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January 10, 2013

Chairman James Allison  
C/o Sharla Dillon  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

13-00034

**Re: Traffic Exchange Agreement and Amendment to Traffic Exchange Agreement by and between TDS Telecom companies: Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc., Humphreys County Telephone Company, Tellico Telephone Company, Inc., and Tennessee Telephone Company and SI Wireless**

Dear Chairman Allison,

Enclosed please find an original and five (5) copies of the Traffic Exchange Agreement and Amendment to the Traffic Exchange Agreement by and between TDS Telecom companies: Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc., Humphreys County Telephone Company, Tellico Telephone Company and Tennessee Telephone Company and SI Wireless.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Mottern".

Bruce Mottern  
Manager – State Government Affairs

Cc: Jeni White -TDS Telecom – w/o enclosures

## **First Amendment to Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement- TN**

This is an Amendment ("Amendment") to the Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement between the TDS Telecommunications Corporation affiliates or subsidiaries identified on Appendix A ("TDS TELECOM") and SI Wireless d/b/a Mobile Nation, hereinafter ("SI"), jointly as the Parties.

WHEREAS the Parties or their predecessors in interest previously entered into an Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 251/252 dated November 20, 2011.

WHEREAS on November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Corporation ("FCC") released a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161, which included enacting new rules for Inter-carrier Compensation for Wireless Traffic ("*USF/ICC Transformation Order*<sup>1</sup>"). A subsequent Order on Reconsideration was released December 23, 2011 modifying two aspects of the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*.

WHEREAS the rules outlined in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order* constitute a change of law.

WHEREAS, 47 C.F.R. § 20.11 and § 51.700 - § 51.715 have been amended to provide that inter-carrier compensation for non-access traffic exchanged between LECs and CMRS providers will be subject to a default bill-and-keep methodology for traffic exchanged on and after July 1, 2012.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the Order and change of law provision in the Agreement, Appendix B, Reciprocal Compensation Rates and Billing Procedures shall be amended as follows:

### RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION RATES

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Transport and Termination

Bill and Keep\*

\*From July 1, 2012, forward, all non-access traffic exchanged between the Parties shall be exchanged pursuant to a bill-and-keep arrangement. Bill and Keep arrangements are those in which carriers exchanging telecommunications traffic do not charge each other for specific transport and/or termination functions or services.

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<sup>1</sup>See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, High-Cost Universal Service Support, Developing an Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link-Up Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket No. 07-135, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 01-92, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 03-109, WT Docket No. 10-208, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*).

IN ADDITION, the parties mutually agree to amend the following:


SECTION I, DEFINITIONS, Paragraph No. 7: "Intermediary Traffic" shall be replaced with "Intermediary Traffic" is traffic that is delivered from a third-party Local Exchange Carrier or other telecommunications carrier such as a CMRS provider, through the network of either Party as an intermediate carrier to an end user of the other Party.

SECTION IV, BILLING, The following will be added to the end of Paragraph 1: In the event that Intermediary Traffic which is subject to tariffed access charges under the FCC's Inter-carrier compensation rules is routed over interconnection service facilities covered under this Agreement for any reason, each Party agrees that it will pay the applicable access compensation to the terminating Party for any and all such traffic it sends as an intermediate carrier.

Except as expressly set forth herein, the remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect without change. This Amendment shall be effective as of July 1, 2012 and shall remain effective as long as the Agreement remains effective between the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the Parties hereto have signed this Amendment effective as of the date and year set forth above.

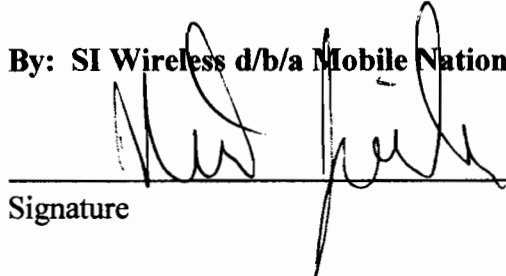
**By: TDS Telecommunications Corporation (not individually but as agent for the companies listed on Appendix A)**

 8/20/2012  
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Signature Date

Printed Name and Title:

Joel Dohmeier, Director Regulatory Revenue, Strategy & Compliance

**By: SI Wireless d/b/a Mobile Nation**

 8/3/12  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

Printed Name and Title:

