

EXHIBIT A

AMENDMENT NO. 2
TO THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
VERIZON NORTH INC., f/k/a GTE NORTH INCORPORATED
VERIZON SOUTH INC., f/k/a GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

AND

MTCO COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

This Amendment No. 2 (this "Amendment") shall be deemed effective on March 1, 2008 (the "Amendment Effective Date") by and between Verizon North Inc., f/k/a GTE North Incorporated and Verizon South Incorporated ("Verizon"), a Wisconsin corporation with offices at (VZ North): 8001 West Jefferson Boulevard, Ft. Wayne, IN 46804, (VZ South): 201 N. Franklin Street, One Tampa City Center, Tampa, FL 33602 and MTCO Communications, Inc. ("MTCO"), an Illinois corporation with offices at 220 N. Menard Street, Metamora, IL 61548. (Verizon and MTCO may be hereinafter referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties"). This Amendment only covers the services addressed herein that Verizon provides in its operating territory in the state of Illinois (the "State").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Verizon and MTCO are Parties to an interconnection agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") dated August 4, 2001 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, MTCO has requested that the Parties amend the Agreement to address the matters set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Amendment to Agreement. The Agreement is amended to incorporate the terms and conditions set forth in this Amendment (including, without limitation, Exhibit A attached hereto), all of which shall apply to and be a part of the Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Amended Agreement") notwithstanding any other term or condition of the Amended Agreement, a Verizon Tariff or a Verizon Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions ("SGAT").
2. Miscellaneous Provisions.
 - 2.1 Conflict Between this Amendment and the Agreement. 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 2.

- 2.2 Capitalization. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings set forth in the Amended Agreement.
- 2.3 Counterparts. 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.
- 2.4 Captions. The Parties acknowledge that the captions in this Amendment have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and in no way define or limit the scope or substance of any term or condition of this Amendment.
- 2.5 Scope of Amendment. This Amendment shall amend, modify and revise the Agreement only to the extent set forth expressly in this Amendment and, except to the extent expressly 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 Amended Agreement, or to affect the right of a Party to exercise any right of termination it may have under the Amended Agreement.
- 2.6 Joint Work Product. The Parties acknowledge that this Amendment is the joint work product of the Parties, that, for convenience, this Amendment has been drafted in final form by Verizon and that, 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.
- 2.7 Amendments. No amendments or modifications shall be made to this Amendment unless in writing and signed by appropriate representatives of the Parties.
- 2.8 Waivers. 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.
- 2.9 Definitions. Notwithstanding any other provision in the Agreement, this Amendment or any Verizon Tariff or SGAT, the following terms, as used in this Amendment, shall have the meanings set forth below:

2.9.1 Tariff.

2.9.1.1 Any applicable Federal or state tariff of a Party, as amended from time to time; or

2.9.1.2 Any standard agreement or other document, as amended from time to time, that sets forth the generally available terms, conditions and prices under which a Party offers a Service.

The term "Tariff" does not include any Verizon Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT) which has been approved or is pending approval by the Commission pursuant to Section 252(f) of the Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed as of the Amendment Effective Date.

MTCO COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: 

Printed: Glenn Rauh

Title: President

**VERIZON NORTH INC. and
VERIZON SOUTH INC.**

By: 

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TRAFFIC EXCHANGE ATTACHMENT

1. General

Where both Parties subtend the same Tandem Switch operated by a third party (such third party hereinafter referred to as the "Third Party Tandem Provider" and such switch hereinafter referred to as the "Third Party Tandem Switch"), then, subject to the terms and conditions of this Attachment, for those NPA/NXX codes assigned by each Party to Rate Center Areas served by that Third Party Tandem Switch, the Parties may reciprocally exchange Reciprocal Compensation Traffic, Measured Internet Traffic, intraLATA Toll Traffic, and translated IntraLATA toll free service access code traffic, originated by their respective Customers, through that Third Party Tandem Switch. For the avoidance of any doubt, nothing in this Attachment shall preclude the Parties from interconnecting their networks in accordance with the Interconnection Attachment, which Interconnection Attachment must be a part of the Agreement.

