



May 3, 2007

Ms. Mary Jo Kunkle  
Executive Secretary  
Michigan Public Service Commission  
6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7  
Lansing, MI 48911

Re: Case No. U-15295  
Request of 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. to adopt the Resale Agreement by and  
between CenturyTel and Universal Telecom, Inc. in the State of Michigan

Dear Ms. Kunkle:

Attached is a Joint Application for approval of a Resale Agreement by and between CenturyTel Midwest Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc. ("CenturyTel") and 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. in the State of Michigan. A fully-executed copy of the adoption letter is attached to the Joint Application as Attachment A.

1-800-RECONEX, Inc. has requested adoption of terms and conditions of the Resale Agreement effective August 1, 2003, by and between CenturyTel and Universal Telecom, Inc., (copy attached), which was approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission in an order issued on April 24, 2007, in Case No. U-15101.

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Proctor at 608.796-5407. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd J. Stein". Below the signature, the initials "TJS" are written in a smaller, cursive script.

Todd J. Stein  
Director of External Affairs  
Midwest Region

TJS:kp

Attachments

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1-800-RECONEX, Inc.  
ATTN: William E. Braun  
2500 Industrial Avenue  
Hubbard, OR 97032

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: The Request For Commission Approval	)	
of a Resale Agreement between CenturyTel	)	MPSC Case No. U-15295
and 1-800-RECONEX, Inc.	)	

JOINT APPLICATION

CenturyTel, on behalf of its Michigan companies, and 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. hereby jointly apply to the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") for approval within ninety (90) days, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 252(e)(i) and 252(i) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act"), Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) [codified at 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(1) and 252 (i)] and pursuant to Section 203(1) of the Michigan Telecommunications Act ("MTA"), as amended, MCL 484.2203(1) of a Resale Agreement. A copy of this Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference. This submission is made pursuant to the Act. Applicants respectfully request Commission action on this submission in accordance with the Act. In support thereof, CenturyTel submits the following information:

1. CenturyTel is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Louisiana with principal offices located at 100 CenturyTel Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203 and it is the parent corporation of CenturyTel Midwest-Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc. and CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc. CenturyTel's Michigan companies are engaged in the provision of varied telecommunications services to its customers and the general public within its certificated territory in the State of Michigan. Each CenturyTel Company identified in the

Agreement is an "incumbent local exchange carrier" as that term is defined in §251(H) and used in §252(a) of the Act.

2. 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. is authorized by the Michigan Public Service Commission to provide local telecommunications service in Michigan and provides such service to its end user customers.
3. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. requested adoption of terms and conditions of the Resale Agreement effective August 1, 2003, by and between CenturyTel and Universal Telecom, Inc. that was approved by the Commission in an order issued April 24, 2007 in Case No. U-15101.
4. The Agreement was arrived at through voluntary negotiations between the parties as contemplated by §252(a) of the Act.
5. The Agreement establishes certain arrangements between companies within each area in which they both operate for the purposes of CenturyTel providing interconnection to 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. in the CenturyTel exchanges.
6. Pursuant to MTA §203(1) and §252(e)(1) and 252(i) of the Act, CenturyTel and 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. jointly hereby request expedited approval of the joint application without any public hearing or formal solicitation of comments. Pursuant to §252(e)(2), this Commission may only reject the agreement if the Commission finds that:
  - (a) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
  - (b) the implementation of such agreement (or portion thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

7. As contemplated by §252(e)(2)(a) and (b), the Agreement does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier not a party to the Agreement and implementation of the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. CenturyTel will make these arrangements available to any other requesting carrier operating within the same service territories of its Michigan companies on the same terms and conditions as those provided in the Agreement in accordance with §252(l) of the Act. The Agreement will not preclude different arrangements with other telecommunications carriers. Other telecommunications carriers may negotiate their own arrangements with CenturyTel pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act.
8. CenturyTel respectfully requests the Commission approve the Agreement as soon as possible. This request is made in accordance with §252(e)(4) of the Act. This provision provides that the Agreement shall be approved if the Commission does not act to approve or reject the agreement within 90 days after submission by the parties.
9. Vickie M. Norris, 17 South High Street, Suite 600, Columbus, OH 43215, is the regulatory contact person for CenturyTel.
10. Todd J. Stein, 333 North Front Street, La Crosse WI 54601, is the Carrier Relations contact person for CenturyTel.
11. William E. Braun, 2500 Industrial Avenue, Hubbard, OR 97032 is the contact person for 1-800-RECONEX, Inc.

