

AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co.

and

NPCR, Inc. dba Nextel Partners

This Amendment (“Amendment”) to the Wireless Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement (“Interconnection Agreement”) is entered by and between NPCR, Inc. dba Nextel Partners (“Sprint”) and Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co. (“LEC”). Sprint and LEC are further referred to herein individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, LEC and Sprint are Parties to an Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934 (the “Act”), which was effective September 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the FCC recently adopted a bill and keep compensation methodology for IntraMTA traffic exchanged between LECs and CMRS providers in its Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking released on November 18, 2011 and its Order on Reconsideration released on December 23, 2011¹ (collectively, the “USF/ICC Transformation Order”); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to implement bill and keep compensation for IntraMTA traffic exchanged between the Parties; and

WHEREAS, the Order also contained provisions related to the transport of CMRS traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and mutual agreements set forth herein, the Parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

1. Recitals

1.1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

2. Effective Date

2.1. This Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement shall be effective as of date signed by both Parties or on the 1st day of July, 2012 (“Effective Date”), whichever date occurs first.

3. Amendment

3.1. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement, the following provisions shall apply to and be a part of the Agreement:

¹ *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 Intercarrier 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) and “Order on Reconsideration”, FCC 11-189 (rel. Dec. 23, 2011).

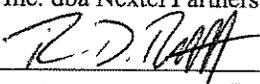
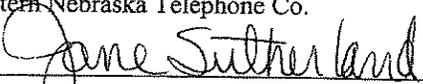
3.1.1. Beginning on the Effective Date of this Amendment compensation for the exchange of all telecommunications traffic between the Parties will be bill and keep. Specifically, each Party will bill its end users traffic it originates and will be entitled to retain all revenues from such traffic without payment of further compensation to the other Party.

3.1.2. The bill and keep methodology will apply to the Parties in an equal and symmetrical manner.

3.2 From July 1, 2012, forward, LEC's obligation for transport of all traffic not sent to an IXC shall stop at Sprint's chosen interconnection point, when that point is located within the LEC's area, or the meet point between the LEC and its designated tandem provider, if Sprint's interconnection point is located outside of the LEC's service area.

4. Conflict Between this Amendment and the Agreement. This Amendment shall be deemed to revise the rates and any other provisions of the Agreement to the extent necessary to give effect to this Amendment. In the event of a conflict between a rate or other provision of this Amendment and a rate or other provision of the Agreement, this Amendment shall govern.
5. Scope of Amendment. Nothing in this Amendment shall be deemed to amend or extend the term of the Agreement. The dates shown in Section 2.1 above are not intended to modify the term of the Agreement or to affect either Party's rights under the Agreement, including, but not limited to, any right of termination a Party may have in accordance with the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be duly executed and delivered by their duly authorized representatives as of the Amendment Effective Date.

<p>NPCR, Inc. dba Nextel Partners</p> <p>By: <u></u></p> <p>Printed: <u>RICK D. RATLIFF</u></p> <p>Title: <u>DIRECTOR SWIRTS ACCESS Pkg</u></p> <p>Date: <u>8/9/12</u></p>	<p>Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co.</p> <p>By: <u></u></p> <p>Printed: <u>Jane Sutherland</u></p> <p>Title: <u>Customer Operations Mgr</u></p> <p>Date: <u>Aug 1, 2012</u></p>
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WIRELESS INTERCONNECTION AND RECIPROCAL
COMPENSATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

EASTERN NEBRASKA TELEPHONE COMPANY

AND

NPCR, INC.

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I. Article I

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement ("Agreement") shall be effective as of September 1, 2006 (the "Effective Date"), by and between Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company ("RLEC") with offices located at P.O. Box 400, Blair, NE 68008-400, and NPCR, Inc. ("Nextel") with offices located at 4500 Carillon Point, Floor 5, Kirkland, WA 98033.