2. Arrangements With Third Party Tandem Provider

2.1 The Parties acknowledge and agree that, in order to exchange Reciprocal Compensation Traffic, Measured Internet Traffic, IntraLATA Toll Traffic, and translated IntraLATA toll free service access code traffic under this Attachment, each Party must have established and must maintain its own interconnection and compensation arrangements with the Third Party Tandem Provider for the routing and exchange of the foregoing traffic between the Parties under this Attachment (e.g., arrangements that permit the subject traffic to be exchanged through the Third Party Tandem Provider). In addition, the Parties must also fulfill each of the other requirements of this Attachment.

2.1.1 If such arrangements between a Party and the Third Party Tandem Provider are terminated (e.g., where a Third Party Tandem Provider does not permit a Party to exchange the foregoing traffic using the Third Party Tandem Switch), that Party shall promptly give written notice thereof to the other Party. Absent the existence of such arrangements with the Third Party Tandem Provider, each Party shall have the right, on written notice to the other Party, to discontinue exchanging the foregoing traffic with the other Party (i.e., receiving such traffic from or, sending such traffic to, the other Party) under this Attachment.

2.1.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, on one hundred twenty (120) days written notice, a Party may discontinue exchanging the foregoing traffic with the other Party under this Attachment.

2.2 Forecasting Requirements

2.2.1 Within ninety (90) days of executing the Agreement, MTCO shall provide Verizon a two (2)-year traffic forecast. This initial forecast will provide the amount of traffic to be delivered to and from Verizon pursuant to this Attachment, over the next eight (8) quarters.

2.2.2 Ongoing forecast requirements. Where the Parties are already exchanging traffic through a Third Party Tandem Switch in a LATA,

MTCO shall provide a new or revised traffic forecast when MTCO develops plans or becomes aware of information that will materially affect the Parties' exchange of traffic through such Third Party Tandem Switch in that LATA. Instances that require a new or revised forecast include, but are not limited to: (i) MTCO plans to deploy a new switch; (ii) MTCO plans to implement interconnection in accordance with the Interconnection Attachment or new network architecture; (iii) MTCO plans to rearrange its network; or (iv) MTCO expects a significant change in traffic volume.

2.2.3 Use of Forecasts. Forecasts provided pursuant to this Agreement are not binding on MTCO or Verizon.

- 2.3 Prior to exchanging traffic through a Third Party Tandem Switch, MTCO shall meet with Verizon to conduct a joint planning meeting ("Third Party Tandem Provider Joint Planning Meeting"). At that Third Party Tandem Provider Joint Planning Meeting, each Party shall, among other things, provide to the other Party originating Centium Call Second (Hundred Call Second) information.
- 2.4 If and, when, the volume of traffic exchanged between a Verizon End Office and MTCO switch through a Third Party Tandem Switch exceeds (a) the Centium Call Second (Hundred Call Second) busy hour equivalent of one (1) DS-1 at any time; (b) 200,000 combined minutes of use for any month; (c) 600 busy hour Centium Call Seconds (BHCCS) of use for a single month, upon the written request of either Party, the Parties shall meet promptly and consider whether to interconnect their respective networks pursuant to the Interconnection Attachment. In the event the Parties so interconnect their respective networks, the Parties shall discontinue exchanging any and all traffic through the Third Party Tandem Switch, unless the Parties otherwise agree to continue exchanging traffic but, on an overflow basis, through the Third Party Tandem Switch.
- 2.5 Nothing in this Attachment shall be read to require either Party to establish and/or maintain a subtending arrangement with a Third Party Tandem Provider.

3. Initiating Traffic Exchange Under This Attachment

- 3.1 If MTCO determines to offer Telephone Exchange Services and wishes to exchange traffic with Verizon through a Third Party Tandem Switch in any LATA in which Verizon also offers Telephone Exchange Services, MTCO shall provide written notice to Verizon of its request to exchange traffic through a Third Party Tandem Switch in such LATA pursuant to this Attachment.
- 3.2 The notice provided in Section 3.1 of this Attachment shall include (a) MTCO's proposed traffic exchange activation date; (b) a forecast of MTCO's traffic volumes conforming to Section 2 of this Attachment; and (c) such other information as Verizon shall reasonably request in order to facilitate traffic exchange under this Attachment.
- 3.3 The traffic exchange activation date in the new LATA shall be mutually agreed to by the Parties after receipt by Verizon of all necessary information as indicated in Section 3.2 of this Attachment.