WHEREFORE, CenturyTel and 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. jointly request Commission approval of the Agreement pursuant to MTA §203 (1) and §252(i) of the Act.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd J. Stein  
Director of External Affairs (KP)  
Midwest Region  
CenturyTel  
333 North Front Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
608-796-7894



William E. Braun  
1-800-RECONEX, Inc.  
2500 Industrial Avenue  
Hubbard, OR 97032

Attachment: Exhibit A - Adoption Letter between CenturyTel and 1-800-RECONEX, Inc.

P.O. Box 4065  
Monroe, LA 71211-4065  
Tel 318 388 9000



July 25, 2006

1-800-RECONEX, Inc.  
Attn: William E. Braun  
2500 Industrial Avenue  
Hubbard, OR 97032

Dear Mr. Braun:

CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel Midwest-Michigan, Inc., and CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc. (referred to as "CenturyTel") has received a request from 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. stating that, under Section 252 (i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. ("1-800-RECONEX") wishes to adopt the terms of the Resale Agreement between CenturyTel and Universal Telecom, Inc. ("Universal Telecom") that was approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission as an effective agreement in the State of Michigan (Docket not required; the "Terms"). This letter shall confirm that you have a copy of the Terms. Please note the following with respect to your adoption of the Terms.

By your countersignature on this letter, you hereby represent and commit to the following:

1. Except as set forth below, 1-800-RECONEX adopts the Terms of the Universal Telecom agreement for interconnection with CenturyTel and in applying the Terms, agrees that 1-800-RECONEX shall be substituted in place of Universal Telecom in the Terms wherever appropriate.
2. 1-800-RECONEX requests that notice to 1-800-RECONEX as may be required under the Terms shall be provided as follows:

To: 1-800-RECONEX, Inc.  
Attn: William E. Braun  
2500 Industrial Avenue  
Hubbard, OR 97032  
Telephone: 503-982-8000  
Fax: 503-982-9000

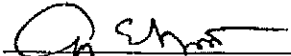
3. **1-800-RECONEX represents and warrants that it is a certified provider of local telecommunications service in the State of Michigan, and that its adoption of the Terms will cover services in the State of Michigan only.**

4. 1-800-RECONEX's adoption of the Universal Telecom Terms shall become effective upon CenturyTel's filing of this letter with the Michigan Public Utility Commission and shall terminate pursuant to the Universal Telecom Terms. The Universal Telecom agreement is currently scheduled to expire on August 1, 2007.
5. As the Terms are being adopted by you pursuant to your statutory rights under Section 252(i), CenturyTel does not provide the Terms to you as either a voluntary or negotiated agreement. The filing and performance by CenturyTel of the Terms does not in any way constitute a waiver by CenturyTel of any position as to the Terms or a portion thereof, nor does it constitute a waiver by CenturyTel of all rights and remedies it may have to seek review of the Terms, or to seek review in any way of any provisions included in these Terms as a result of 1-800-RECONEX's 252(i) election.
6. Pursuant to the FCC's ruling in Implementation of the local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-bound Traffic, CC Docket No. 96-98, CC Docket No. 99-68, (April 27, 2001), local exchange carriers may not as of May 15, 2001, opt into an existing interconnection agreement with regard to the rates paid for the exchange of ISP-bound traffic. Thus, to the extent that compensation for the exchange of ISP-bound traffic is addressed in the Universal Telecom agreement, the Parties acknowledge that such compensatory arrangement is not a part of this Adoption Agreement.
7. The Terms shall be subject to any and all applicable laws, rules, or regulations that subsequently may be prescribed by any federal, state or local governmental authority. To the extent required by any such subsequently prescribed law, rule, or regulation, the Parties agree to modify, in writing, the affected term(s) and condition(s) of this Agreement to bring them into compliance with such law, rule, or regulation.
8. CenturyTel reserves the right to deny any 1-800-RECONEX's adoption and/or application of the Terms, in whole or in part, at any time:
  - (A) when the costs of providing the Terms to 1-800-RECONEX are greater than the costs of providing it to Universal Telecom;
  - (B) if the provision of the Terms to 1-800-RECONEX is not technically feasible; and/or to the extent 1-800-RECONEX already has an existing interconnection agreement (or existing 252(i) adoption) with CenturyTel and the Terms were approved before the date of approval of the existing interconnection agreement (or the effective date of the existing 252(i) adoption); and
  - (C) when Non-Recurring charges applicable to Resale or in CenturyTel's local tariff apply without discount.
9. Should 1-800-RECONEX attempt to apply the Terms in a manner that conflicts with the provisions set forth herein, CenturyTel reserves its rights to seek appropriate legal and/or equitable relief.

Please indicate your agreement to the provisions of this letter by signing this letter on the space provided below and return it to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

CenturyTel of Michigan  
CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc.  
CenturyTel Midwest-Michigan, Inc.  
CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc.


