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March 30, 2017

Commission Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

Re: Application of Central Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a Centurylink; and United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a Centurylink (“CenturyLink”) and Sonic Communications, Inc. for Approval of an Agreement Adopting Terms and Conditions Pursuant to PUC Proc. R. § 21.103 and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 § 252(i)

Dear Commission Filing Clerk:

CenturyLink hereby submits this application for approval of an Agreement between CenturyLink and Sonic Communications, Inc. for the Adoption (or “MFN”) of an Interconnection Agreement that has been previously approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the “Commission”), and would respectfully state the following:

I. Agreement

CenturyLink presents this Application for Approval pursuant to the terms of Section 252 of the Act, PURA, and PUC Procedural Rule § 21.103.

Sonic Communications, Inc. has agreed to MFN into the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Integrated Path Communications, LLC, which was approved by the Commission on March 9, 2015, in Docket No. 44473. Pursuant to § 21.103(a), affidavits explaining how the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity, including all relevant requirements of law, are being filed with this Application as Attachments II and III.

II. Request for Approval

CenturyLink seeks the Commission’s final approval of this Application, pursuant to PUC Procedural Rule § 21.103. The Application complies with said Rule and Sections 252(e) and (i) of the Act because the proposed Agreement adopts an existing Agreement that the Commission has already found is pro-competitive and that does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party thereto, and that is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and consistent with other requirements of state law. The affidavits filed herein as Attachments II and III establish that the Agreement submitted herein satisfies these standards. CenturyLink and Sonic Communications, Inc.

respectfully request that the Commission grant final approval of this Application, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation.

III. Standard for Review

The statutory standards of review are set forth in Section 252(e) of the Act and PUC Procedural Rule § 21.101. The affidavits filed herein as Attachments II and III, establish that the Agreement submitted herein satisfies these standards.

IV. SPCOA Information

Sonic Communications, Inc. has been granted SPCOA No. 60967 and is authorized to provide service in the CenturyLink territories. For purposes of this application, Sonic Communications, Inc. contact information is as follows:

Andrew DeMattia
Sonic Systems, Inc.
141 Grays Pond Lane
Centreville, MD 21617
Phone: 754-600-6020
Email: sales@soniccommunication.com

V. Requested Procedure and Relief

Given that this Agreement is an adoption of an Agreement that has already been approved by the Commission, CenturyLink believes that no additional notice of this application should be required, and that administrative approval should be issued within 15 days as prescribed by § 21.101(c) (as incorporated by reference in § 21.103(b)).

VI. Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Commission grant all of the relief requested herein.



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**Adoption of the
Interconnection Agreement**

By

Sonic Communication, Inc.

**Adopting the
Interconnection Agreement**

Between

**Central Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink;
United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink**

and

Integrated Path Communications, LLC

For the State of Texas

Adoption of the Interconnection Agreement

This Adoption of the Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between Central Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink"), or if multiple CTL companies (collectively referred to herein as "CenturyLink" without diminishing or affecting the separate and distinct legal entity status of each CenturyLink ILEC operating company), and Sonic Communication, Inc. ("CLEC"), each of which may be referred to herein as "Party", or collectively as "the Parties", to establish the terms, conditions and rates for local interconnection and the exchange of Local traffic for the State of Texas.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. ADOPTED AGREEMENT

- 1.1 This Agreement between the Parties shall consist of the Interconnection Agreement entered into by and between Central Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Integrated Path Communications, LLC, that was approved by the Commission on March 9, 2015, Docket No. 44473 ("Adopted Agreement").
- 1.2 This Agreement is made a part of and incorporates the terms and conditions of the Adopted Agreement, including all amendments to that Adopted Agreement (the "Terms").
- 1.3 Except as set forth herein, the Adopted Agreement remains unchanged and in full force and effect.
- 1.4 Unless otherwise stated differently in the Agreement, all CenturyLink obligations are CenturyLink ILEC operating company-specific obligations and are not obligations that are jointly-provided or otherwise shared between the listed operating companies as a collective entity.

2. PARTY

For the purposes of this Agreement, CLEC is hereby substituted in the Adopted Agreement for Integrated Path Communications, LLC.

3. PROVISIONS

- 3.1 The Terms of the Integrated Path Communications, LLC Agreement are being adopted in its entirety by CLEC pursuant to CLEC's statutory rights under Section 252(i). The filing and performance by CenturyLink of the Terms does not in any way constitute a waiver by CenturyLink of any position as to the Terms or a portion thereof, nor does it constitute a waiver by CenturyLink of any or all rights and remedies it may have to seek review of the Terms, or to seek review in any way of any provisions included in these Terms as a result of CLEC's 252(i) election.
- 3.2 Should CLEC attempt to apply the adopted Terms in a manner that conflicts with the provisions set forth herein, CenturyLink reserves its rights to seek appropriate legal and/or equitable relief.
- 3.3 CLEC understands that it is providing a representation and warrants that it is complying with all provisions of the Adopted Agreement as of the effective date of the adoption.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

- 4.1 This Agreement shall become effective on the date of Commission Approval ("Effective Date"); however the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Agreement

upon execution by both Parties in which event neither Party will bring a dispute to require that an obligation incurred after execution must be fulfilled under the terms of the prior Agreement as long as this Agreement ultimately receives Commission Approval and so long as such obligations are fulfilled under the terms of this Agreement. However, the initiation of a new account, any new provision of service or obligation or any revision to currently existing services or obligations may take up to 60 days to accommodate any required initial processes.