4. Traffic Measurement and Billing

- 4.1 The Parties agree that they will make commercially reasonable efforts to obtain and utilize accurate and complete recordings, of any traffic exchanged between them under this Attachment, for use in billing.

- 4.2 At such time as a receiving Party has the capability, on an automated basis, to use CPN to classify traffic from the other Party, exchanged under this Attachment, by traffic type (i.e., Reciprocal Compensation Traffic, Measured Internet Traffic, intraLATA Toll Traffic, and IntraLATA toll free service access code traffic), such receiving Party shall bill the originating Party the rate applicable to each relevant minute of traffic for which CPN is received. If the receiving Party lacks the capability, on an automated basis, to use CPN information on an automated basis to classify traffic received from the other Party by traffic type, the originating Party will supply Traffic Factor 1 and Traffic Factor 2. In any case, the Traffic Factors shall be supplied in writing by the originating Party within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date and shall be updated in writing by the originating Party quarterly. Measurement of billing minutes for purposes of determining terminating compensation shall be in conversation seconds (the time in seconds that a Party's equipment is used for a completed call, measured from the receipt of answer supervision to the receipt of disconnect supervision). Measurement of billing minutes for originating toll free service access code (e.g., 800/888/877) calls shall be in accordance with applicable Tariffs. Determination as to whether traffic is Reciprocal Compensation Traffic or Measured Internet Traffic shall be made in accordance with Paragraphs 8 and 79, and other applicable provisions, of the FCC Internet Order (including, but not limited to, in accordance with the rebuttable presumption established by the FCC Internet Order that traffic delivered to a carrier that exceeds a 3:1 ratio of terminating to originating traffic is Measured Internet Traffic, and in accordance with the process established by the FCC Internet Order for rebutting such presumption before the Commission).
- 4.3 Each Party reserves the right to audit all traffic exchanged under this Attachment, up to a maximum of two audits per calendar year, to ensure that rates are being applied appropriately; provided, however, that either Party shall have the right to conduct additional audit(s) if the preceding audit disclosed material errors or discrepancies. Each Party agrees to provide the necessary traffic data in conjunction with any such audit in a timely manner.
- 4.4 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit either Party's ability to designate the areas within which that Party's Customers may make calls which that Party rates as "local" in its Customer Tariffs.
- 4.5 If and, to the extent that, a MTCO Customer receives V/FX Traffic exchanged under this Attachment, MTCO shall promptly provide notice thereof to Verizon (such notice to include, without limitation, the specific telephone number(s) that the Customer uses for V/FX Traffic, as well as the LATA in which the Customer's station is actually physically located) and shall not bill Verizon Reciprocal Compensation, intercarrier compensation or any other charges for calls placed by Verizon's Customers to such MTCO Customers.

5. Reciprocal Compensation Arrangements Pursuant to Section 251(b)(5) of the Act

5.1 Reciprocal Compensation.

The Party originating Reciprocal Compensation Traffic shall compensate the terminating Party for the transport and termination of such traffic to its Customer in accordance with Section 251(b)(5) of the Act at the equal and symmetrical rates stated in the Pricing Attachment; it being understood and agreed that because the Third Party Tandem Provider is providing the tandem functionally to both Parties, Verizon shall charge (and MTCO shall pay Verizon) the End Office Reciprocal Compensation rate set forth in the Pricing Attachment for Reciprocal Compensation Traffic Verizon receives from MTCO and MTCO shall charge (and

Verizon shall pay MTCO) the End Office Reciprocal Compensation rate set forth in the Pricing Attachment for Reciprocal Compensation Traffic MTCO receives from Verizon. No additional charges shall be assessed by the terminating Party for the transport and termination of such traffic received from the other Party; provided, however, for the avoidance of any doubt, neither Party may assess upon, or pass through to, the other Party any charges billed by (or on behalf of) the Third Party Tandem Provider. The designation of traffic as Reciprocal Compensation Traffic for purposes of Reciprocal Compensation shall be based on the actual originating and terminating points of the complete end-to-end communication.