  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Guy Miller  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS POLICY  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Title)

7/25/06  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Reviewed and countersigned:

1-800-RECONEX, Inc.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

William E. Brawl  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

Vice-President + General Counsel  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Title)

8-6-06  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**RESALE AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**CenturyTel Midwest-Michigan, Inc.  
CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc.  
CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc.  
CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc.**

**AND**

**UNIVERSAL TELECOM, INC.**

**IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

This Reseller Agreement ("this Agreement") is made and entered into this 1st day of August, 2003, and effective the 1st day of August, 2003, by CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel Midwest-Michigan, Inc. and CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc. ("CenturyTel"), incorporated in the State of Michigan, with its address for purposes of this Agreement as 100 CenturyTel Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203, and Universal Telecom, Inc. (the "Reseller") incorporated in the State of Kentucky, with its address for purposes of this Agreement as 210 South First Street, P.O. Box 679, La Grange, Kentucky 40031.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, CenturyTel is a local exchange company authorized to provide services in the state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Reseller is a competitive local exchange company authorized to provide services in the state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Reseller desires to resell CenturyTel's services; and

WHEREAS, CenturyTel has agreed to provide such services to Reseller for resale purposes and pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual premises and promises contained herein, CenturyTel and Reseller do hereby agree as follows:

I. Term of the Agreement

A. The term of this Agreement shall be two years beginning August 1, 2003 and shall apply to all of CenturyTel's Michigan serving territory as of August 1, 2003.

B. This Agreement shall be automatically renewed for two additional one-year periods unless either party indicates its intent not to renew this Agreement. Notice of such intent must be provided, in writing, to the other party no later than 60 days prior to the end of the then-existing contract period. The terms of this Agreement shall remain in effect after the term of the existing agreement has expired and while a new agreement is being negotiated.

C. The rates pursuant by which Reseller is to purchase services from CenturyTel for resale shall be the approved local exchange tariff rate as stated in each individual local exchange tariff of each CenturyTel Telephone Operating Company.

II. Definition of Terms

A. COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY (CLEC) means a telephone company certificated by the public service commission to provide local exchange service within CenturyTel's franchised area.

B. CUSTOMER OF RECORD means the entity responsible for placing application for service; requesting additions, rearrangements, maintenance or discontinuance of service; payment in full of charges incurred such as nonrecurring, monthly recurring, toll, directory assistance, etc.

C. DEPOSIT means assurance provided by a customer in the form of cash, surety bond or bank letter of credit to be held by CenturyTel.

D. END USER means the ultimate user of the services.

E. END USER CUSTOMER LOCATION means the physical location of the premises where an end user makes use of the services.

F. NEW SERVICES means functions, features or capabilities that are not currently offered by CenturyTel. This includes packaging of existing services or combining a new function, feature or capability with an existing service.

G. RESALE means an activity wherein a certificated CLEC, such as Reseller subscribes to the services of CenturyTel and then reoffers those services to the public (with or without "adding value").

H. RESALE SERVICE AREA means the area, as defined in a public service commission approved certificate of Authority to Operate, which a CLEC, such as Reseller, may offer resold local exchange service.

### III. General Provisions

A. As to CenturyTel, the Reseller is an independent contractor and not an agent of CenturyTel. As an independent contractor, the Reseller agrees to pay all obligations incurred by Reseller in order to perform the Agreement. Reseller further agrees to defend, indemnify, hold and save harmless CenturyTel from and against all claims, liens, payments for damages and expenses or expenditures made or incurred in connection with the performance of this Agreement by the Reseller.

Nothing contained in this Agreement or otherwise shall constitute CenturyTel and Reseller as partners or be construed or interpreted in any way to create a joint venture between CenturyTel and Reseller.

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed in any way to constitute Reseller or any of the employees of Reseller as the agent, representative, or employee of CenturyTel.

B. Reseller may resell services in CenturyTel's local exchange tariff subject to the terms, and conditions specifically set forth herein.

CenturyTel shall make available services for resale at the rates set forth in each of CenturyTel's local exchange tariff and subject to the exclusions and limitations set forth in this Agreement.

C. The provision of services by CenturyTel to Reseller does not constitute a joint undertaking for the furnishing of any service.

D. Reseller will be the customer of record for all services purchased from CenturyTel. Except as specified herein, CenturyTel will take orders from, bill and expect payment from Reseller for all services.

