

**ICC JUNE 9, 2004 ORDER AMENDMENT
TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER
SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

This ICC June 9, 2004 Order Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Amendment") is being entered into by and between Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois ("AT&T Illinois")¹ and Vertex Broadband Corporation ("CLEC").

WHEREAS, AT&T Illinois and CLEC are parties to an interconnection agreement that was previously submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC") for approval, and may have been amended prior to this Amendment (the "Agreement");

WHEREAS, the ICC issued an order ("Order") in Docket No. 02-0864, on June 9, 2004, approving certain Illinois-specific prices and other requirements pertaining to unbundled network elements ("UNEs") that are included in the Agreement;

WHEREAS, the ICC issued an order in Docket 05-0304, on April 5, 2006 (i) requiring incorporation into the Agreement of rates approved in Docket 05-0171 for four disaggregated non-recurring line connection and disconnection charge elements that differ from the rates for those elements as they appear in the tariffs AT&T Illinois had filed in compliance with the Docket No. 02-0864 Order and (ii) concluding that the new prices approved in Docket 02-0864 and Docket 05-0171 should be incorporated into the Agreement with an effective date of June 25, 2004, provided that the disaggregated non-recurring charges should replace the aggregated non-recurring charges effective March 31, 2005.

WHEREAS, provisions of the Agreement require the incorporation into the Agreement of new prices such as those established by the two orders; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing and except as may be otherwise expressly noted, the Parties are entering into this Amendment to incorporate pricing changes into the Agreement, subject to the reservation of rights and other provisions hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Agreement.

1.2 To the extent there is a conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Amendment and the provisions of the Agreement (including all incorporated or accompanying Appendices, Addenda and Exhibits to the Agreement), the provisions of this Amendment shall control and apply but only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

2. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

2.1 On and after the Amendment Effective Date (as defined in Section 3 of this Amendment), the Agreement is hereby amended by referencing and incorporating the following:

2.1.1 Solely to conform the Agreement to effectuate certain pricing changes established by the Commission, the Agreement is amended to add the attached pricing schedule labeled Attachment A (which is incorporated herein).

2.1.2 Subject to Section 2.3, and except to the extent otherwise specified in Attachment A, the new rates and rate structures shall begin to apply on June 25, 2004.

¹ Illinois Bell Telephone Company (previously referred to as "Illinois Bell" or "SBC Illinois") now operates under the name "AT&T Illinois" pursuant to an assumed name filing with the State of Illinois.

- 2.2 This Amendment is provided as a means by which the Parties, which have an interconnection agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, can obtain the rights and obligations under ICC orders. Nothing in this Amendment expands, contracts, or otherwise affects either Party's rights or obligations under the Agreement beyond the express provisions of this Amendment.
- 2.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, including anything in the Agreement or this Amendment (including Section 2.1.2 hereof), in no event shall this Amendment result in the retroactive application of any rate or rate structure back to any date earlier than the most recent of the following: (i) the actual date that the Agreement became effective between CLEC and AT&T Illinois following ICC approval or, if absent such ICC approval, the date such Agreement is deemed approved by operation of law, or (ii) June 25, 2004. By way of example only and without limiting the foregoing, if CLEC adopted the Agreement (including, as applicable, this Amendment and any other amendment) ("Adopting CLEC") pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(i) after June 25, 2004, the rate changes implemented by this Amendment could only apply under that Agreement prospectively beginning from the date that Agreement (including, as applicable, this Amendment and any other amendment) became effective between the Adopting CLEC and AT&T Illinois following the ICC's order approving the adopting CLEC's Section 252(i) adoption or, if absent such ICC approval, the date such Agreement is deemed approved by operation of law ("Section 252(i) Effective Date"), and that rate changes could not in any manner apply retroactively prior to the Section 252(i) Effective Date.
- 2.4 To the extent the underlying Agreement does not contain terms and conditions for UNE(s) listed in Attachment A to this Amendment, this Amendment does not provide CLEC with the ability to obtain and/or order such UNES. Rather, CLEC must negotiate a separate amendment incorporating the appropriate terms and conditions into the underlying Agreement before ordering and/or obtaining any such UNE(s) under this Agreement.

3. AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE DATE

- 3.1 The effective date of this Amendment shall be immediate upon approval of this Amendment by the ICC under Section 252(e) of the Act or, absent such ICC approval, the date this Amendment is filed under Section 252(e)(4) of the Act ("Amendment Effective Date"); provided, however, that the rates contained herein shall be applied in accordance with Sections 2.1.2 and 2.3 of this Amendment. In the event that all or any portion of this Amendment as agreed-to and submitted is rejected and/or modified by the ICC, this Amendment shall be automatically suspended and, unless otherwise mutually agreed, the Parties shall expend diligent efforts to arrive at mutually acceptable new provisions to replace those rejected and/or modified by the ICC; provided, however, that failure to reach such mutually acceptable new provisions within ten (10) days after such suspension shall permit either party to terminate this Amendment upon five (5) days' written notice to the other.

4. TERM OF AMENDMENT

- 4.1 EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED. This Amendment will become effective as of the Amendment Effective Date, and will terminate on the termination or expiration of the Agreement; provided, however, this Amendment, in whole or in part, may terminate or expire earlier pursuant to other provisions of this Amendment, including Section 6. This Amendment does not extend the term of the Agreement.

5. APPLICATION OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- 5.1 The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Amendment is the result of ICC rate orders and solely addresses pricing. Accordingly, the Parties further acknowledge and agree that no aspect of this Amendment qualifies for portability into any other state under any state or federal statute, regulation, order or legal obligation (collectively "Law"), if any. The Parties also acknowledge that the entirety of this Amendment and its provisions are non-severable, and are "legitimately related" as that phrase is understood under Section 252(i) of Title 47, United States Code.

6. RESERVATIONS OF RIGHTS

- 6.1 In entering into this Amendment, neither Party is waiving, and each Party hereby expressly reserves, any of the rights, remedies or arguments it may have at law or under the intervening law or regulatory change provisions in the underlying Agreement (including intervening law rights asserted by either Party via written notice predating this Amendment) with respect to any orders, decisions, legislation or proceedings and any remands thereof, including, without limitation, the following actions, which the Parties have not yet fully incorporated into this Agreement or which may be the subject of further government review: *Verizon v. FCC, et. al*, 535 U.S. 467 (2002); *USTA, et. al v. FCC*, 290 F.3d 415 (D.C. Cir. 2002) and following remand and appeal, *USTA v. FCC*, 359 F.3d 554 (D.C. Cir. 2004); the FCC's Triennial Review Order (rel. Aug. 21, 2003) including, without limitation, the FCC's MDU Reconsideration Order (FCC 04-191) (rel. Aug. 9, 2004) and the FCC's Order on Reconsideration (FCC 04-248) (rel. Oct. 18, 2004); 2005 Triennial Review Remand Order; and the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68, 16 FCC Rcd 9151 (2001), (rel. April 27, 2001), which was remanded in *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, 288 F.3d 429 (D.C. Cir. 2002).
- 6.2 This Amendment does not in any way prohibit, limit, or otherwise affect either Party from taking any position with respect to the orders in Docket 02-0864 and Docket 05-0171 or any other ICC order or any issue or subject addressed or implicated therein, or from raising and pursuing its rights and abilities with respect to those orders or any other ICC order or any issue or subject addressed or implicated therein, or any legislative, regulatory, administrative or judicial action with respect to any of the foregoing.
- 6.3 Notwithstanding this Amendment and without limiting Section 6.3, AT&T Illinois (and its affiliates) is not waiving its rights, abilities, remedies or arguments with respect to the non-applicability of, and interaction between, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (including Sections 251 and 252) to the orders in Docket 02-0864 and Docket 05-0171 or any other ICC order (including the Illinois-specific requirements regarding wholesale subject matters addressed therein). AT&T Illinois (and its affiliates) fully reserves its rights to raise and take any position with respect thereto, and to pursue such rights, abilities, remedies and arguments.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- 7.1 On and from the Amendment Effective Date, reference to the Agreement in any notices, requests, orders, certificates and other documents shall be deemed to include this Amendment, whether or not reference is made to this Amendment, unless the context shall be otherwise specifically noted.
- 7.2 This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single agreement.
- 7.3 This Amendment constitutes the entire amendment of the Agreement and supersedes all previous proposals, both verbal and written.
- 7.4 The Parties acknowledge that in no event shall any provision of this Amendment apply prior to the "Amendment Effective Date"; provided, however, that the rates contained herein shall be applied in accordance with Sections 2.1.2 and 2.3 of this Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Party has caused this Amendment to be executed by its duly authorized representative.

Vertex Broadband Corporation

Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois
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