2.0 RECITALS

WHEREAS, RLEC is an incumbent Local Exchange Carrier providing Telephone Exchange Service and Exchange Access in the State of Nebraska;

WHEREAS, Nextel is authorized by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to provide Commercial Mobile Radio Services ("CMRS") and provides such service to its end user customers within the state of Nebraska;

WHEREAS, RLEC and Nextel exchange calls between their networks and wish to establish Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation arrangements for exchanging traffic as specified below;

WHEREAS, RLEC certifies that it is a rural telephone company and asserts that it is exempt from Section 251(c) pursuant to Section 251(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act");

WHEREAS, Sections 251 and 252 of the Act have specific requirements for Interconnection, and the Parties intend that this Agreement meets these requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, RLEC and Nextel hereby agree as follows:

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II. Article II

1.0 DEFINITIONS

Special meanings are given to common words in the telecommunications industry, and coined words and acronyms are common in the custom and usage in the industry. Words used in this contract are to be understood according to the custom and usage of the telecommunications industry, as an exception to the general rule of contract interpretation that words are to be understood in their ordinary and popular sense. In addition to this rule of interpretation, the following terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings as specified below:

- 1.1. "Act" means the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.
- 1.2. "Affiliate" means a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "own" means to own an equity interest (or the equivalent thereof) of more than 10 percent.
- 1.3. "End Office Switch" means a switch used to provide Telecommunications Services to subscribers and may include, but is not limited to one of the following:
 - 1.3.1. "Stand-Alone End Office Switch" is a switch in which the subscriber station loops are terminated for connection to either lines or trunks. The subscriber receives terminating, switching, signaling, transmission, and related functions for a defined geographic area by means of a Stand-Alone End Office Switch.
 - 1.3.2. "Remote End Office Switch" is a switch in which the subscriber station loops are terminated. The control equipment providing terminating, switching, signaling, transmission, and related functions would reside in a Host End Office Switch. Local switching capabilities may be resident in a Remote End Office Switch.
 - 1.3.3. "Host End Office Switch" is a switch with centralized control over the functions of one or more Remote End Office Switches. A Host End Office Switch can serve as a Stand-Alone End Office Switch as well as providing services to other Remote End Office Switches requiring terminating, signaling, transmission, and related functions including local switching.
- 1.4. "Commercial Mobile Radio Services" or "CMRS" means Commercial Mobile Radio Services as defined in 47 C.F.R Part 20.
- 1.5. "Commission" means the Nebraska Public Service Commission.
- 1.6. "Effective Date" means the date first above written.
- 1.7. "Exchange Access" has the meaning given in the Act.
- 1.8. "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission.

- 1.9. "Interconnection" for purposes of this Agreement is the linking of RLEC and Nextel networks for the exchange of Telecommunications Traffic described in this Agreement.
- 1.10. "Interexchange Carrier" or "IXC" means a Telecommunications Carrier that provides Telephone Toll Service, as defined in the Act, but does not include a CMRS provider.
- 1.11. "Local Service Area" means, for Nextel, the Major Trading Area ("MTA") in which calls originate and terminate, and means, for RLEC, the RLEC's local exchange areas which are on file and have been approved by the Commission in which calls originate and terminate. For purposes of this agreement, RLEC's Local Service Area shall include those service areas connected via an EAS arrangement approved by the Commission.
- 1.12. "IntraMTA Traffic" for inter-carrier compensation purposes, means 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.
- 1.13. "Local Exchange Carrier" or "LEC" is as defined in the Act.
- 1.14. "Major Trading Area" or "MTA" means Major Trading Area as defined by the FCC in 47 C.F.R. Part 24.202.
- 1.15. "InterMTA Traffic" means traffic that originates and terminates in different MTAs 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.
- 1.16. "NPA" or the "Number Plan Area" also referred to as an "area code" refers to the three-digit code which precedes the NXX in a dialing sequence and identifies the general calling area within the North American Numbering Plan scope to which a call is routed (i.e., NPA-NXX-XXXX).
- 1.17. "NXX" means the three-digit code, which appears as the first three digits of a seven-digit telephone number within a valid NPA or area code. Where numbers have been assigned in blocks of 1000, "NXX" shall mean the first four digits of a seven digit telephone number within a valid NPA or area code.
- 1.18. "Party" means either RLEC or Nextel, and "Parties" means RLEC and Nextel.
- 1.19. "Point of Interconnection" ("POI") means that technically feasible point of demarcation where the exchange of IntraMTA Traffic between two carriers takes place.
- 1.20. "Rate Center" means the specific geographic point and corresponding geographic area that is associated with one or more NPA-NXX codes that have been assigned to an incumbent LEC for its provision of telecommunications services.
- 1.21. "Reciprocal Compensation" has the meaning in 47 C.F.R. § 51.701(e).
- 1.22. "Telecommunications" has the meaning given in the Act.

