreement, we can begin negotiations necessary to complete an interconnection agreement in accordance with the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Sincerely,



Greg Lunsford
Carrier Relations Manager

C: Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director, Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission
Ms. Terry Romine, Deputy General Counsel of Regulatory, US LEC of Florida Inc.