**Mike Jaksich, CTO**

Signature Page to Amendment between TDS Telecommunications Corporation (TN) and SI Wireless effective the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2012

**Appendix A**

**Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc.**

**Humphreys County Telephone Company**

**Tellico Telephone Company, Inc.**

**Tennessee Telephone Company**

**WIRELESS TRAFFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT**  
**TDS TELECOM – TENNESSEE**

This Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made effective on the twentieth day of November, 2011, between the TDS Telecommunications Corporations subsidiaries or affiliates identified on Appendix A (collectively, “TDS TELECOM”), and SI Wireless d/b/a Mobile Nation (SI Wireless) an Illinois corporation, with offices at 1275 N. Reed Station Road, Carbondale, IL 62901 (“SI Wireless”). TDS TELECOM and SI Wireless are each individually a “Party” and are together the “Parties” to this Agreement.

TDS TELECOM is a Local Exchange Carrier in Tennessee. SI Wireless is a Commercial Mobile Radio Service carrier licensed by the FCC to operate in the state of Tennessee. TDS TELECOM and SI Wireless desire to interconnect their networks for the purpose of exchanging traffic between the Parties’ customers. Services provided by TDS TELECOM to SI Wireless under this Agreement are provided pursuant to SI Wireless’s role as a CMRS provider.

In consideration of the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows.

SECTION I  
DEFINITIONS

1. “Act” means the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et. seq.), as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and as from time to time interpreted in the duly authorized rules and regulations of the FCC or a Commission within its state jurisdiction.
2. “Commercial Mobile Radio Service: (“CMRS”) is defined as a mobile service that is provided for profit (i.e. with the intent of receiving compensation or monetary gain), is an interconnected service, and is available to the public, or to such classes of eligible users as to be effectively available to a substantial portion of the public, or the functional equivalent of such a mobile service.
3. “Commission” is the Tennessee Regulatory Authority
4. “FCC” is the Federal Communications Commission.
5. “Interconnection” is as described in the Act and refers to the connection of separate pieces of equipment, facilities, or platforms between networks for the purpose of transmission and routing of telecommunications traffic.
6. “Interexchange Carrier” or (“IXC”) means a carrier that provides or carries, directly or indirectly, InterLATA service or IntraLATA Toll Traffic.

7. "Intermediary Traffic" is traffic that is delivered to or from a third-party Local Exchange Carrier or other telecommunications carrier such as a CMRS provider, through the network of TDS TELECOM from or to an end user of SI Wireless.
8. "InterLATA Service" means telecommunications between a point located in a local access and transport area and a point located outside such area.
9. "IntraLATA Toll Traffic" means those intraLATA station calls that are outside of the local or EAS calling area as defined in the applicable TDS TELECOM tariff.
10. "Local Access and Transport Area or ("LATA") as described in the Act denotes a geographical area established for the provision and administration of communications services. It encompasses one or more designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes.
11. "Local Exchange Carrier" or ("LEC") means any entity that is engaged in the provision of telephone exchange service or exchange access. Such term does not include an entity insofar as such entity is engaged in the provision of a commercial mobile service under Section 332(c) of the Act, except to the extent that the FCC finds that such service should be included in the definition of such term.
12. "Local Traffic" for inter-carrier compensation purposes, means Wireless to Wireline and Wireline to Wireless calls which originate and terminate within the same MTA based on the location of the cell site serving the wireless subscriber at the beginning of the call and the central office serving the landline end-user.
13. "Major Trading Area" or ("MTA") means the service areas based on the Rand McNally 1992 Commercial Atlas & Marketing Guide, 123<sup>rd</sup> edition, at pages 38-39. 47 C.F.R. §24.202(a).
14. "Mobile Switching Center" or ("MSC") is a switching facility that performs the switching for the routing of calls among its mobile subscribers and subscribers in other mobile or landline networks. The MSC is used to connect and switch trunk circuits within the wireless network and between the wireless network and the public switched network for wireless traffic by a CMRS provider.
15. "Non-Local Traffic" for inter-carrier compensation purposes means the completion of interMTA and roaming calls based on the location of the wireless subscriber and the TDS TELECOM landline end-user.
16. "Point of Connection" or ("POC") is a physical location where SI Wireless is interconnected with TDS TELECOM.