- 1.23. "Telecommunications Carrier" has the meaning given in the Act.
- 1.24. "Telecommunications Traffic" shall mean IntraMTA Traffic and InterMTA Traffic.
- 1.25. "Telephone Exchange Service" has the meaning given in the Act.
- 1.26. "Telephone Toll Service" has the meaning given in the Act.
- 1.27. "Termination" means the switching of IntraMTA Traffic at the terminating carrier's End Office Switch, or equivalent facility, and delivery of such traffic to the called party.
- 1.28. "Transiting Traffic" is traffic that originates from one provider's network, "transits" one or more other provider's network substantially unchanged, and terminates to yet another provider's network.
- 1.29. "Transport" means the transmission and any necessary tandem switching of IntraMTA Traffic subject to Section 251(b)(5) of the Act from the Point of Interconnection between the two carriers to the terminating carrier's End Office Switch that directly serves the called party, or equivalent facility provided by a carrier other than an incumbent LEC.
- 1.30. "Type 2 Service" often referred to as a trunk side connection, is a service that involves interconnection to a telephone company Stand-Alone End Office Switch or Host End Office Switch (Type 2-B) or to a tandem switch (Type 2-A).

2.0 INTERPRETATION AND CONSTRUCTION

All references to Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be deemed to be references to Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement unless the context shall otherwise require. The headings of the Sections and the terms are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the meaning of this Agreement. Unless the context shall otherwise require, any reference to any agreement, other instrument or other third party offering, guide or practice, statute, regulation, rule or tariff is for convenience of reference only and is not intended to be a part of or to affect the meaning of a rule or tariff as amended and supplemented from time-to-time (and, in the case of a statute, regulation, rule or tariff, to any successor provision).

3.0 SCOPE

- 3.1. This Agreement is intended, inter alia, to describe and enable specific Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation arrangements between the Parties. This Agreement does not obligate either Party to provide arrangements not specifically provided for herein.
- 3.2. This Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions, and rates under which the Parties agree to interconnect the CMRS network of Nextel and the LEC network of RLEC for purposes of exchanging traffic, provided that the service provided by Nextel to its customer is CMRS.
- 3.3. Nextel represents that it is a CMRS provider of telecommunications services to subscribers in Nebraska. Nextel's NPA/NXXs are listed in Telcordia's Local Exchange Routing

Guide ("LERG"), and this Agreement shall apply to all Operating Company Numbers ("OCN") assigned to Nextel.

3.4. RLEC's NPA/NXXs are listed in the LERG under OCN 1542 in the state of Nebraska. This Agreement does not cover any Nextel paging service traffic.

4.0 SERVICE AGREEMENT

This Agreement provides for the following interconnection and arrangements between the networks of RLEC and Nextel. Routing of traffic shall be as described in this section, except that, alternatives may be employed in the event of emergency or temporary equipment failure.

4.1. Indirect traffic

To the extent that Nextel has entered into contractual arrangements with tandem providers for delivery of Nextel traffic to RLEC for termination to RLEC's customers, RLEC will accept such traffic subject to the compensation arrangement as outlined in Section 5 of this Agreement.

For calls not subject to local dialing parity requirements, RLEC shall continue to route calls originating from its exchanges to Interexchange Carriers.

In the event there is land-to-mobile traffic that is subject to local dialing parity requirements that cannot be delivered by RLEC over the direct connection, the Parties will negotiate to amend this agreement to address the delivery of that traffic. If the Parties are unable to reach a agreement on a negotiated basis within 60 days, either Party may request that the Commission resolve the dispute in accordance with the standards in the Act.

4.2. Type 2-B Interconnection:

The Parties will establish a Type 2-B Interconnection at the Qwest meet point with RLEC as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, which will be the POI. These trunk groups will be provisioned in connection with a Nextel NPA/NXX code to be rated as local to the Winnebago rate center. Each Party will be responsible for all recurring and non-recurring facilities costs on its side of the POI.

4.2.1. Landline to Wireless:

Telecommunications Traffic originated by RLEC's customers to Nextel's customers with locally-rated numbers shall be routed from the RLEC's End Office Switch and any subtending Remote End Office Switches to NEXTEL at the POI.

4.2.2. Wireless to Landline:

Telecommunications Traffic originated by Nextel's customers, or customers of another CMRS provider that has entered into a roaming arrangement with Nextel, while roaming on Nextel's network, to RLEC's customers that can be reached through RLEC's End Office Switch shall be routed from Nextel's network via the

two-way direct trunk group to RLEC's End Office Switch for termination by RLEC to its customers, as appropriate.

