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May 18, 2012



**VIA E-FILING & OVERNIGHT MAIL**

Walter Thomas, Jr., Secretary  
Alabama Public Service Commission  
100 North Union Street, Suite 850  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Re: Request for Approval of Interconnection Agreement between Gulf Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink and Southern Light, LLC entities operating in Alabama

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Pursuant to Alabama Public Service Commission (Commission) Rule T-27 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), attached are original and one copy of the Interconnection, Resale and/or Unbundling agreement between Gulf Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) and Southern Light, LLC operating in Alabama (Southern). This document has been filed with the Commission via the electronic filing system.

Both parties represent that to the best of their knowledge, this Agreement does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carriers and that this Agreement is consistent with the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Both parties respectfully request Commission approval of this Agreement.

If there are any questions regarding this matter please contact Roberta Cooper at 850-599-1563.

Sincerely,

Cathy J. Quinn  
Regional Manager- Carrier Relations



**INTERCONNECTION, RESALE AND/OR UNBUNDLING AGREEMENT**

**FOR THE STATE OF ALABAMA**

**BETWEEN**

**SOUTHERN LIGHT, LLC**

**AND**

**GULF TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA CENTURYLINK**

**EXPIRATION: AUGUST 19, 2013**

## INTERCONNECTION, RESALE AND/OR UNBUNDLING AGREEMENT

This Interconnection, Resale and/or Unbundling Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between Southern Light, LLC., ("CLEC"), an Alabama corporation, and Gulf Telephone Company dba CenturyLink ("CenturyLink"), which are collectively referred to herein as "the Parties", to establish the rates, terms and conditions for local interconnection and the exchange of Local traffic for the state of Alabama.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Parties agree as follows:

### 1. ADOPTED AGREEMENT

- 1.1 This Agreement between the Parties shall consist of the Interconnection, Resale and/or Unbundling Agreement for the state of Alabama entered into by and between Harbor Communications, LLC, and Gulf Telephone Company dba CenturyLink dated August 19, 2011, as filed with the Alabama Public Service Commission ("Adopted Agreement").
- 1.2 This Agreement is made a part of and incorporates the terms and conditions of the Adopted Agreement.
- 1.3 Except as set forth herein, the Adopted Agreement remains unchanged and in full force and effect. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the Adopted Agreement and this Agreement, this Agreement will control.
- 1.4 This Agreement shall supersede and replace in full any and all prior agreements, written and oral, between CLEC and CenturyLink pertaining to the subject matter hereof, applicable to the state of Alabama.

### 2. PARTIES

For the purposes of this Agreement, CLEC is hereby substituted in the Adopted Agreement for Harbor Communications, LLC; and CenturyLink shall remain as the other Party to the Adopted Agreement.

### 3. PROVISIONS

- 3.1 The Terms of the Harbor Communications, LLC, Agreement are being adopted by CLEC pursuant to its statutory rights under Section 252(i). CenturyLink does not provide these Terms to CLEC as either a voluntary or negotiated agreement. 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 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 The Terms shall be subject to any and all applicable laws, rules, or regulations that subsequently may be prescribed by any federal, state or local governmental authority. To the extent required by any such subsequently prescribed law, rule, or regulation, the Parties agree to modify, in writing, the affected term(s) and condition(s) of this Agreement to bring them into compliance with such law, rule, or regulation.
- 3.3 CenturyLink reserves the right to deny to CLEC any obligation under or application of the adopted Terms, in whole or in part, at any time:
  - (a) when the costs of providing the Terms to CLEC are greater than the costs of providing it to the original signatory carrier;
  - (b) if the provision of the Terms to CLEC are not technically feasible; and/or to the extent CLEC already has an existing interconnection agreement (or existing 252(i) adoption) with CenturyLink and the Terms were approved before the date

of approval of the existing interconnection agreement (or the effective date of the existing 252(i) adoption).

- 3.4 Should any such condition occur, CenturyLink will notify CLEC in writing and CenturyLink and CLEC agree to work towards any mutually agreeable alternative or resolution.
- 3.5 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.

**4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM**

- 4.1 This Agreement will be effective only upon execution by both Parties unless prior Commission approval is required, in which case this Agreement shall be effective upon Commission approval; except that the initiation of a new account, any new provision of service or obligation or any revision to currently existing services or obligations shall not take effect for 60 days to accommodate required initial processes. Unless delayed by Commission action, the "Effective Date" of this Agreement for all purposes will be the latest date reflected by the signing Parties.
- 4.2 This Agreement shall be effective to and through August 19, 2013 and, unless cancelled or terminated earlier in accordance with the terms hereof. If neither Party elects to terminate this Agreement as of the date of termination of the Term, this Agreement shall continue in force and effect on a month-to-month basis (each one-month period constituting a "Follow-on Term") unless and until cancelled or terminated as provided in this Agreement.

**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:

If to Southern Light:  
 Paul Bullington  
 CFO  
 156 St. Anthony Street  
 Mobile, AL 36603  
 Phone: 251-662-1512  
 Email: pbullington@slfiber.com

If to CenturyLink:  
 Director Wholesale Contracts  
 930 15th Street 6th Floor Denver, CO  
 80202  
 Email: [intagree@centurylink.com](mailto:intagree@centurylink.com)  
 Phone: 303-672-2879

With copy to CenturyLink at the address shown below:  
 CenturyLink Law Department  
 Associate General Counsel,  
 Interconnection  
 1801 California Street, 9th Floor  
 Denver, CO 80202  
 Email:  
[Legal.Interconnection@centurylink.com](mailto:Legal.Interconnection@centurylink.com)  
 Phone: 303-383-6553

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

**SOUTHERN LIGHT, LLC**

By:   
Name : Paul Bullington  
Title: CFO  
Date: 5/17/2012

**GULF TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA CENTURYLINK**

By:   
Name: Larry T. Christensen  
Title: Director – Wholesale Contracts  
Date: 5/17/2012