- E. Reseller will be CenturyTel's single point of contact for all services purchased pursuant to this Agreement. CenturyTel shall have no contact with the end user except to the extent provided for herein.
- F. CenturyTel will continue to bill the end user for any services that the end user specifies to receive directly from CenturyTel.
- G. CenturyTel maintains the right to serve directly any end user within the service area of Reseller. CenturyTel will continue to directly market its own products and services and in doing so may establish independent relationships with end users of Reseller.
- H. Neither Party shall interfere with the right of any person or entity to obtain service directly from the other Party.
- I. Telephone numbers are the property of CenturyTel and are assigned to the service furnished. Reseller has no property right to the telephone number or any other call number designation associated with services furnished by CenturyTel, and no right to the continuance of service through any particular central office. CenturyTel reserves the right to change such numbers, or the central office designation associated with such numbers, or both, whenever CenturyTel deems it necessary to do so in the conduct of its business.
- J. The Reseller will be required to order toll restriction for each resold account and held responsible to pay CenturyTel for any toll charges that may appear on any resold account.
- K. Service is furnished subject to the condition that it will not be used for any unlawful purpose.
- L. Service will be discontinued if any law enforcement agency advises that the service being used is in violation of the law.
- M. CenturyTel can refuse service when it has grounds to believe that service will be used in violation of the law.
- N. CenturyTel accepts no responsibility to any person for any unlawful act committed by Reseller or its end users as part of providing service to Reseller for purposes of resale or otherwise.
- O. CenturyTel will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies with subpoenas and court orders for assistance with CenturyTel's customers. Law enforcement agency subpoenas and court orders regarding end users of Reseller will be directed to Reseller. CenturyTel will bill Reseller for implementing any requests by law enforcement agencies regarding Reseller end users.
- P. The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment provided by any person or entity other than CenturyTel shall not:
1. Interfere with or impair service over any facilities of CenturyTel, its affiliates, or its connecting and concurring carriers involved in its service;

2. Cause damage to their plant;
3. Impair the privacy of any communications; or
4. Create hazards to any employees or the public.

Q. Reseller assumes the responsibility of notifying CenturyTel regarding less than standard operations with respect to services provided by Reseller.

R. Facilities and/or equipment utilized by CenturyTel to provide service to Reseller remain the property of CenturyTel.

S. White page directory listings will be provided in accordance with regulations set forth in the local exchange tariff.

T. CenturyTel will provide customer record information to the Reseller provided the Reseller has the appropriate Letter(s) of Authorization. CenturyTel may provide customer record information via one of the following methods: US mail, fax, telephone or by electronic mail.

Reseller agrees to compensate CenturyTel for all CenturyTel incurred expenditures associated with providing such information to Reseller. Reseller will adopt and adhere to the CenturyTel guidelines associated with each method of providing customer record information.

#### IV. CenturyTel's Provision of Services to Reseller

A. Reseller agrees that its resale of CenturyTel services shall be as follows:

1. The resale of services shall be limited to users and uses conforming to the class of service restrictions.
2. If telephone service is established and it is subsequently determined that the class of service restriction has been violated, Reseller will be notified and billing for that service will be immediately changed to the appropriate class of service. Service charges for changes between class of service, back billing, and interest shall apply at CenturyTel's sole discretion.
3. CenturyTel reserves the right to periodically audit services purchased by Reseller to establish authenticity of use. Such audit shall not occur more than once in a calendar year. Reseller shall make any and all records and data available to CenturyTel or CenturyTel's auditors on a reasonable basis. CenturyTel shall bear the cost of said audit.

B. Resold services can only be used in the same manner as specified in CenturyTel's local exchange tariff. Resold services are subject to the same terms and conditions as are specified for such services when furnished to an individual end user of CenturyTel in the appropriate section of CenturyTel's local exchange tariffs. Specific local exchange tariff features, e.g., a usage allowance per month, shall not be aggregated across multiple resold services. Resold services cannot be used to aggregate traffic from more than one end user customer.

C. Reseller shall be responsible for the payment of any and all charges incurred by Reseller's customer from using the following types of services, where Reseller has not requested blocking of said services or where blocking of said services is not available:

1. casual use charges;
2. CLASS features charges; and
3. casual dial-around long distance charges.

D. Reseller may resell services only within the specific resale service area as defined in its certificate.

E. Telephone numbers transmitted via any resold service feature are intended solely for the use of the end user of the feature. Resale of this information is prohibited.

F. No patent, copyright, trademark or other proprietary right is licensed, granted or otherwise transferred by this Agreement. Reseller is strictly prohibited from any use, including but not limited to sales, marketing or advertising, of any CenturyTel name or trademark.

V. Maintenance of Services

A. Reseller will adopt and adhere to the industry standards regarding maintenance and installation of service.

B. Services resold under CenturyTel's local exchange tariffs, facilities and equipment provided by CenturyTel, shall be maintained by CenturyTel.

C. Reseller or its end users may not rearrange, move, disconnect remove or attempt to repair any facilities owned by CenturyTel, other than by connection or disconnection to any interface means used, except with the written consent of CenturyTel.