4.3. Dialing Parity: RLEC will deliver land-to-mobile traffic as required by law or as required by this Agreement.

5.0 COMPENSATION

The Parties agree that Nextel will make payment of \$500 per year to RLEC in satisfaction of each Party's payment obligations related to the exchange of IntraMTA Traffic and InterMTA Traffic not handed off by Nextel to an IXC. This amount has been negotiated based upon current and projected traffic levels, the Parties' network configurations, and in light of certain unsettled legal issues. RLEC will issue bi-annual bills in the amount of \$250 on the Effective Date and on the six month anniversary of the effective date.

6.0 NOTICE OF CHANGES

If a Party contemplates a change in its network, which it believes will materially affect the interoperability of its network with the other Party, the Party making the change shall provide at least ninety (90) days advance written notice of such change to the other Party.

7.0 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

7.1. The Parties are each solely responsible for participation in and compliance with national network plans, including The National Network Security Plan and The Emergency Preparedness Plan. Neither Party shall use any service related to or use any of the Services provided in this Agreement in any manner that prevents other persons from using their service or destroys the normal quality of service to other carriers or to either Party's customers, and subject to notice and a reasonable opportunity of the offending Party to cure any violation, either Party may discontinue or refuse service if the other Party violates this provision.

7.2. Each Party is solely responsible for the services it provides to its customers and to other Telecommunications Carriers.

7.3. Each Party is responsible for obtaining Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG") listings of the Common Language Location Identifier ("CLLI") assigned to its switches.

7.4. 911/E911. Each Party shall be responsible for its own independent connections to the 911/E911 network.

8.0 TERM AND TERMINATION

8.1. Subject to the provisions of Section 14, the initial term of this Agreement shall be for a one (1) year term ("Term"), which shall commence on the Effective Date. This Agreement shall continue in force and effect thereafter, on a six-month basis, until replaced by another agreement or terminated by either Party upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other.

8.2. The Parties agree that disputed and undisputed amounts due under this Agreement shall be handled as follows:

8.2.1. If any portion of an amount due to a Party (the "Billing Party") under this Agreement is subject to a bona fide dispute between the Parties, the Party billed (the "Non-Paying Party") shall, within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the invoice containing such disputed amount, give written notice to the Billing Party of the amounts it disputes ("Disputed Amounts") and include in such notice the specific details and reasons for disputing each item. The Non-Paying Party shall pay when due all undisputed amounts to the Billing Party. The Parties will work together in good faith to resolve issues relating to the disputed amounts. If the dispute is resolved such that payment of the disputed amount is required, whether for the original full amount or for the settlement amount, the Non-Paying Party shall pay the full disputed or settlement amounts with interest at the lesser of (i) one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month or (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Nebraska's applicable law. In addition, the Billing Party may initiate a complaint proceeding with the appropriate regulatory or judicial entity, if unpaid undisputed amounts become more than 90 days past due, provided the Billing Party gives an additional 30 days notice and opportunity to cure the default.

8.2.2. Any undisputed amounts not paid when due shall accrue interest from the date such amounts were due at the lesser of (i) one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month or (ii) the highest rate of interest that may be charged under Nebraska's applicable law.

8.2.3. Undisputed amounts shall be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice from the Billing Party.

8.3. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement in accordance with this Section:

8.3.1. Each Party shall comply immediately with its obligations as set forth in Section 8.2 above;

8.3.2. Each Party shall promptly pay all undisputed amounts (including any late payment charges) owed under this Agreement

8.3.3. Each Party's indemnification obligations shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

8.4. Either Party may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part in the event of a default of the other Party, provided, however, that the non-defaulting Party notifies the defaulting Party in writing of the alleged default and the defaulting Party does not implement mutually acceptable steps to remedy such alleged default within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof.

9.0 CANCELLATION CHARGES

Except as provided herein, no cancellation charges shall apply.

10.0 NON-SEVERABILITY

10.1 The services, arrangements, terms and conditions of this Agreement were mutually negotiated by the Parties as a total arrangement and are intended to be non-severable.

10.2. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring or permitting either Party to contravene any mandatory requirement of federal or state law, or any regulations or orders adopted pursuant to such law.

