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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

BY AND BETWEEN

BEN LOMAND TELEPHONE

AND

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

This First Amendment (this "Amendment") is made effective, subject to Section 7 below, as of the 22nd day of April 2026, by and between BEN LOMAND TELEPHONE ("ILEC") with offices at 311 N. Chancery Street, McMinnville, TN 37110 and LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, a subsidiary of CenturyLink Communications n/k/a Lumen Technologies, Inc. ("CLEC") with offices at 931 14th Street, (9th FL), Denver, CO 80202. ILEC and CLEC may also be referred to herein singularly as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

BACKGROUND

The Parties have previously entered into an Interconnection Agreement, approved by the Public Utility Commission of Tennessee on June 6, 2025.

The Parties now desire to amend the Agreement as set forth more fully below, all subject to the approval of this Amendment by the Public Utility Commission of Tennessee ("Commission") as required by law.

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

1. Amendment to Agreement. Upon the approval of this Amendment by the Commission, the Agreement shall, by this Amendment, be amended as follows:
 - A. By inserting Appendix A. Interconnection Attachment, Section 2.10, with the following:

2.10 INTERCONNECTED VoIP PROVIDER ("IVP") TRAFFIC EXCHANGE

- 2.10.1 An "interconnected VoIP provider" is an entity that provides interconnected VoIP service, which is a service that enables real-time, two-way voice communications, and requires both a broadband connection from the user's location and internet protocol-compatible customer premises equipment (CPE).
- 2.10.2 The Parties may interconnect, and exchange traffic originated by or destined to an IVP over the direct local interconnection trunk group between the Parties. Solely for purposes of this Agreement, the traffic destined to or received from an IVP (" IVP traffic") will be treated as Local Traffic originated by or destined to CLEC.
- 2.10.3 The Parties will continue to exchange traffic under the terms of this Agreement, including treatment of traffic terminating to ILEC End Users. Solely for purposes of this Agreement, all Local Traffic originated by Parties utilizing interconnection facilities and terminating to ILEC End Users will be treated as though originated by CLEC.
- 2.10.4 CLEC will identify the IVP OCN, LRN, and Company Name and NPA-NXX(s)/blocks which will be associated with CLEC's switch and routed on CLEC's

direct local interconnection trunking with the ILEC. CLEC will submit the required IVP information to ILEC 30 days prior to the IVP traffic routing over the direct local interconnection trunk. The effective date for the IVP traffic routing will be provided by the CLEC but will be no sooner than 30 days after the request is received from the IVP.

2.10.5. CLEC will submit the IVP data to ILEC via an ASR. The ASR will be emailed to the ILEC's designated single point of contact.

2.10.6 The ILEC will not be responsible for querying the LERG/BIRRDs to determine the IVP traffic to route over the direct local interconnection trunk with the CLEC.

2.10.7 CLEC is responsible for confirming the direct local interconnection trunk group has capacity to support the IVP originated traffic. ILEC will not be responsible for any terminating call routing issues due to lack of trunk capacity to support the additional IVP traffic. The Parties will work together to monitor traffic volumes and ensure the direct trunk is sufficient for all traffic.

2. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the domestic laws of the State of Montana without reference to conflict of law provisions and by applicable federal law.
3. Meaning of Terms. Capitalized terms appearing in this Amendment shall have the same meaning as is given to them in the Agreement, unless a different meaning therefore is explicitly set forth herein, in which event the latter meaning shall be controlling for purposes of this Amendment.
4. Severability. If any provision of this Amendment is, for any reason, held by a court or regulatory agency of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, the remainder of this Amendment shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected unless removal of that provision results, in the opinion of either Party, in a material change to this Amendment. In such a case, the Parties will negotiate in good faith for replacement language that does not materially alter the economic effect of this Amendment on either Party. If replacement language cannot be agreed upon pursuant to negotiations, the Parties shall attempt to agree upon replacement language pursuant to the Dispute Resolution process set forth in Section 13 of the Agreement.
5. Captions and Headings. Captions and Section headings have been included in this Amendment solely for the convenience of the Parties and shall not affect the interpretation of this Amendment.
6. Confirmation of Agreement. Except as expressly modified herein, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms.

7. Effectiveness. This Amendment shall become effective (the “Effective Date”) upon final approval by the Commission or within ninety (90) days of filing with the Commission if the Commission takes no action.
8. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, including via facsimile or other electronic means, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.
9. Entire Agreement. This Amendment including any attachments referred to herein constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and, except as expressly set forth herein, supersedes all prior oral or written agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, proposals, and undertakings with respect to such subject matter.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Party has caused this Amendment to be duly executed on its behalf by its duly authorized representative and warrants that it has caused this Amendment to be signed and delivered by its duly authorized representative.

ILEC:

CLEC:

BEN LOMAND TELEPHONE

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

By: Greg Smartt

By: Sarah Kaus
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