D. Reseller accepts responsibility to notify CenturyTel of situations that arise that may result in a service problem.

E. Reseller will be CenturyTel's single point of contact for all repair calls on behalf of Reseller's end users. The parties agree to provide one another with toll-free contact numbers for such purposes.

F. Reseller will contact the appropriate repair centers in accordance with procedures established by CenturyTel.

G. For all repair requests, Reseller accepts responsibility for adhering to CenturyTel's prescreening guidelines prior to referring the trouble to CenturyTel.

H. CenturyTel will bill Reseller for handling troubles that are found not to be in CenturyTel's network pursuant to its standard time and material charges. The standard time and material charges will be no more than what CenturyTel charges to its retail customers for the same services.

I. CenturyTel reserves the right to contact Reseller's customers, if deemed necessary, for maintenance purposes.

VI. Establishment of Service

A. After receiving certification as a local exchange company from the appropriate regulatory agency, Reseller will provide the appropriate CenturyTel service center the necessary documentation to enable CenturyTel to establish an account for Reseller. Such documentation shall include the Application for Service, proof of authority to provide services, an Operating Company Number ("OCN") assigned by the National Exchange Carriers Association ("NECA") and a tax exemption certificate, if applicable. When necessary deposit requirements are met, CenturyTel will begin taking orders for the resale of service.

B. Service orders will be in a standard format designated by CenturyTel.

C. When notification is received from Reseller that a disconnected customer of CenturyTel requests to subscribe to Reseller's service, standard service order intervals for the appropriate class of service will apply. CenturyTel and Reseller are in agreement that only disconnected customers that have been cleared or charged off from CenturyTel's accounts receivable are eligible for service under this resell agreement.

D. CenturyTel will require end user confirmation that the customer account has been cleared/charged off prior to establishing service for Reseller's end user customer.

E. Reseller will be the single point of contact with CenturyTel for all subsequent ordering activity resulting in additions or changes to resold services except that CenturyTel will accept a request directly from the end user for conversion of the end user's service from Reseller to CenturyTel or will accept a request from another CLEC for conversion of the end user's service from the Reseller to the other CLEC. CenturyTel will notify Reseller that such a request has been processed.

F. If CenturyTel determines that an unauthorized change in local service to Reseller has occurred, CenturyTel will reestablish service with the appropriate local service provider and will assess Reseller as the CLEC initiating the unauthorized change, an unauthorized change charge. Appropriate nonrecurring charges, as set forth in the local exchange tariff, will also be assessed to Reseller.

These charges can be adjusted if Reseller provides satisfactory proof of authorization.

Nonrecurring Charge for Unauthorized Change	
(a) each Residence or Business line	\$50.00

G. CenturyTel will, in order to safeguard its interest, require Reseller to make a deposit to be held by CenturyTel as a guarantee of the payment of rates and charges, unless satisfactory credit has already been established. Any such deposit may be held during the continuance of the service as security for the payment of any and all amounts accruing for the service.

H. Such deposit may not exceed two months' estimated billing.

I. The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves Reseller from complying with CenturyTel's regulations as to advance payments and the prompt payment of bills on presentation nor does it constitute a waiver or modification of the regular practices of CenturyTel providing for the discontinuance of service for non-payment of any sums due CenturyTel.

J. CenturyTel reserves the right to increase the deposit requirements when, in its sole judgment, the conditions justify such action.

K. In the event that Reseller defaults on its account, service to Reseller will be terminated and any deposits held will be applied to its account.

L. In the case of a cash deposit interest at the rate of six percent per annum shall be paid to Reseller during the continuance of the deposit. Interest on a deposit shall accrue annually and, if requested, shall be annually credited to Reseller by the accrual date.

## VII. Payment And Billing Arrangements

A. Reseller will be responsible for all charges that are billed on each resold account. CenturyTel will bank draft the Reseller's account for receiving payment for each of the bills rendered to the Reseller for all services. CenturyTel will not become involved in billing disputes that may arise between Reseller and its customer.

B. CenturyTel will render bills each month on established bill days for each of Reseller's accounts.

C. CenturyTel will bill Reseller, in advance, charges for all services to be provided during the ensuing billing period except charges associated with service usage, which charges will be billed in arrears. Charges will be calculated on an individual end user account level, including, if applicable, any charges for usage or usage allowances. CenturyTel will also bill all charges, including but not limited to 911 and E911 charges, telecommunications relay charges, and franchise fees, to Reseller.

D. Payment is due as specified by the payment due date on the bills. However, CenturyTel will draft the accounts ten days after the bill date.