- 5.2 Traffic Not Subject to Reciprocal Compensation.
 - 5.2.1 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to interstate or intrastate Exchange Access (including, without limitation, Virtual Foreign Exchange Traffic (i.e., V/FX Traffic)), Information Access, or exchange services for Exchange Access or Information Access.
 - 5.2.2 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to Internet Traffic.
 - 5.2.3 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to Toll Traffic, including, but not limited to, calls originated on a 1+ presubscription basis, or on a casual dialed (10XXX/101XXXX) basis.
 - 5.2.4 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to Optional Extended Local Calling Area Traffic.
 - 5.2.5 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to special access, private line, or any other traffic that is not switched by the terminating Party.
 - 5.2.6 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to Tandem Transit Traffic.
 - 5.2.7 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to Voice Information Service Traffic (as defined in Section 5 of the Additional Services Attachment).
 - 5.2.8 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to traffic that is not subject to Reciprocal Compensation under Section 251(b)(5) of the Act.
 - 5.2.9 Reciprocal Compensation shall not apply to Virtual Foreign Exchange Traffic (i.e., V/FX Traffic). As used in this Agreement, "Virtual Foreign Exchange Traffic" or "V/FX Traffic" is defined as calls in which a MTCO Customer is assigned a telephone number with an NXX Code (as set forth in the LERG) associated with an exchange that is different than the exchange (as set forth in the LERG) associated with the actual physical location of such Customer's station. For the avoidance of any doubt, MTCO shall pay Verizon's originating access charges for all V/FX Traffic originated by a Verizon Customer, and MTCO shall pay Verizon's terminating access charges for all V/FX Traffic originated by a MTCO Customer.
- 5.3 The Reciprocal Compensation rates (including, but not limited to, the Reciprocal Compensation per minute of use charges) billed by MTCO to Verizon shall not exceed the Reciprocal Compensation rates (including, but not limited to, Reciprocal Compensation per minute of use charges) billed by Verizon to MTCO.

6. Other Types of Traffic

- 6.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or otherwise: (a) the Parties' rights and obligations with respect to any intercarrier compensation that may be due in connection with their exchange of Internet Traffic shall be governed by the terms of the FCC Internet Order and other applicable FCC orders and FCC Regulations; and, (b) a Party shall not be obligated to pay any intercarrier compensation for Internet Traffic that is in excess of the intercarrier compensation for Internet Traffic that such Party is required to pay under the FCC Internet Order and other applicable FCC orders and FCC Regulations.
- 6.2 Subject to Section 6.1 of this Attachment, IntraLATA Toll Traffic exchanged under this Attachment shall be governed by the applicable provisions of this Agreement and applicable Tariffs.
- 6.3 For any traffic originating with a third party carrier and delivered by MTCO to Verizon, MTCO shall pay Verizon the same amount that such third party carrier would have been obligated to pay Verizon for termination of that traffic at the location the traffic is delivered to Verizon by MTCO.
- 6.4 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement or otherwise, no Interexchange Carrier (IXC) traffic may be exchanged under this Attachment.
- 6.5 Any traffic not specifically addressed in this Attachment shall be treated as required by the applicable Tariff of the Party transporting and/or terminating the traffic.

7. Toll Free Service Access Code (e.g., 800/888/877) Traffic

The following terms shall apply when either Party delivers IntraLATA toll free service access code (e.g., 800/877/888) ("8YY") calls to the other Party under this Attachment. For the purposes of this Section 7, the terms "translated" refer to those toll free service access code calls that have been queried ("translated") to an 8YY database.

- 7.1 When MTCO delivers translated IntraLATA 8YY calls to Verizon for completion:
 - 7.1.1 by Verizon:
 - 7.1.1.1 MTCO will provide an appropriate EMI record to Verizon; and
 - 7.1.1.2 MTCO will bill Verizon the MTCO's Switched Exchange Access Tariff charges and the MTCO's applicable Tariff query charge.
 - 7.1.2 by a toll free service access code service provider in that LATA:
 - 7.1.2.1 MTCO will provide an appropriate EMI record to Verizon and the toll free service access code service provider; and
 - 7.1.2.2 MTCO will bill the toll free service access code service provider the MTCO's applicable Switched Exchange Access Tariff charges and the MTCO's applicable Tariff query charges; and
 - 7.1.2.3 Verizon will bill the toll free service access code service provider Verizon's applicable Switched Exchange Access Tariff charges.