11.0 INDEMNIFICATION

11.1. Each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall indemnify and hold harmless the other Party ("Indemnified Party") from and against loss, cost, claim, liability, damage, and expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) to customers and other third parties for:

11.1.1. damage to tangible personal property or for personal injury proximately caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnifying Party, its employees, agents or contractors;

11.1.1. claims for libel, slander, or infringement of copyright arising from the material transmitted over the Indemnified Party's facilities arising from the Indemnifying Party's own communications or the communications of such Indemnifying Party's customers; and

11.1.1. claims for infringement of patents arising from combining the Indemnified Party's facilities or services with, or the using of the Indemnified Party's services or facilities in connection with, facilities of the Indemnifying Party.

Notwithstanding this indemnification provision or any other provision in the Agreement, neither Party, nor its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants, or employees, shall be liable to the other for Consequential Damages (as defined in Section 12.3).

11.2. The Indemnified Party will notify the Indemnifying Party promptly in writing of any claims, lawsuits, or demands by customers or other third parties for which the Indemnified Party alleges that the Indemnifying Party is responsible under this Section, and, if requested by the Indemnifying Party, will tender the defense of such claim, lawsuit or demand in the event:

11.2.1. the Indemnifying Party does not promptly assume or diligently pursue the defense of the tendered action, then the Indemnified Party may proceed to defend or settle said action and the Indemnifying Party shall hold harmless the Indemnified Party from any loss, cost liability, damage and expense.

11.2.2. the Party otherwise entitled to indemnification from the other elects to decline such indemnification, then the Party making such an election may, at its own expense, assume defense and settlement of the claim, lawsuit or demand.

11.3. The Parties will cooperate in every reasonable manner with the defense or settlement of any claim, demand, or lawsuit.

11.4. Neither Party shall accept the terms of a settlement that involves or references the other Party in any matter without the other Party's approval.

12.0 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

12.1. No liability shall attach to either Party, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants, employees, officers, directors, or partners for damages arising from errors, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, or delays in the course of establishing, furnishing, rearranging, moving, terminating, changing, or providing or failing to provide services or facilities (including the obtaining or furnishing of information with respect thereof or with respect to users of the services or facilities) in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

12.2. Except as otherwise provided in Section 11.0, no Party shall be liable to the other Party for any loss, defect or equipment failure caused by the conduct of the first Party, its agents, servants, contractors or others acting in aid or concert with that Party, except in the case of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

12.3. Except as otherwise provided in Section 11.0, no Party have any liability whatsoever to the other Party for any indirect, special, consequential, incidental or punitive damages, including but not limited to loss of anticipated profits or revenue or other economic loss in connection with or arising from anything said, omitted or done hereunder (collectively, "Consequential Damages"), even if the other Party has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

13.0 DISCLAIMER

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN, NEITHER PARTY MAKES ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTY AS TO MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR INTENDED OR PARTICULAR PURPOSE WITH RESPECT TO SERVICES PROVIDED HEREUNDER. ADDITIONALLY, NEITHER PARTY ASSUMES ANY RESPONSIBILITY WITH REGARD TO THE CORRECTNESS OF DATA OR INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE OTHER PARTY WHEN THIS DATA OR INFORMATION IS ACCESSED AND USED BY A THIRD-PARTY.

14.0 REGULATORY APPROVAL

The Parties understand and agree that this Agreement will be filed with the Commission. Each Party covenants and agrees to fully support approval of this Agreement by the Commission. The Parties, however, reserve the right to seek regulatory relief and otherwise seek redress from each other regarding performance and implementation of this Agreement. In the event the Commission rejects this Agreement in whole or in part, the Parties agree to meet and negotiate in good faith to arrive at a mutually acceptable modification of the rejected portion(s). Further, this Agreement is subject to change, modification, or cancellation as may be required by a regulatory authority or court in the exercise of its lawful jurisdiction.

The Parties agree that their entrance into this Agreement is without prejudice to any positions they may have taken previously, or may take in future, in any legislative, regulatory, judicial or other

public forum addressing any matters, including matters related to the same types of arrangements covered in this Agreement.

15.0 PENDING JUDICIAL APPEALS AND REGULATORY RECONSIDERATION

The Parties acknowledge that the respective rights and obligations of each Party as set forth in this Agreement are based on the text of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the FCC and the Commission as of the Effective Date ("Applicable Rules"). In the event of any amendment to the Act, any effective legislative action or any effective regulatory or judicial order, rule, regulation, arbitration award, dispute resolution procedures under this Agreement or other legal action purporting to apply the provisions of the Act to the Parties or in which the FCC or the Commission makes a generic determination that is generally applicable which revises, modifies or reverses the Applicable Rules (individually and collectively, Amended Rules), either Party may, by providing written notice to the other party, require that the affected provisions of this Agreement be renegotiated in good faith and this Agreement shall be amended accordingly to reflect the pricing, terms and conditions of each such Amended Rules relating to any of the provisions in this Agreement.