E. Upon proof of tax exempt certification from Reseller, the total amount billed to Reseller will not include any taxes due from the end user. Reseller will be solely responsible for the computation, tracking, reporting and payment of all federal, state and/or local jurisdiction taxes associated with the services resold to the end user.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, Reseller is responsible for furnishing tax exempt status information to CenturyTel at the time of the execution of the Agreement. Reseller is also responsible for furnishing any updates or changes in its tax exempt status to CenturyTel during the Term of the Agreement and any extensions thereof. In addition, Reseller is responsible for submitting and/or filing tax exempt status information to the appropriate regulatory, municipality, local governing, and/or legislative body.

F. As the customer of record, Reseller will be responsible for, and remit to CenturyTel, all charges applicable to its resold services for emergency services (E911 and 911) and Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) as well as any other charges of a similar nature.

G. If any portion of the payment is received by CenturyTel after the payment due date, or if any portion of the payment is received by CenturyTel in funds that are not immediately available to CenturyTel, then a late payment penalty shall be due to CenturyTel. The late payment penalty

shall be the portion of the payment not received by the payment due date times a late factor. The late factor shall be as set forth in the local exchange tariff.

H. Any intrastate or interstate access charges associated with interexchange carrier access to the resold local exchange lines will be billed by, and due to, CenturyTel. No additional charges are to be assessed to Reseller.

I. CenturyTel will not perform billing and collection services for Reseller as a result of the execution of this Agreement. All requests for billing services should be referred to the appropriate entity or operational group within CenturyTel.

J. Pursuant to 47 CFR Section 51.617, CenturyTel will bill the end user common line charges identical to the end user common line charges CenturyTel bills its end users.

K. In general, CenturyTel will not become involved in disputes between Reseller and Reseller's end user customers over resold services. If a dispute does arise that cannot be settled without the involvement of CenturyTel, Reseller shall contact the designated Customer Service Center for resolution. CenturyTel will make every effort to assist in the resolution of the dispute and will work with Reseller to resolve the matter in as timely a manner as possible. Reseller may be required to submit documentation to substantiate the claim.

L. Reseller will be the customer of record for all services purchased from CenturyTel. Except as specified herein, CenturyTel will take orders from, bill and expect payment from Reseller for all services ordered.

M. Federal Universal Service Charge.

The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) is an end user charge that allows local exchange carriers to recover the costs of their universal service contributions from their customers.

N. Universal Service Fund.

The Universal Service Fund (USF) is designed to provide telecom services to all Americans at affordable rates and expand those services throughout the country, including to libraries and schools. Prior to August 1, 2001, Local Exchange Carriers were able to recover their costs of the universal service contribution fee from access charges to long distance carriers. A Federal Communication Commission (FCC) order released June 14, 2001 changed the recovery method to billing end users (customers) only

Pursuant to the FCC's June 14, 2001 order on recovery of Universal Service Fund contributions (DA 01-1429), CenturyTel will charge and Reseller agrees to pay Federal Universal Service Charges (FUSCs) on all resold lines and UNEs/UNE-Ps unless and until Reseller provides to CenturyTel either:

1. a copy of the duly-executed Form 499 that Reseller filed with the FCC; proving that Reseller is making payments into the Universal Service Fund; or
2. a notarized copy of CenturyTel's "Certification of Universal Service Fund Contribution" form (attached to this Agreement) that is signed by an officer of Reseller

3. Reseller must provide the Form 499 copy or notarized certification form prior to placing any order otherwise the FUSC will be charged. Should Reseller provide a Form 499 or certification form at some later date, the elimination of FUSCs will be on a prospective basis only; there will be no retroactive credits of FUSCs applied by CenturyTel. Further, CenturyTel shall not be liable to Reseller for any errors or omissions associated with Reseller Form 499 and/or the filing of certification thereof.

#### VIII. Discontinuance of Service

A. The procedures for discontinuing service to an end user are as follows:

1. Where possible, CenturyTel will deny service to Reseller's end user on behalf of, and at the request of Reseller. Upon restoration of the end user's service, restoral charges will apply and will be the responsibility of Reseller.
2. At the request of Reseller, CenturyTel will disconnect a Reseller end user customer.
3. All requests by Reseller for denial or disconnection of an end user for nonpayment must be in writing.
4. Reseller will be made solely responsible for notifying the end user of the proposed disconnection of the service.
5. CenturyTel will continue to process calls made to the Customer Service Centers and will advise Reseller when it is determined that annoyance calls are originated from one of their end user's locations. CenturyTel shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by Reseller and/or the end user against any claim loss or damage arising from providing this information to Reseller. It is the responsibility of Reseller to take the corrective action necessary with its customers who make annoying calls. Failure to do so will result in CenturyTel's disconnecting the end user service.