- 7.2 When Verizon performs the query and delivers translated IntraLATA 8YY calls, originated by Verizon's or another LEC's Customer for completion:
- 7.2.1 by MTCO:
 - 7.2.1.1 Verizon will provide an appropriate EMI record to MTCO; and
 - 7.2.1.2 Verizon will bill MTCO Verizon's applicable Switched Exchange Access Tariff charges and Verizon's applicable Tariff query charges.
 - 7.2.2 by a toll free service access code service provider in that LATA:
 - 7.2.2.1 Verizon will provide an appropriate EMI record to MTCO and the toll free service access code service provider; and
 - 7.2.2.2 Verizon will bill the toll free service access code service provider Verizon's applicable Switched Exchange Access Tariff charges and Verizon's applicable Tariff query charges; and
 - 7.2.2.3 MTCO will bill the toll free service access code service provider the MTCO's applicable Switched Exchange Access Tariff charges.
- 7.3 Verizon will not direct untranslated toll free service access code calls to MTCO. MTCO will not direct untranslated toll free service access code calls to Verizon.

8. Number Resources, Rate Center Areas and Routing Points

- 8.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or otherwise adversely affect in any manner either Party's right to employ or to request and be assigned any Central Office Codes ("NXX") pursuant to the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines and any relevant FCC or Commission orders, as may be amended from time to time, or to establish, by Tariff or otherwise, Rate Center Areas and Routing Points corresponding to such NXX codes.
- 8.2 It shall be the responsibility of each Party to program and update its own switches and network systems pursuant to information provided in the LERG in order to recognize and route traffic to the other Party's assigned NXX codes. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, neither Party shall impose any fees or charges whatsoever on the other Party for such activities.
- 8.3 Unless otherwise required by Commission order, the Rate Center Areas will be the same for each Party. During the term of this Agreement, MTCO shall adopt the Rate Center Area and Rate Center Points that the Commission has approved for Verizon within the LATA and Tandem serving area. MTCO shall assign whole NPA-NXX codes to each Rate Center Area unless otherwise ordered by the FCC, the Commission or another governmental entity of appropriate jurisdiction, or the LEC industry adopts alternative methods of utilizing NXXs.
- 8.4 MTCO will also designate a Routing Point for each assigned NXX code. MTCO shall designate one location for each Rate Center Area in which the MTCO has established NXX code(s) as the Routing Point for the NPA-NXXs associated with that Rate Center Area, and such Routing Point shall be within the same LATA as the Rate Center Area but not necessarily within the Rate Center Area itself.

Unless specified otherwise, calls to subsequent NXXs of MTCO will be routed in the same manner as calls to MTCO's initial NXXs.

- 8.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, nothing in this Agreement is intended, and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed, to in any way constrain MTCO's choices regarding the size of the local calling area(s) that MTCO may establish for its Customers, which local calling areas may be larger than, smaller than, or identical to Verizon's local calling areas.

9. Number Portability - Section 251(B)(2)

9.1 Scope.

The Parties shall provide Number Portability (NP) in accordance with rules and regulations as from time to time prescribed by the FCC.

9.2 Procedures for Providing LNP ("Local Number Portability").

The Parties will follow the LNP provisioning process recommended by the North American Numbering Council (NANC) and the Industry Numbering Council (INC), and adopted by the FCC. In addition, the Parties agree to follow the LNP ordering procedures established at the OBF. The Parties shall provide LNP on a reciprocal basis.

9.2.1 A Customer of one Party ("Party A") elects to become a Customer of the other Party ("Party B"). The Customer elects to utilize the original telephone number(s) corresponding to the Telephone Exchange Service(s) it previously received from Party A, in conjunction with the Telephone Exchange Service(s) it will now receive from Party B. After Party B has received authorization from the Customer in accordance with Applicable Law and sends an LSR to Party A, Parties A and B will work together to port the Customer's telephone number(s) from Party A's network to Party B's network.

9.2.2 When a telephone number is ported out of Party A's network, Party A will remove any non-proprietary line based calling card(s) associated with the ported number(s) from its Line Information Database (LIDB). Reactivation of the line-based calling card in another LIDB, if desired, is the responsibility of Party B or Party B's Customer.