17. "Rate Center" as defined by NANC and used in this Agreement means an area that uses a common surrogate call origination or call termination point when determining point-to-point local or toll calling charges.
18. "Telecommunications Carrier" means any provider of telecommunications services as defined in the Act.
19. "Wireless" is telecommunications services provided by a CMRS carrier in accordance with its CMRS license(s).
20. "Wireline" is telecommunications services provided by TDS TELECOM or other Non-CMRS Telecommunications Carrier.

## SECTION II SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions and prices under which the Parties agree to provide Interconnection for use by SI Wireless only in association with CMRS services and compensation for the exchange of traffic between TDS TELECOM and SI Wireless for the purpose of offering telecommunications services. The Interconnection and compensation covered by this Agreement applies only to the exchange of traffic between SI Wireless subscribers and TDS TELECOM end-users associated with the provision of two-way voice services. The Wireless Interconnection arrangements described herein will not be used by SI Wireless to terminate other types of traffic on TDS TELECOM's network. Other Interconnection arrangements are covered by separate contract, tariff or price lists. Calls to and from TDS TELECOM and SI Wireless that utilize the facilities of an Interexchange Carrier (IXC) at any point during the call are specifically excluded from this Agreement.

Execution of this Agreement does not waive or prejudice any positions either Party has taken previously or may take in the future in any legislative, regulatory, or other public forum addressing any matters, including matters specifically related to, the types of arrangements prescribed in this Agreement.

## SECTION III INTERCONNECTION

### Direct Interconnection:

1. Depending upon business needs and the technical capability and location of the Parties' switches, various Wireless Interconnection and services arrangements are possible. Wireless Interconnection and service arrangements are described below and in Bellcore GR-145-CORE and Telcordia Notes on the Networks, SR-2275.

2. Type 2B Interconnection Service provides a trunk-side connection between a TDS TELECOM host or end-office and a CMRS provider's Point of Connection. Type 2B Interconnection Service provides access to the TDS TELECOM customers served via the host and remote or subtending end-offices (if any). It is used only for the exchange of Local Traffic between SI Wireless and TDS TELECOM. No Intermediary Traffic will be exchanged through the Type 2B connection. In the event that third party traffic is routed over these facilities for any reason, each Party agrees that it will pay compensation to the terminating carrier for any and all traffic it sends on the same basis as if it were the originating carrier. Type 2B Interconnection Service may be optioned for common channel signaling service using Signaling System 7 (CCS7) protocols.
3. Interconnection service is ordered using uniform order request forms. All service requests must be submitted on the TDS TELECOM Wireless Service Request (WSR) form or other industry standard ordering document.
4. SI Wireless shall provide its own facilities and transport for the delivery of traffic from its Mobile Switching Center (MSC) to a mutually acceptable Point of Connection (POC) on the TDS TELECOM network. Alternatively, SI Wireless may purchase required facilities from a third party or from TDS TELECOM for the delivery of such traffic. Rates for facilities and transport or other services purchased from TDS TELECOM are specified in TDS TELECOM's applicable Local or Access Tariff.
5. The Point(s) of Connection between TDS TELECOM and SI Wireless are defined in Appendix C, which is incorporated by reference. This Agreement shall not preclude TDS TELECOM and SI Wireless from entering into additional direct interconnection arrangements in the future if such arrangements are technically feasible and economically beneficial.
6. Each Party shall construct, equip, maintain and operate its network in accordance with generally accepted engineering practices for telephone systems and in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations, as amended from time to time, of any regulatory body empowered to regulate any aspect of the facilities contemplated herein.
7. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit either Party's ability to upgrade its network through the incorporation of new equipment, new software or otherwise. Each Party agrees to provide reasonable notice of changes in the information necessary for the transmittal and routing of services using facilities or networks, as well as other changes that affect the interoperability of those respective facilities or networks; provided, that, neither Party may change the POC without the written consent of the other.



8. Two-way local interconnection trunk group(s) shall be established between the Parties for the exchange of the Local Traffic at the POC. Two-way trunking will be jointly provisioned and maintained. Overflow from either end of the direct local interconnection trunk group may be alternately routed to the appropriate access tandem.

Indirect Interconnection:

1. The Parties agree that all traffic not exchanged via direct interconnection shall be exchanged by transiting such traffic through third party LEC tandems. Each Party shall be financially and operationally responsible for the entire cost of providing facilities from its network to the point of interconnection for the exchange of such traffic.
2. The default point of interconnection shall be the existing meet-point between TDS TELECOM and the third party tandem operator. Either Party shall be allowed to establish a different point of interconnection for the calls which that Party originates, provided that the new point of interconnection does not increase the cost of transporting or terminating calls for the other Party.

