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Herbert Hilliard, Chairman c/o Sharla Dillon, Dockets and Records Manager Tennessee Regulatory Authority 502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor Nashville, TN 37243

Docket No. 16-00010

RE: Amendment to Interconnection Agreement between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC, Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State, LLC, and Granite Communications, LLC

Dear Chairman Hilliard:

Enclosed for the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's review and approval are an original and four copies of an Amendment No. (1) to the Interconnection Agreement between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee LLC and Granite Communications, LLC, approved by the TRA July 21, 2006 under Docket No. 06-00124. This Amendment added Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State to the original interconnection agreement. A check in the amount of \$75 for the associated filing fees for this Amendment to the original Interconnection Agreement is also enclosed.

Please date-stamp and indicate the docket number associated with this filing on the copy of the enclosed cover letter and return it to me in the addressed, post-paid envelope.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 304-325-1688.

Sincerely,

Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State, LLC

Angela McCall

Manager – Government & External Affairs

Enclosures – Original + 4 copies

cc: Jenny Smith – Frontier (via e-mail)

Quincy, MA 02171

Sharla Dillon – TRA (via e-mail)

Granite Telecommunications, LLC 100 Newport Avenue Ext.

Attn: Legal Department/Paula Foley

AMENDMENT NO. (1)

TO THE

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF TENNESSEE L.L.C.

AND

GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC

This Amendment No. 1 (this "Amendment") shall be deemed effective upon signature by both Parties (the "Amendment Effective Date") by and between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee L.L.C. ("Frontier"), a Delaware limited liability company with offices at 63 Stone Street, Rochester, NY 14604, and Granite Telecommunications, LLC ("Granite"), a limited liability company with offices at 100 Newport Avenue, Ext., Quincy MA 02171. Frontier and Granite may be hereinafter referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Frontier and Granite are Parties to an interconnection agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") dated March 9, 2006 (the "Agreement"); and

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

 Amendment to Agreement. The Agreement is amended to incorporate the terms and conditions set forth in this Amendment, all of which shall apply to and be a part of the Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Amended Agreement") notwithstanding any other term or condition of the Amended Agreement, a Frontier Tariff or a Frontier Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions ("SGAT").

2. Miscellaneous Provisions

- 2.1 Conflict Between this Amendment and the Agreement. This Amendment shall be deemed to revise the terms and conditions of the Agreement to the extent necessary to give effect to the terms and conditions of this Amendment. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of this Amendment and the terms and conditions of the Agreement, this Amendment shall govern; provided, however, that the fact that a term or condition appears in this Amendment but not in the Agreement, or in the Agreement but not in this Amendment, shall not be interpreted as, or deemed grounds for finding, a conflict for purposes of this Section 2.
- 2.2 <u>Capitalization</u>. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings set forth in the Amended Agreement.

- 2.3 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 2.4 <u>Captions</u>. The Parties acknowledge that the captions in this Amendment have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and in no way define or limit the scope or substance of any term or condition of this Amendment.
- 2.5 Scope of Amendment. This Amendment shall amend, modify and revise the Agreement only to the extent set forth expressly in this Amendment and, except to the extent expressly set forth in this Amendment, the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect after the Amendment Effective Date
- 2.6 <u>Joint Work Product</u>. The Parties acknowledge that this Amendment is the joint work product of the Parties, that, for convenience, this Amendment has been drafted in final form by Frontier and that, accordingly, in the event of ambiguities in this Amendment, no inferences shall be drawn for or against either Party on the basis of authorship of this Amendment.
- 2.7 <u>Amendments</u>. No amendments or modifications shall be made to this Amendment unless in writing and signed by appropriate representatives of the Parties.
- Waivers. A failure or delay of either Party to enforce any of the provisions of this Amendment, or any right or remedy available under this Amendment, or at law or in equity, or to require performance of any of the provisions of this Amendment, or to exercise any option that is provided under this Amendment, shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions, rights, remedies or options.
- 3. The following Frontier legal entities will now be included as a Party to the Agreement.

CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF THE VOLUNTEER STATE LLC

4. Notices

4.1 All notices required under the Agreement for Frontier shall be sent to the contacts listed below and includes, but is not limited to, notice for legal, regulatory, billing, tax related documents, and insurance related documents.

Frontier Communications
Attn: VP, Business Operations – Carrier Services
63 Stone Street
Rochester, NY, 14604
Telephone: 585-777-5131
Roderick.cameron@ftr.com

With Copy to:

Frontier Communications Attn: Associate General Counsel 1500 MacCorkle Ave Charleston, WV 25396

All notices required under the Agreement for Granite shall be sent to the contacts listed below and includes, but is not limited to, notice for legal, regulatory, billing, tax related documents, and insurance related documents.

Granite Telecommunications, LLC 100 Newport Avenue Ext. Quincy, MA 02171 Attn: Legal Department

With Copy to:

Granite Telecommunications, LLC 100 Newport Avenue Ext. Quincy, MA 02171 Attn: Carrier Relations

Granite Telecommunications, LLC

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Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee L.L.C. and Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State LLC

By:

By:

Printed: Rand Currier

Printed: Michael Daniel

Title: Chief Operating Officer

Title: SVP, Carrier Sales and Service

Date: 12-17-15

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