B. The procedures for discontinuing service to Reseller are as follows:

1. CenturyTel reserves the right to suspend or terminate service for nonpayment or in the event of prohibited, unlawful or improper use of the facilities or service, abuse of the facilities, or any other violation or noncompliance by Reseller of the rules and regulations of CenturyTel's local exchange Tariffs.
2. If payment of account is not received by the bill day in the month after the original bill day, CenturyTel may provide written notice to Reseller, that additional applications for service will be refused and that any pending orders for service will not be completed if payment is not received by the fifteenth day following the date of the notice. If CenturyTel does not refuse additional applications for service on the date specified in the notice, and Reseller's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude CenturyTel's right to refuse additional applications for service without further notice.
3. If payment of account is not received, or arrangements made, by the bill day in the second consecutive month, the account will be considered in default and will be subject to denial or disconnection, or both.

4. If Reseller fails to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, including any payments to be made by it on the dates and times herein specified, CenturyTel may, on thirty days written notice to the person designated by Reseller to receive notices of noncompliance, discontinue the provision of existing services to Reseller at any time thereafter. In the case of such discontinuance, all billed charges, as well as applicable termination charges, shall become due. If CenturyTel does not discontinue the provision of the services involved on the date specified in the thirty days notice, and Resellers noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude CenturyTel's right to discontinue the provision of the services to Reseller without further notice.

5. If payment is not received or arrangements made for payment by the date given in the written notification, Reseller's services will be discontinued. Upon discontinuance of service on a Reseller's account, service to Reseller's end users will be denied. CenturyTel will also reestablish service at the request of the end user or Reseller upon payment of the appropriate connection fee and subject to CenturyTel's normal application procedures. Reseller is solely responsible for notifying the end user of the proposed disconnection of the service.

6. If, within fifteen days after an end user service has been denied no contact has been made in reference to restoring service, the end user service will be disconnected.

7. CenturyTel may terminate this Agreement in the event Reseller has not (a) placed any initial orders for any of the services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement and (b) implemented any said services to Reseller's customers within one (1) year from the Effective Date of this Agreement.

## IX. Liability

A. The liability of CenturyTel for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, preemptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission, or failures or defects in facilities furnished by CenturyTel, occurring in the course of furnishing service or other facilities and not caused by the negligence of Reseller, or of CenturyTel in failing to maintain proper standards of maintenance and operation and to exercise reasonable supervision shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to Reseller for the period of service during which such mistake, omission, interruption, preemption, delay, error or defect in transmission or defect or failure in facilities occur. CenturyTel shall not be liable for damage arising out of mistakes, omission, interruptions, preemptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission or other injury, including but not limited to injuries to persons or property from voltages or currents transmitted over the service of CenturyTel, (1) caused by customer-provided equipment (except where a contributing cause is the malfunctioning of a CenturyTel-provided connecting arrangement in which event the liability of CenturyTel shall not exceed an amount equal to a proportional amount of CenturyTel billing for the period of service during which such mistake, omission, interruption, preemption, delay, error, defect in transmission or injury occurs), or (2) not prevented by customer-provided equipment but which would have been prevented had Company-provided equipment been used.

B. CenturyTel shall be indemnified and saved harmless by Reseller against any and all claims, actions, causes of action, damages, liabilities, or demands (including the costs, expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees, on account thereof) of whatever kind or nature that may be made by any third party as a result of CenturyTel's furnishing of service to Reseller.

C. CenturyTel shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by Reseller and/or the end user against any claim, loss or damage arising from the use of services offered for resale involving:

1. Claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of copyright arising from Reseller's or end user's own communications.
2. Claims for patent infringement arising from acts combining or using CenturyTel services in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by the end user or Reseller.
3. All other claims arising out of an act or omission of Reseller or its end user in the course of using CenturyTel's services.

D. Reseller accepts responsibility for providing access for maintenance purposes of any service resold under the provisions of the local exchange tariff. CenturyTel shall not be responsible for any failure on the part of Reseller with respect to any end user of reseller.

X. Treatment of Proprietary and Confidential Information

A. Both parties agree that it may be necessary to provide each other during the term of this Agreement with certain confidential information, including trade secret information, including but not limited to, technical and business plans, technical information, proposals, specifications, drawings, procedures, customer account data and like information (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Information"). Both parties agree that all Information shall either be in writing or other tangible format and clearly marked with a confidential, private or proprietary legend, or, when the Information is communicated orally, it shall also be communicated that the Information is confidential, private or proprietary. The Information will be returned to the owner within a reasonable time. Both parties agree that the Information shall not be copied or reproduced in any form. Both parties agree to receive such Information and not disclose such Information. Both parties agree to protect the Information received from distribution, disclosure or dissemination to anyone except employees of the parties with a need to know such Information and which employees agree to be bound by the terms of this Section. Both parties will use the same standard of care to protect Information received as they would use to protect their own confidential and proprietary Information.

