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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Mr. Adam Teitzman, Director  
Office of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Approval of the Routing of Traffic Through a Third Party Transit Provider  
Amendment to the Paging Interconnection Agreement by and between Embarq  
Florida, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and American Messaging Services, LLC for the  
State of Florida  
Docket No. 20070069

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Enclosed for filing is the Routing of Traffic Through a Third Party Transit Provider  
Amendment to the Paging Interconnection Agreement (“Amendment”) between Embarq Florida,  
Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and American Messaging Services, LLC (“American Messaging”).

This Amendment amends the Paging Interconnection Agreement that was previously  
approved in Docket 20070069. Under cover of this letter, a copy of this filing is also being  
served on American Messaging.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please contact me at (984) 237-1330 if  
there are any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeanne W. Stockman

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Enclosure(s)

cc: Jeff Chalmers, Sr. VP and CFO, (via email: [jeff.chalmers@americanmessaging.net](mailto:jeff.chalmers@americanmessaging.net))

**Routing of Traffic Through a Third Party Transit Provider Amendment  
to the Paging Interconnection Agreement between  
Embarq Florida, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink  
and  
American Messaging Services, LLC  
for the State of Florida**

This Amendment (“Amendment”) is to the Paging Interconnection Agreement (“Agreement”) between Embarq Florida, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”), and American Messaging Services, LLC (“Carrier”), collectively referred to as, the “Parties.”

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, CenturyLink and Carrier entered into a Paging Interconnection Agreement (“Agreement”), for service in the State of Florida which states that terminating compensation for IntraMTA traffic is treated on a “bill and keep” basis, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement that was approved by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Carrier has requested the ability to allow a third party to transit traffic between Carrier and CenturyLink, subject to limitations and requirements of the Local Exchange Routing Guide (“LERG”) and other applicable requirements, including but not limited to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement under the terms and conditions contained herein.

**AGREEMENT**

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

**Amendment Terms**

The purpose of this Amendment is to provide the conditions under which the Parties may use a Third Party Transit Provider to exchange traffic between their networks (see Attachment 1). This amendment complies with the Agreement that requires an amendment prior to such an exchange.

**Effective Date**

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval by the Commission; however, the Parties agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution.

**Further Amendments**

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Except as provided in the Agreement, this Amendment may not be further amended or altered, and no waiver of any provision thereof shall be effective, except by written instrument executed by an authorized representative of both Parties.

**Entire Agreement**

The Agreement as amended (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subjects of the Agreement as amended and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subjects of the Agreement as amended.

The Parties intending to be legally bound have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**American Messaging, LLC**

**Embarq Florida, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink**

Jeff Chalmers  
Jeff Chalmers (Oct 11, 2021 14:41 CDT)

Kimberly J. Povirk  
Kimberly J. Povirk (Oct 11, 2021 15:02 CDT)

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Signature

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Title

Oct 11, 2021  
Date

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## ATTACHMENT 1

### Routing of Traffic Through a Third Party Transit Provider Amendment

#### PART A - DEFINITIONS

##### 1.0 DEFINITIONS

“InterMTA Traffic” for purposes of intercarrier compensation under this Agreement, InterMTA Traffic means telecommunications traffic between CenturyLink and a Paging provider that, at the beginning of the call, originates in one Major Trading Area but terminates in a different Major Trading Area. For purposes of determining whether traffic originates and terminates in different MTAs, and therefore whether the traffic is InterMTA, the location of the landline end user and the location of the cell site that serves the mobile end user at the beginning of the call may be used.

“Local Traffic (IntraMTA)” means, for purposes of reciprocal compensation under this Agreement, telecommunications traffic between CenturyLink and Carrier that, at the beginning of the call, originates and terminates within the same MTA, as defined in 47 CFR §24. 202 and that is Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic as set forth in 47 CFR §51.701(b) that is originated or terminated as wireless traffic by Carrier’s end user. This shall not affect CenturyLink’s landline calling scope or other interexchange arrangements which shall be determined in accordance with Commission-approved local calling areas.

“Transit Traffic” means traffic that is originated by Carrier, transited through CenturyLink, and terminated to a third party Telecommunications Carrier’s network, or originated on a third party Telecommunications Carrier’s network, transited through CenturyLink, and terminated on Carrier’s network.

**The following language is added to the existing language, in the Agreement, in its entirety. The numbering is used as a convenience to the Parties and may not be related to the numbering of the remainder of the Agreement.**

#### PART C - INTERCONNECTION AND RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION

##### 1.0 Exchange of Traffic

1.0.1. Carrier may designate a Third Party Transit Provider to exchange InterMTA and IntraMTA traffic between the Parties’ networks under the following conditions:

1.0.1.1 Prior to the use of a Third Party Transit Provider to exchange traffic between the Parties, Carrier will identify the transiting party (“Third Party Transit Provider”), and CenturyLink will confirm that the Third Party Transit Provider Amendment to the Third Party Transit Provider’s current interconnection agreement with CenturyLink has been completed.

1.0.1.2 Prior to the use of a Third Party Transit Provider to exchange traffic between the Parties and after the effective date of the amendment required in Section 1.0.1.1, Carrier must designate its NPA-NXX codes in the LERG as homing to a Third Party Transit Provider’s Tandem Switch in the LATA or a Third Party Transit Provider’s Tandem designation in the LERG for homing of local and/or intraLATA codes within the

LATA. Neither CenturyLink nor Carrier will route through a Third Party Transit Provider's Tandem Switch until and unless this designation is made. CenturyLink may route its originating or transit traffic bound for the NPA-NXX(s) designated under this Section to the Third Party Transit Provider's Tandem Switch or may choose to route traffic directly to the Carrier's end office. After the Parties have established Direct Interconnection between their networks, neither Party may continue to transmit its originated InterMTA, IntraMTA and transit traffic indirectly.

1.0.1.3 Each Party that originates the traffic is responsible for payment of any charges incurred and/or billed by Third Party Transit Provider, for transit, transport and/or termination compensation arrangements that may or may not be contained in separate agreements with CenturyLink or Carrier. This applies for each Party's originated traffic but not limited to traffic that transits the network of the other Party or the Third Party Transit Provider. For traffic terminating to CenturyLink or Carrier, the bill and keep provisions of the Agreement will govern any compensation between CenturyLink and Carrier. Carrier represents and warrants that it has an agreement with Third Party Transit Provider that complies with the requirements of this Amendment. Third Party Transit Provider will be responsible for all MOU with Carrier in both directions in the calculation of the Third Party Transit Provider's allocation of shared costs for transport.

1.0.1.4 No other traffic shall be exchanged pursuant to the provisions of this Amendment.

1.0.1.5 Carrier will pass unaltered to the Third Party Transit Provider all signaling information (e.g., originating Calling Party Number and destination called party number, etc.) per 47 C.F.R. § 64.1601 and industry standards.

1.0.1.6 This Amendment does not otherwise modify or supersede the terms and conditions of any agreement that Carrier may have with CenturyLink, including tariffs, interconnection and/or access agreements.

1.0.1.7 Carrier will be responsible to provide originating records, in EMI Category 11-01-XX format to CenturyLink, if Third Party Transit Provider is unable to provide transit records.