9.2.3 When a Customer of Party A ports their telephone numbers to Party B and the Customer has previously secured a reservation of line numbers from Party A for possible activation at a future point, these reserved but inactive numbers may be ported along with the active numbers to be ported provided the numbers have been reserved for the Customer. Party B may request that Party A port all reserved numbers assigned to the Customer or that Party A port only those numbers listed by Party B. As long as Party B maintains reserved but inactive numbers ported for the Customer, Party A shall not reassign those numbers. Party B shall not reassign the reserved numbers to another Customer.

9.2.4 When a Customer of Party A ports their telephone numbers to Party B, in the process of porting the Customer's telephone numbers, Party A shall implement the ten-digit trigger feature where it is available. When Party A receives the porting request, the unconditional trigger shall be applied to the Customer's line before the due date of the porting

activity. When the ten-digit unconditional trigger is not available, Party A and Party B must coordinate the disconnect activity.

- 9.2.5 The Parties shall furnish each other with the Jurisdiction Information Parameter (JIP) in the Initial Address Message (IAM).
- 9.2.6 Where LNP is commercially available, the NXXs in the office shall be defined as portable, except as noted in Section 9.2.7, and translations will be changed in the Parties' switches to open those NXXs for database queries in all applicable LNP capable offices within the LATA of the given switch(es). On a prospective basis, all newly deployed switches will be equipped with LNP capability and so noted in the LERG.
- 9.2.7 All NXXs assigned to LNP capable switches are to be designated as portable unless a NXX(s) has otherwise been designated as non-portable. Non-portable NXXs include NXX codes assigned to paging services; NXX codes assigned for internal testing and official use and any other NXX codes required to be designated as non-portable by the rules and regulations of the FCC. NXX codes assigned to mass calling on a chocked network may not be ported using LNP technology but are portable using methods established by the NANC and adopted by the FCC. On a prospective basis, newly assigned codes in switches capable of porting shall become commercially available for porting with the effective date in the network.
- 9.2.8 Both Parties' use of LNP shall meet the performance criteria specified by the FCC. Both Parties will act as the default carrier for the other Party in the event that either Party is unable to perform the routing necessary for LNP.

9.3 Procedures for Providing NP Through Full NXX Code Migration.

Where a Party has activated an entire NXX for a single Customer, or activated at least eighty percent (80%) of an NXX for a single Customer, with the remaining numbers in that NXX either reserved for future use by that Customer or otherwise unused, if such Customer chooses to receive Telephone Exchange Service from the other Party, the first Party shall cooperate with the second Party to have the entire NXX reassigned in the LERG (and associated industry databases, routing tables, etc.) to an End Office operated by the second Party. Such transfer will be accomplished with appropriate coordination between the Parties and subject to appropriate industry lead times for movements of NXXs from one switch to another. Neither Party shall charge the other in connection with this coordinated transfer.

9.4 Procedures for LNP Request.

The Parties shall provide for the requesting of End Office LNP capability on a reciprocal basis through a written request. The Parties acknowledge that Verizon has deployed LNP throughout its network in compliance with FCC 96-286 and other applicable FCC Regulations.

- 9.4.1 If Party B desires to have LNP capability deployed in an End Office of Party A, which is not currently capable, Party B shall issue a LNP request to Party A. Party A will respond to the Party B, within ten (10) days of receipt of the request, with a date for which LNP will be available in the requested End Office. Party A shall proceed to

provide for LNP in compliance with the procedures and timelines set forth in FCC 96-286, Paragraph 80, and FCC 97-74, Paragraphs 65 through 67.

9.4.2 The Parties acknowledge that each can determine the LNP-capable End Offices of the other through the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG). In addition, the Parties shall make information available upon request showing their respective LNP-capable End Offices, as set forth in this Section 9.4.

9.5 MTCO shall submit orders to port numbers electronically using an LSR via the Verizon web Graphical User Interface ("GUI") or Electronic Data Interface ("EDI") pursuant to the instructions, business rules and guidelines set forth on the Verizon Partner Solutions website (formerly referred to as the Verizon wholesale website).

10. Good Faith Performance

If and, to the extent that, Verizon, prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement, has not provided in the State of Illinois a Service offered under this Attachment, Verizon reserves the right to negotiate in good faith with MTCO reasonable terms and conditions (including, without limitation, rates and implementation timeframes) for such Service; and, if the Parties cannot agree to such terms and conditions (including, without limitation, rates and implementation timeframes), either Party may utilize the Agreement's dispute resolution procedures.