B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, both parties agree that there will be no obligation to protect any portion of the Information that is either: 1) made publicly available by the owner of the Information or lawfully disclosed by a nonparty to this Agreement; 2) lawfully obtained from any source other than the owner of the Information; or 3) previously known to the receiving party without an obligation to keep it confidential.

XI. Resolution of Disputes

Except as otherwise stated in this Agreement, the parties agree that if any dispute arises as to the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement or as to the proper implementation of this Agreement, the parties will petition the applicable state Public Service Commission for a resolution of the dispute. However, each party reserves any rights it may have to seek judicial review of any ruling made by that Public Service Commission concerning this Agreement.

## XII. Limitation of Use

The parties agree that this Agreement shall not be proffered by either party in another jurisdiction as evidence of any concession or as a waiver of any position taken by the other party in that jurisdiction or for any other purpose.

## XIII. Waivers

Any failure by either party to insist upon the strict performance by the other party of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement, and each party, notwithstanding such failure, shall have the right thereafter to insist upon the specific performance of any and all of the provisions of this Agreement.

## XIV. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, without regard to its conflict of laws principles.

## XV. Arm's Length Negotiations

This Agreement was executed after arm's length negotiations between the undersigned parties and reflects the conclusion of the undersigned that this Agreement is in the best interests of all parties.

## XVI. Change in Circumstance

### A. The parties agree that if --

1. the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") or the State Commission finds that the terms of this Agreement are inconsistent in one or more material respects with any of its or their respective decisions, rules or regulations, or
2. the FCC or the State Commission preempts the effect of this Agreement, then, in either case, upon such occurrence becoming final and no longer subject to administrative or judicial review, the parties shall immediately commence good faith negotiations to conform this Agreement to the requirements of any such decision, rule, regulation or preemption. The revised agreement shall have an effective date that coincides with the effective date of the original FCC or State Commission action giving rise to such negotiations. The parties agree that the rates, terms and conditions of any new agreement shall not be applied retroactively to any period prior to such effective date except to the extent that such retroactive effect is expressly required by such FCC or State Commission decision, rule, regulation or preemption.

## XVII. Notices

A. Every notice, consent, approval, or other communications required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person or given by postage prepaid mail, addressed to the appropriate listed contacts :

CenturyTel  
Attn: Manager Carrier Relations  
100 CenturyTel Drive  
Monroe, LA 71203

Copy to:

CenturyTel  
Regional Carrier Relations Manager  
333 North Front Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
Telephone: 608-796-7894  
FAX 608-796-7890  
Email: [fran.runkel@centurytel.com](mailto:fran.runkel@centurytel.com)

Universal Telecom, Inc.  
Jennifer Hart  
Intercarrier Relations and Compliance Manager  
210 South First Street  
PO Box 679  
LaGrange, KY 40031  
Telephone (502) 222-9004  
FAX (800) 217-7158  
[jenniferh@universaltelecominc.com](mailto:jenniferh@universaltelecominc.com)

or at such other address as the intended recipient previously shall have designated by written notice to the other party.

B. Where specifically required, notices shall be by certified or registered mail. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement notice by mail shall be effective on the date it is officially recorded as delivered by return receipt or equivalent and in the absence of such record of delivery, it shall be presumed to have been delivered the fifth day, or next business day after the fifth day, after it was deposited in the mails.

#### XVIII. Amendments

This Agreement may be amended at any time upon written agreement of both parties.

#### XIX Entire Agreement

This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding and supersedes prior agreements between the parties relating to the subject matter contained herein and merges all prior discussions between them, and neither party shall be bound by any definition, condition, provision, representation, warranty, covenant or promise other than as expressly stated in this Agreement or as is contemporaneously or subsequently set forth in writing and executed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the party to be bound thereby.

#### XX Construction

No rule of construction requiring interpretation against the drafting party hereof shall apply in the interpretation of this Agreement.

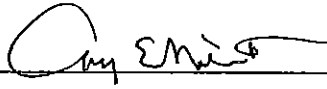
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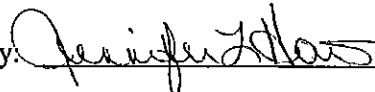
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.



CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc.  
CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc.  
CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc.  
CenturyTel of Midwest – Michigan, Inc.

Universal Telecom, Inc.

By:   
Name: Guy Miller  
Title: Corp Dir - Carrier Relations  
Date: 8/11/03

By:   
Name: Jennifer Hart  
Title: Intercarrier Relations and Compliance Manager  
Date: 7-28-03