

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
d/b/a CenturyTel of Illinois and IOWA WIRELESS
SERVICES, LLC d/b/a i wireless

Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated
Interconnection Agreement
Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252

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**VERIFIED JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN GALLATIN RIVER
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC d/b/a CENTURYTEL OF ILLINOIS
AND IOWA WIRELESS SERVICES, LLC d/b/a i wireless**

Gallatin River Communications, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel of Illinois ("Gallatin") and Iowa Wireless Services, LLC d/b/a i wireless ("Iowa Wireless") hereby request that the Commission review and approve the attached Interconnection Agreement between Gallatin and Iowa Wireless (the parties), pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e), (the "Act"). The parties, in support of their request, state as follows:

1. Petitioners Gallatin and Iowa Wireless are each a telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 13-202 of the Universal Telephone Service Protection Act of 1985, 220 ILCS 5/13-100, et seq., and each is authorized to provide telecommunications service to customers in Illinois.

2. The Agreement was arrived at through good faith negotiations between the parties as contemplated by Section 252(a) of the Act and provides for the interconnection of their networks for the transmission and termination of local traffic on each other's networks.

3. Section 252(e)(2) of the Act provides the basis for rejection of a negotiated Agreement: (1) the Agreement discriminates against another carrier or (2) implementation of a negotiated Agreement would not be consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Neither basis for rejection is present here.

4. As set forth in the attached Verified Statement of Ty Lemaster, Gallatin will make the Agreement available to any other telecommunications carrier operating within its territory. Other carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. For this reason, the Agreement is not discriminatory.

5. In addition, the Verified Statement of Ty Lemaster demonstrates that implementation of the Agreement is consistent with the public interest because it will promote competition and enhance the ability of Iowa Wireless to provide Illinois telecommunications users with a competitive alternative for telecommunications services.

6. In accordance with Section 252(e)(4) of the Act, the Agreement will be deemed approved if the Commission does not act to approve or reject the Agreement within 90 days from the date of this submission.

7. Copies of the Agreement will be available for public inspection in Gallatin's public offices.

WHEREFORE, Gallatin and Iowa Wireless respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached Interconnection Agreement, between Gallatin and Iowa Wireless under Section 252(e) of the Act as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted this 23 day of March, 2009.

GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
d/b/a CenturyTel of Illinois

By: 

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Date: 3/24/09

IOWA WIRELESS SERVICES, LLC
d/b/a i wireless

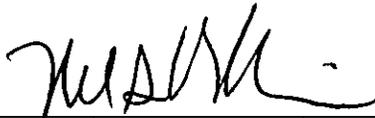
By: 

Name: Michael S. Haskins, CEO
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Date: 3/13/09

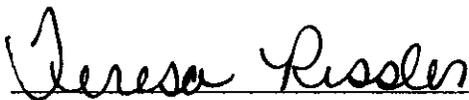
STATE OF Illinois)
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COUNTY OF Lee) ss.

Michael S. Haskins being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is
CEO/COO for Iowa Wireless and that he is authorized by Iowa Wireless
to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Petition for
Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement, between Gallatin River
Communications, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel of Illinois and Iowa Wireless Services, LLC
d/b/a i wireless and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best
of his knowledge, information, and belief.



Michael S. Haskins, CEO
Iowa Wireless

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of IOWA this
13th day of March, 2009.



Notary Public

My commission expires:
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF) ss.

David O. Rudd, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is an attorney for Gallatin River Communications, LLC d/b/a/ CenturyTel of Illinois and that he is authorized by Gallatin River Communications, LLC to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Gallatin and Iowa Wireless, and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

David Rudd

David O. Rudd, Esq.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of Illinois this 23rd day of March, 2009.

Meri L. Sanders

Notary Public



My commission expires: July 19, 2011

STATE OF ILLINOIS

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VERIFIED STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL

I, Ty Lemaster, in my capacity as General Manager for Gallatin River Communications, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel of Illinois ("Gallatin"), hereby submits this Statement in Support of the Joint Petition for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Gallatin and Iowa Wireless Services, LLC d/b/a i wireless ("Iowa Wireless").

The attached Interconnection Agreement ("the Agreement"), including provisions for interconnection and related telecommunications services including traffic exchange under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (sometimes referred to as "the Act"), between Gallatin and Iowa Wireless was reached through voluntary negotiations between the parties. Accordingly, Gallatin and Iowa Wireless request approval pursuant to Sections 252(a) (1) and 252(e) of the Act.

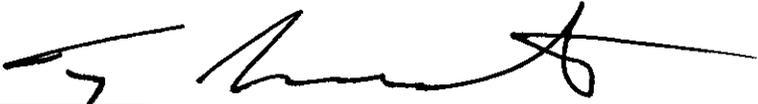
In accordance with Sections 251 and 252 of the Act, the parties engaged in good faith negotiations and an agreement was reached.

The Agreement contains provisions for default and prohibits discontinuance of service without the required notice. It also includes dispute resolution provisions. It allows Iowa Wireless to interconnect at points agreed to by the parties.

Also, the Agreement contains alternative dispute resolution provisions, which require negotiation and arbitration. The parties are required to continue providing services to each other during the pendency of any dispute resolution proceeding. The Agreement is binding on successors and permitted assigns of the parties.

Gallatin will make the Agreement available (pursuant to 252 (I) of the Act) to any other telecommunications carrier operating within its territory. Other carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. For this reason, the Agreement is not discriminatory.

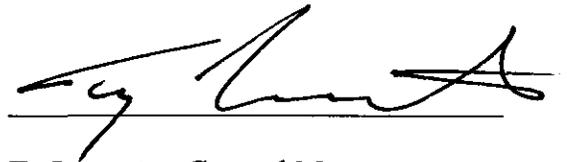
Implementation of this Agreement is consistent with the public interest because it will promote competition and enhance the ability of Iowa Wireless to provide Illinois telecommunications users with a competitive alternative for telecommunications services.



Ty Lemaster, General Manager

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF KNOX) ss.

Ty Lemaster, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is General Manager for Gallatin River Communications, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel of Illinois and is duly is authorized by Gallatin River Communications, LLC to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Statement in Support of Joint Petition for Approval and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.



Ty Lemaster, General Manager
Gallatin River Communications, LLC
200 Enterprise Dr.
Pekin Illinois 61554

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of IL this
16 day of March, 2009.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 4/19/10

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