SECTION IV  
BILLING

1. Each Party shall bill the other for Local Traffic which the billing Party terminates to its own customers and which were originated by the billed Party using the applicable Reciprocal Compensation rates and billing procedures set forth on the attached Appendix B, which is incorporated by reference. For originating and terminating Non-Local Traffic, each Party shall pay the other TDS TELECOM's intrastate or interstate, as appropriate, switched network access service rate elements on a per minute of use basis, which are set out in TDS TELECOM's applicable Access Services Tariff as those tariffs may be amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement. Any incidental services (e.g. directory assistance, operator services, etc.) will be billed to CMRS provider at the standard rate for those services. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to alter or otherwise affect in any manner the local calling areas offered or the rates charged by either Party to its end-users.
2. Actual traffic measurements in each of the appropriate categories are the preferred method of classifying and billing traffic. However, recognizing that the Parties cannot currently measure incidental Non-Local (interMTA) traffic delivered over local interconnection trunk group(s), the Parties agree to use the InterMTA percentage set forth in Appendix B as a surrogate method of classifying and billing traffic. The Parties explicitly recognize that the InterMTA percentage provided in this Agreement is based on the specific network configuration of the two Parties, taking into consideration territory served (e.g. MTA boundaries,

LATA boundaries and State boundaries) and traffic routing of the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if either Party provides to the other a valid InterMTA traffic study or otherwise requests a reexamination of the network configuration of either Party's network, the Parties will use such InterMTA traffic study or reexamination to negotiate in good faith a mutually acceptable revised InterMTA percentage. The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith to amend this Agreement to reflect this revised InterMTA percentage and such revised percentage will be effective upon amendment of this Agreement. Such studies or reexaminations will be conducted no more frequently than once annually. Except for traffic specifically covered by the InterMTA percentage described above, in no event will either Party seek to terminate Non-Local Traffic, directly or indirectly, in such a fashion as to make the calls appear as Local Traffic for compensation purposes.

3. The billed Party shall pay the billing Party for all charges properly listed on the bill. Such payments are to be received within thirty (30) days from the effective date of the statement. The billed Party shall pay a late charge on any undisputed charges that have been billed that are greater than thirty (30) days old. The rate of the late charge shall be the lesser of 1.5% per month or the maximum amount allowed by law. The billed Party shall pay the billing Party the reasonable amount of the billing Party's expenses related to collection of overdue bills, such amounts to include reasonable attorney's fees.
4. Taxes. Each Party shall pay or otherwise be responsible for all federal, state, or local sales, use, excise, gross receipts, transaction or similar taxes, fees, or surcharges levied against or upon such Party. The Providing Party will separately state all taxable and nontaxable charges on the original invoice for goods or services provided under this Agreement. The Providing Party will separately state all taxes, fees, or surcharges on the original invoice for goods or services provided under this Agreement. All purchases under this agreement are for resale in the ordinary course of Purchasing Party's business. Purchasing Party shall furnish the Providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate or other documentation to Providing Party upon request.

## SECTION V OFFICE CODE TRANSLATIONS

It shall be the responsibility of each Party to program and update its own switches and network systems in accordance with the Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG") in order to recognize and route traffic to the other Party's assigned NXX codes at all times. Neither Party shall impose any fees or charges whatsoever on the other Party for such activities, except as expressly set forth in this Agreement.

The Parties shall only assign NPA-NXX codes to Rate Center(s) in which they are authorized to provide service and either own or lease interconnection and or transport facilities for the provision of such service. If SI Wireless obtains an NPA-NXX(s) associated with a TDS TELECOM Rate Center, SI Wireless shall establish either a) a direct connection to the TDS TELECOM host/end-office serving that Rate Center, or b) negotiate an alternative interconnection arrangement to address such traffic.

## SECTION VI INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

The Parties to this Agreement are independent contractors. Neither Party is an agent, representative, or partner of the other Party. Neither Party shall have the right, power or authority to enter into any agreement for or on behalf of, or incur any obligation or liability of, or to otherwise bind the other Party. This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture, or partnership between the Parties or to impose any partnership obligation or liability upon either Party.