- 4.2 In the event that the Parties currently have an existing Interconnection Agreement, this Agreement shall replace the existing Interconnection Agreement in its entirety beginning on the Effective Date. However, nothing relieves the Parties from fulfilling all obligations incurred under that prior Interconnection Agreement, unless such obligation was incurred following execution of this Agreement and the Parties agreed to implement this Agreement and such obligations were fulfilled under this Agreement consistent with the foregoing paragraph.
- 4.3 The expiration date of this Adoption Agreement shall be the same as the expiration date of the agreement that is being adopted, which is March 9, 2018.

5. NOTICES

Except as otherwise provided, all notices and communication hereunder will be deemed to have been duly given when made in writing and delivered in person or deposited in the U.S. mail, certified, postage paid, return receipt requested, and addressed as follows:

To CenturyLink:

CenturyLink
Director Wholesale Contracts
930 15th Street, 6th Floor
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303-672-2879
Email: intagree@centurylink.com

With Copy to:

CenturyLink Legal Department
Wholesale Interconnection
1801 California Street, 9th Floor
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303-383-6553
Email: legal.interconnection@centurylink.com

To CLEC:

Andrew DeMattia
President
Sonic Communication, Inc.
141 Grays Pond Lane
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Phone: 754 600-6020
Email: sales@soniccommunication.com

6. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 CLEC represents and warrants that it is authorized to provide telecommunications services in the State of Texas.
- 6.2 The Parties will cooperate to file this Agreement with the Commission for approval and complete all attendant requirements of the Commission for such approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, CLEC and CenturyLink have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

Sonic Communication, Inc.

**Central Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a
CenturyLink;
United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a
CenturyLink**

DocuSigned by:
Harold Barr
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DocuSigned by:
Diane Roth
786DEF8A149A455

Signature

Signature

Harold Barr
Printed Name

Diane Roth
Printed Name

Vice President
Title

Director – Wholesale
Title

2/8/2017

2/8/2017

Date

Date

AFFIDAVIT OF
Diane Roth

Before me, the Undersigned Authority, on this 22nd day of February, 2017, personally appeared, Diane Roth, who, upon being by me duly sworn on oath and said the following:

My name is Diane Roth. I am over the age of 21, of sound mind and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am Director Wholesale Contracts with CenturyLink. I have personal knowledge of the Interconnection, Resale and/or Unbundling Agreement ("Agreement") between Sonic Communication, Inc. and Central Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink; United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink).

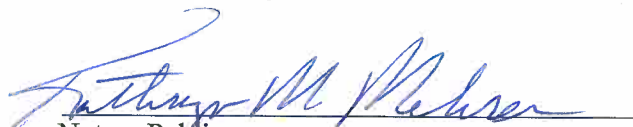
1. This Agreement is the result of negotiation. I believe that this Agreement between Sonic Communication, Inc. and CenturyLink is in the public interest and comports with the relevant requirements of state law.
2. Further, consistent with the policy provisions of Texas Public Utility Regulatory Act. I believe that this Agreement fosters, encourages and accelerates the continuing development and emergence of a competitive advanced telecommunications environment and infrastructure and to that end, not only advances, but, also protects the public interest.
3. I am not aware of any provision in this Agreement that discriminates against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the Agreement. The terms of this Agreement are available to any similarly situated local service provider negotiating a similar Agreement.
4. I am not aware of any outstanding issues between the parties that need the assistance of mediation or arbitration at this time.

Further the affiant sayeth not.


Diane Roth

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 22nd day of February, 2017 to certify which witness my hand.




Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF
Harold Barr

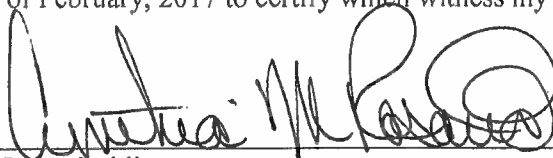
Before me, the Undersigned Authority, on this 13 day of February, 2017, personally appeared, Harold Barr, who, upon being by me duly sworn on oath and said the following:

1. My name is Harold Barr, I am over the age of 21, of sound mind and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am Vice President with Sonic Communication, Inc. I have personal knowledge of the Interconnection, Resale and/or Unbundling Agreement ("Agreement") between Sonic Communication, Inc. and Central Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink; United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink).
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Notary Public

