

amendment between the Parties. Provided, however, if the underlying ICA or interconnection agreement expires sooner than the Termination Date, the Parties agree that the Amendment shall not extend or otherwise alter the term and termination rights of the underlying ICA or interconnection agreement, but instead, the Amendment will be incorporated into any successor interconnection agreement between the Parties through the Termination Date.

2. Except as provided in Section 3 below, during the term of this Amendment period, April 1, 2005 through the Termination Date, the Parties agree that neither of the Parties will seek, directly or indirectly, to obtain alternate terms and conditions to those stated in this Amendment. If, during the term of this Amendment, CLEC adopts another agreement pursuant to Section 252(i), it must amend the adopted interconnection agreement with this Amendment. Such Amendment shall be filed with the state Commission at the same time that the MFN agreement is filed so that this Amendment will apply uninterrupted from April 1, 2005 through the Termination Date. If the ILECs have voluntarily entered into an interconnection agreement which is applicable to the thirteen-state region as a whole, CLEC or its Affiliate(s) may exercise its rights under section 252(i) of the Act to obtain the rates, terms, and conditions of such agreement in its entirety provided that the agreement is otherwise available for adoption. This waiver includes, but is not limited to, any material sale of CLEC's assets, in which case CLEC shall obtain the purchaser's consent to be bound by the reciprocal compensation terms and conditions set forth herein.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 2 or 18 or anything else herein, during the period from April 1, 2005 through the Termination Date, the Parties waive any rights they may have under the Intervening/Change of Law provisions, of the Parties' ICAs in effect during the term of this Amendment with respect to any intercarrier compensation, POIs or trunking requirements that are subject to this Amendment; provided, however, that if an FCC order related to intercarrier compensation becomes effective after the Effective Date of this Amendment, including, without limitation, orders issued in CC Docket 96-98, the FCC's rulemaking in *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket 0192, established in Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Order No. 01-132 (April 27, 2001) and/or *In the Matter of IP Enabled Services*, WC Docket 04-36, the affected provisions of this Amendment relating to reciprocal compensation, Total Compensable Local Traffic (as defined herein), POIs or trunking requirements shall be invalidated, modified, or stayed, consistent with such FCC Order, with such invalidation, modification, or stay becoming effective only upon the date of the written request of either Party once the FCC Order has become effective (the "Written Request"). In such event, upon receipt of the Written Request, the Parties shall expend diligent efforts to arrive at an agreement regarding the appropriate conforming modifications to the ICAs, future interconnection agreement(s) and Amendment (including any separate amendments to such agreements). If negotiations fail, disputes between the