## SECTION VII LIABILITY

### A.

Neither Party nor any of their affiliates shall be liable for any incidental, consequential or special damages arising from the other Party's use of service provided under this Agreement. Each Party shall indemnify and defend the other Party against any claims or actions arising from the indemnifying Party's use of the service provided under this Agreement, except for damages caused by the sole recklessness of the indemnified Party.

### B.

Neither Party makes any warranties, express or implied, for any hardware, software, goods, or services provided under this Agreement. All warranties, including those of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are expressly disclaimed and waived.

### C.

In any event, each Party's liability for all claims arising under this Agreement, or under the use of the service provided under this Agreement, shall be limited to the amount of the charges billed to the Party making a claim for the month during which the claim arose.

## SECTION VIII INDEMNIFICATION

Each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall indemnify and hold harmless the other Party ("Indemnified Party") from and against any loss, cost, claim, liability, damage expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) to third parties, relating to or arising out of the libel, slander, invasion of privacy, misappropriation of a name or likeness, negligence or willful misconduct by the Indemnifying Party, its employees, agents, or contractors in the performance of this Agreement or the failure of the Indemnifying Party to perform its

obligations under this Agreement. In the event said loss, cost, claim, liability, damage or expense to third parties is the result of the fault, in whole or in part, of both Parties to this Agreement, the Parties shall be entitled to indemnification or contribution to the extent permitted by applicable state law governing the apportionment, if any, of said loss, cost, claim, liability, damage or expense. In addition, the Indemnifying Party shall, to the extent of its obligations to indemnify hereunder, defend any action or suit brought by a third party against the Indemnified Party.

The Indemnified Party shall (i) notify the Indemnifying Party promptly in writing of any written claims, lawsuits, or demand by third parties for which the Indemnified Party alleges that the Indemnifying Party is responsible under this Section and (ii) tender the defense of such claim, lawsuit or demand to the Indemnifying Party. The Indemnified Party also shall cooperate in every reasonable manner with the defense or settlement of such claim, demand, or lawsuit. The Indemnifying Party shall keep the Indemnified Party reasonably and timely apprised of the status of the claim, demand or lawsuit. The Indemnified Party shall have the right to retain its own counsel, at its expense, and participate in but not direct the defense.

The Indemnifying Party shall not be liable under this Section for settlements or compromises by the Indemnified Party of any claim, demand, or lawsuit unless the Indemnifying Party has approved the settlement or compromise in advance or unless the defense of the claim, demand, or lawsuit has been tendered to the Indemnifying Party in writing and the Indemnifying Party has failed to promptly undertake the defense.

## SECTION IX FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Party shall be held liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Agreement from any cause beyond its control and without its fault or negligence, such as acts of God, acts of civil or military authority, embargoes, epidemics, war, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, floods, power blackouts, or unusually severe weather. In the event of any such excused delay in the performance of a Party's obligation(s) under this Agreement, the due date for the performance of the original obligation(s) shall be extended by a term equal to the time lost by reason of the delay. In the event of such delay, the delaying Party shall perform its obligations at a performance level no less than that which it uses for its own operations.

## SECTION X NON-DISCLOSURE

The Parties agree that it may be necessary to exchange certain confidential information during the term of this Agreement including, without limitation, technical and business plans, technical information, proposals, specifications, drawings, procedures, orders for services, usage information in any form, customer account data and Customer Proprietary Network Information ("CPNI") as that term is defined by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and similar information ("Confidential Information"). Confidential Information shall include (i) all information delivered in written form and marked "confidential" or "proprietary" or bearing mark of similar import; and (ii) information derived by the Recipient from a Disclosing Party's usage of the Recipient's network. The Confidential Information is deemed proprietary to the Disclosing Party and it shall be protected by the Recipient as the Recipient would protect its own proprietary information. Confidential Information shall not be disclosed or used for any purpose other than to provide service as specified in this Agreement. For purposes of this Section, the Disclosing Party shall mean the owner of the Confidential Information, and the Recipient shall mean the Party to whom Confidential Information is disclosed.