16.0 MOST FAVORED NATION PROVISION

In accordance with Section 252(i) of the Act, Nextel shall be entitled to obtain from RLEC any Interconnection/compensation arrangement provided by RLEC to any other CMRS provider that has been filed and approved by the Commission, for services described in such agreement, on the same terms and conditions.

17.0 MISCELLANEOUS

17.1. Authorization.

17.1.1. RLEC is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Nebraska and has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder, subject to any necessary regulatory approval.

17.1.2. Nextel is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of Delaware, authorized to do business in the state of Nebraska and has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder, subject to any necessary regulatory approval.

17.2. Compliance. Each Party shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations applicable to its performance under this Agreement.

17.3. Independent Contractors. Neither this Agreement, nor any actions taken by Nextel or RLEC in compliance with this Agreement, shall be deemed to create an agency or joint venture relationship between Nextel and RLEC, or any relationship other than that of purchaser and seller of services. Neither this Agreement, nor any actions taken by Nextel or RLEC in compliance with this Agreement, shall create a contractual, agency, or any other type of relationship or third party liability between Nextel and RLEC end users or others.

17.4. Force Majeure. Neither Party shall be 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 (a "Force Majeure Event"). If any Force Majeure condition occurs, the Party delayed or unable to perform shall give immediate notice to the other Party and shall take all reasonable steps to correct the force majeure condition. During the pendency of the Force Majeure, the duties of the Parties under this Agreement affected by the Force Majeure condition shall be abated and shall resume without liability thereafter.

17.5. Confidentiality.

17.5.1. Any information such as specifications, drawings, sketches, business information, forecasts, models, samples, data, computer programs and other software and documentation of one Party (a Disclosing Party) that is furnished or made available or otherwise disclosed to the other Party or any of its employees, contractors, or agents (its "Representatives" and with a Party, a "Receiving Party") pursuant to this Agreement ("Proprietary Information") shall be deemed the property of the Disclosing Party. Proprietary Information, if written, shall be clearly and conspicuously marked "Confidential" or "Proprietary" or other similar notice, and, if oral or visual, shall be confirmed in writing as confidential by the Disclosing Party to the Receiving Party within ten (10) days after disclosure. Unless Proprietary Information was previously known by the Receiving Party free of any obligation to keep it confidential, or has been or is subsequently made public by an act not attributable to the Receiving Party, or is explicitly agreed in writing not to be regarded as confidential, such information: (i) shall be held in confidence by each Receiving Party; (ii) shall be disclosed to only those persons who have a need for it in connection with the provision of services required to fulfill this Agreement and shall be used by those persons only for such purposes; and (iii) may be used for other purposes only upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed to in advance of such use in writing by the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, a Receiving Party shall be entitled to disclose or provide Proprietary Information as required by any governmental authority or applicable law, upon advice of counsel, only in accordance with Section 17.5.2 of this Agreement.

17.5.2. If any Receiving Party is required by any governmental authority or by applicable law to disclose any Proprietary Information, then such Receiving Party shall provide the Disclosing Party with written notice of such requirement as soon as possible and prior to such disclosure. The Disclosing Party may then seek appropriate protective relief from all or part of such requirement. The Receiving Party shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Disclosing Party in attempting to obtain any protective relief, which such Disclosing Party chooses to obtain.

17.5.3. In the event of the expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever, each Party shall return to the other Party or destroy all Proprietary Information and other documents, work papers and other material (including all copies thereof) obtained from the other Party in connection with this Agreement and shall use all reasonable efforts, including instructing its employees and others who have had access to such information, to keep confidential and not to use any such information, unless such information is now, or is hereafter disclosed, through no act, omission or fault of such Party, in any manner making it available to the general public.

17.6. Governing Law. For all claims under this Agreement that are based upon issues within the jurisdiction (primary or otherwise) of the FCC, the exclusive jurisdiction and remedy for all such claims shall be as provided for by the FCC and the Act. For all claims under this Agreement that are based upon issues within the jurisdiction (primary or otherwise) of the Commission, the exclusive jurisdiction for all such claims shall be with the Commission, and the exclusive remedy for such claims shall be as provided for by such Commission. In all other respects, this Agreement shall be governed by the domestic laws of the State of Nebraska without reference to conflict of law provisions. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be subject to any and all applicable laws, rules, regulations or guidelines that subsequently may be adopted by any federal, state, or local government authority. Any modifications to this Agreement occasioned by such change shall be effected through good faith negotiations.