Recipient shall have no obligation to safeguard Confidential Information (i) which was in the Recipient's possession free of restriction prior to its receipt from Disclosing Party, (ii) after it becomes publicly known or available through no breach of this Agreement by Recipient, (iii) after it is rightfully acquired by Recipient free of restrictions on the Disclosing Party, or (iv) after it is independently developed by personnel of Recipient to whom the Disclosing Party's Confidential information had not been previously disclosed. Recipient may disclose Confidential Information if required by law, a court, or governmental agency. Each Party agrees that Disclosing Party would be irreparably injured by a breach of this Agreement by Recipient or its representatives and that Disclosing Party shall be entitled to seek equitable relief, including injunctive relief and specific performance, in the event of any breach of this paragraph. Such remedies shall not be exclusive, but shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity.

## SECTION XI TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall commence on the effective date stated on the first page, and shall have an initial term of one (1) year provided that either Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement with or without cause on sixty (60) days notice. This Agreement shall renew automatically for successive one (1) year periods, unless terminated as provided above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, either Party may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, in the event of a default by the other Party, provided that the non-

defaulting Party notifies the defaulting Party in writing of the alleged default and the defaulting Party does not cure the alleged default within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the written notice thereof.

## SECTION XII DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any dispute between the Parties regarding the interpretation or enforcement of this Agreement or any of its terms shall be addressed by good faith negotiation between the Parties. To initiate such negotiation, a Party must provide to the other Party written notice of the dispute that includes both a detailed description of the dispute or alleged nonperformance and the name of an individual who will serve as the initiating Party's representative in the negotiation. The other Party shall have ten (10) business days to designate its own representative in the negotiation. The Parties' representatives shall meet at least once within forty-five (45) days after the date of the initiating Party's written notice in an attempt to reach a good faith resolution of the dispute. Upon agreement, the Parties' representatives may utilize other alternative dispute resolution procedures such as private mediation to assist in the negotiations.

If the Parties have been unable to resolve the dispute within sixty (60) days of the date of the initiating Party's written notice, either Party may pursue any remedies available to it under this Agreement, at law, in equity, or otherwise, including but not limited to, instituting an appropriate proceeding before the Commission.

## SECTION XIII THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

This Agreement is not intended to benefit any person or entity not a party to it and no third party beneficiaries are created by this Agreement.

## SECTION XIV GOVERNING LAW, FORUM, AND VENUE

To the extent not governed by the laws and regulations of the United States, this Agreement shall be governed by the laws and regulations of the State of Tennessee. In the event of a change in applicable law (including, without limitation, any legislative, regulatory, judicial or other legal action) that materially affects any material term of this Agreement, the rights or obligations of either Party hereunder, or the ability of either Party to perform any material provision hereof, the Parties shall renegotiate in good faith to modify such affected provisions as may be required or permitted as a result of such legislative, regulatory, judicial or other legal action.

SECTION XV  
ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement incorporates all terms of the agreement between the Parties, and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, proposals, and undertakings with respect to the subject matter thereof. This Agreement may not be modified except in writing signed by both Parties. This Agreement is a result of a negotiation between the Parties, and it was jointly drafted by both Parties.

SECTION XVI  
NOTICE

Notices shall be effective when received or within three (3) business days of being sent via first class mail, whichever is sooner, in the case of SI Wireless to:

Business Name: Luas, Nace, Gutierrez & Sachs  
Mailing Address: 8300 Greensboro, Dr., Suite 1  
City/State/Zip Code: McLean, VA 22102  
Phone: 703-584-8661  
Attention: David Nace

Copy to:

Business Name: SI Wireless  
Mailing Address: 1275 N. Reed Station Road  
City/State/Zip Code: Carbondale, IL 62901  
Phone: 618/237-2959

Bills and payments shall be effective when received or within three (3) business days of being sent via first class mail, whichever is sooner, in the case of SI Wireless to:

Business Name: SI Wireless  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1359  
City/State/Zip Code: Mt. Vernon, IL 62864  
Phone: 618-237-2959  
Attention: Rhonda Barnard

or to such other location as SI Wireless may direct in writing.

Notices shall be effective when received or within three (3) business days of being sent via first class mail, whichever is sooner, in the case of TDS TELECOM to:

Business Name: TDS Telecommunications Corporation  
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 22995  
Shipping Address: 10025 Investment Drive, Suite 200

City/State/Zip Code: Knoxville, TN 37933-0995 (37932 for Shipping)  
Attention: Carrier Relations  
Phone: (865) 966-4700

With a copy to:

Business Name: TDS Telecommunications Corporation  
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 5366  
City/State/Zip Code: Madison, WI 53705-0366  
Attention: Legal Affairs

Bills shall be effective when received or within three (3) business days of being sent via first class mail, whichever is sooner, in the case of TDS TELECOM to:

Business Name: TDS Telecommunications Corporation  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5158  
City/State/Zip Code: Madison, WI 53705-0158  
Attention: Recip Comp Verification

Or may be sent electronically to: [invoiceverification@tdstelecom.com](mailto:invoiceverification@tdstelecom.com)

or to such other location as the receiving Party may direct in writing. Payments are to be sent to the address on the invoice.