17.7. Taxes. Each Party purchasing services hereunder 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 purchasing Party (or the providing Party when such providing Party is permitted to pass along to the purchasing Party such taxes, fees or surcharges), except for any tax on either Party's corporate existence, status or income. Whenever possible, these amounts shall be billed as a separate item on the invoice. To the extent a sale is claimed to be for resale tax exemption, the purchasing Party shall furnish the providing Party a proper resale tax exemption certificate as authorized or required by statute or regulation by the jurisdiction providing said resale tax exemption. Failure to timely provide such sale for resale tax exemption certificate will result in no exemption being available to the purchasing Party.

17.8. Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Parties and shall continue to be binding upon all such entities regardless of any subsequent change in their ownership. Each Party covenants that, if it sells or otherwise transfers to a third party, unless the Party which is not the subject of the sale or transfer reasonably determines that the legal structure of the transfer vitiates any such need, it will require as a condition of such transfer that the transferee agree to be bound by this Agreement with respect to services provided over the transferred facilities. Except as provided in this paragraph, neither Party may assign or transfer (whether by operation of law or otherwise) this Agreement (or any rights or obligations hereunder) to a third party without the prior written consent of the other Party which consent will not be unreasonably withheld; provided that either Party may assign this Agreement to a corporate Affiliate or an entity under its common control or an entity acquiring all or substantially all of its assets or equity by providing prior written notice to the other Party of such assignment or transfer. Any attempted assignment or transfer that is not permitted is void ab initio. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties' respective successors and assigns.

17.9. Non-Waiver. Failure of either Party to insist on performance of any term or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or privilege hereunder shall not be construed as a continuing or future waiver of such term, condition, right or privilege.

17.10. Notices.

17.10.1. Notices given by one Party to the other Party under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be: (i) delivered personally; (ii) delivered by express

delivery service; (iii) mailed, certified mail, return receipt requested to the following addresses of the Parties:

17.10.2.

Nextel	RLEC
NPCR Inc. c/o Sprint MS: KSOPHA0310 – 3B-372 6330 Sprint Parkway Overland Park, KS 66251 Attn: Manager, ICA Solutions Phone Number: Fax Number:	Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company P.O. Box 400 Blair, NE 68008-400 Attn: Mike Jacobson Phone Number: 402-426- 6133 6232 Fax Number: 402-426- 6133 6298
With a copy to: Legal/Telecom Mgmt Privacy Group P O Box 7966 Overland Park, KS 66207-0966 Phone Number: Fax Number:	With a copy to: Woods & Aitken LLP 301 South 13 th Street, Suite 500 Lincoln, NE 68508 Phone Number: 402-437-8500 Fax Number: 402-437-8558

Or to such other address as either Party shall designate by proper notice. Notices will be deemed given as of the earlier of (i) the date of actual receipt; (ii) the next business day when notice is sent via express mail or personal delivery; (iii) three (3) days after mailing in the case of certified U.S. mail.

17.10.2. In order to facilitate trouble reporting and to coordinate the repair of Interconnection Facilities, trunks, and other interconnection arrangements provided by the Parties under this Agreement, each Party has established contact(s) available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, at telephone numbers to be provided by the Parties. Each Party shall call the other at these respective telephone numbers to report trouble with connection facilities, trunks, and other interconnection arrangements, to inquire as to the status of trouble ticket numbers in progress, and to escalate trouble resolution.

24-Hour Network Management Contact:

For RLEC:

NOC/Repair Contact Number: 402-~~426-6133~~ **533-1000**
 Facsimile Number: 402-~~426-6133~~ **533-5798**

For Nextel:

NOC/Repair Contact Number: 1-800-Nextel5

Before either party reports a trouble condition, it must first use its reasonable efforts to isolate the trouble to the other Party's facilities, service, and arrangements. Each Party

will advise the other of any critical nature of the inoperative facilities, service, and arrangements and any need for expedited clearance of trouble. In cases where a Party has indicated the essential or critical need for restoration of the facilities, services or arrangements, the other party shall use its best efforts to expedite the clearance of trouble.