SI Wireless shall ensure bills and payments reference the specific TDS TELECOM company name(s) for which traffic is being billed or paid.

## SECTION XVII ASSIGNMENT

Either Party may assign this Agreement upon the written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no consent shall be required for the assignment of this Agreement in the context of the sale of all or substantially all of the assets or stocks of either of the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either Party may assign this Agreement or any rights or obligations hereunder to an affiliate of such Party without the consent of the other Party.

## SECTION XVIII BUSINESS RECORDS

Each Party is responsible for the accuracy of its data as submitted to the other Party. Upon reasonable written notice, each Party or its authorized representative shall have the right to conduct a review of the relevant data possessed by the other Party to assure compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. The review will consist of any examination and verification of data involving records, systems, procedures and other information related to the services performed by either Party as it relates to charges or payments made in connection with this Agreement. Each Party's right to access





**Appendix A**  
**TDS Communications Corp. Subsidiaries and Affiliates**

Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc.  
Humphrey's County Telephone Company  
Tellico Telephone Company, Inc.  
Tennessee Telephone Company

**Appendix B**  
**Reciprocal Compensation Rates and Billing Procedures**

The Parties shall reciprocally and symmetrically compensate one another for the transport and termination of Local Traffic terminated to their respective customers at the rates set forth below:

<b><u>Reciprocal Compensation Rates</u></b>	<b><u>\$/MOU</u></b>
Transport and Termination:	\$0.01
<b><u>InterMTA Percentage</u></b>	3%

**Direct Interconnection:**

The Parties shall reciprocally and symmetrically compensate one another for the transport and termination of Local Traffic based on actual recorded usage terminated to their respective customers at the rates set forth above.

**Indirect Interconnection:**

TDS TELECOM shall obtain a monthly traffic distribution report from the tandem operator summarizing traffic originated by SI Wireless and terminating to TDS TELECOM. This report information shall be used by TDS TELECOM for billing SI Wireless for traffic terminating to TDS TELECOM. SI Wireless may obtain a monthly traffic distribution report from the tandem operator summarizing traffic originated by TDS TELECOM and terminated to SI Wireless. This report information may be used by SI Wireless for invoicing TDS TELECOM for terminating traffic to SI Wireless.

If SI Wireless elects not or is unable to order a traffic report from the tandem operator, the Parties agree to the following principles for billing terminating usage to one another:

1. TDS TELECOM shall bill for 100% of the traffic originated by SI Wireless and terminated to TDS TELECOM.
2. SI Wireless shall calculate estimated TDS TELECOM originated traffic that is terminated to SI Wireless using the following formula: SI Wireless shall bill TDS TELECOM based on the MOUs in 1. Above, divided by 0.75 (seventy-five percent). The total of the calculation shall then be multiplied by 0.25 (twenty-five percent) to determine the traffic originated by TDS TELECOM and terminated to SI Wireless.

The Parties agree to accept the monthly traffic distribution report from the tandem operator as a representative statement of traffic exchanged between the Parties. Either Party may elect to measure actual terminating local traffic through its own recording equipment and utilize these measurements in place of the traffic distribution reports from the tandem operator.

In the event of unrecoverable data loss or errors in usage recording, the Parties agree to pay bills rendered based on estimated usage calculated as an average of the preceding three (3) months' bills where actual billing data was available.

**Appendix C**  
**Point(s) of Connection**

Type 2B Interconnection Service:

The Point of Connection for Local Traffic to and/or from the Parsons, Bruceton, Decaturville, Sardis and Scotts Hill exchanges of TDS TELECOM's Tennessee Telephone Company shall be at the Parsons' central office (PRSSTNXADS1).

The Point of Connection for Local Traffic to and/or from the Waynesboro, Clifton, Linden and Lobelville exchanges of TDS TELECOM's Tennessee Telephone Company shall be at the Waynesboro central office (WYBOTNXA).