17.11. Publicity and Use of Trademarks or Service Marks. Neither Party nor its subcontractors or agents shall use the other Party's trademarks, service marks, logos or other proprietary trade dress in any advertising, press releases, publicity matters or other promotional materials without such Party's prior written consent.

17.12. Joint Work Product. This Agreement is the joint work product of the Parties and has been negotiated by the Parties and their respective counsel and shall be fairly interpreted in accordance with its terms. In the event of any ambiguities, no inferences shall be drawn against either Party.

17.13. No Third Party Beneficiaries; Disclaimer of Agency. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties and their permitted assigns, and nothing herein expressed or implied shall create or be construed to create any third-party beneficiary rights hereunder. Except for provisions herein expressly authorizing a Party to act for another, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a party as a legal representative or agent of the other Party; nor shall a Party have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind, express or implied, against, in the name of, or on behalf of the other Party, unless otherwise expressly permitted by such other Party. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no Party undertakes to perform any obligation of the other Party, whether regulatory or contractual, or to assume any responsibility for the management of the other Party's business.

17.14. No License. No license under patents, copyrights, or any other intellectual property right (other than the limited license to use consistent with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Agreement) is granted by either Party, or shall be implied or arise by estoppel with respect to any transactions contemplated under this Agreement.

17.15. Technology Upgrades. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit either Parties' ability to upgrade its network through the incorporation of new equipment, new software or otherwise, provided it is to industry standards, and that the Party initiating the update shall provide the other Party written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to the incorporation of any such upgrade in its network which will materially impact the other Party's service. Each Party shall be solely responsible for the cost and effort of accommodating such changes in its own network.

17.16. Entire Agreement. The terms contained in this Agreement and any Schedules or Exhibits constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, superseding all prior understandings, proposals and other communications, oral or written. Neither Party shall be bound by any preprinted terms additional to or different from those in this Agreement that may appear subsequently in the other Party's form documents, purchase orders, quotations, acknowledgments, invoices or other communications. This Agreement may only be modified by a writing signed by an officer of each Party.

18.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Except as provided under Section 252 of the Act with respect to the approval of this Agreement by the State Commission, the Parties desire to resolve disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement without litigation. Accordingly, except for action seeking a temporary restraining order or an injunction related to the purposes of this Agreement, or suit to compel compliance with this dispute resolution process, the Parties agree to use the following dispute resolution procedures with respect to any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach.

18.1. Informal Resolution of Disputes. At the written request of a Party, each Party will appoint a knowledgeable, responsible representative, empowered to resolve such dispute, to meet and negotiate in good faith to resolve any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The Parties intend that these negotiations be conducted by non-lawyer, business representatives. The location, format, frequency, duration, and conclusion of these discussions shall be left to the discretion of the representatives. Upon agreement, the representatives may utilize other alternative dispute resolution procedures such as mediation to assist in the negotiations. Discussions and correspondence among the representatives for purposes of these negotiations shall be treated as Confidential Information developed for purposes of settlement, exempt from discovery, and shall not be admissible in the arbitration described below or in any lawsuit without the concurrence of all Parties. Documents identified in or provided with such communications, which are not prepared for purposes of the negotiations, are not so exempted and may, if otherwise discoverable, be discovered or otherwise admissible, be admitted in evidence, in the arbitration or lawsuit.

18.2. Formal Dispute Resolution. If negotiations fail to produce an agreeable resolution within ninety (90) days, then either Party may proceed with any remedy available to it pursuant to law, equity or agency mechanisms; provided, that upon mutual agreement of the Parties such disputes may also be submitted to binding arbitration. In the case of an arbitration, each Party shall bear its own costs. The Parties shall equally split the fees of any mutually agreed upon arbitration procedure and the associated arbitrator.

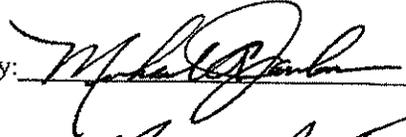
18.3. Continuous Service. The Parties shall continue providing services to each other during the pendency of any dispute resolution procedure, and the Parties shall continue to perform their payment obligations (including making payments in accordance with Section 4, 5, and 6) in accordance with this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the dates listed below.

NPCR, Inc.

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company

By: 

By: 

Name: **Michael A. Rapp**

Name: **MICHAEL A. JACOBSON**

Vice President

Title: **Network Eng. & Ops.**

Title: **PRESIDENT**

Date: **SEP 26 2006**

Date: **10/3/06**

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