

**AGREEMENT**

**by and between**

**PEERLESS NETWORK OF CALIFORNIA, LLC**

**and**

**VERIZON CALIFORNIA INC.**

**FOR THE STATE OF**

**CALIFORNIA**

## **AGREEMENT**

### **PREFACE**

This Agreement ("Agreement") shall be deemed effective upon Commission approval pursuant to Section 252 of the Act (the "Effective Date"), between Peerless Network of California, LLC ("PN"), a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, with offices at 225 W. Washington Street, Suite 1285, Chicago, IL 60606 and Verizon California Inc. ("Verizon"), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of California with offices at 112 Lakeview Canyon Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 (Verizon and PN may be referred to hereinafter, each, individually as a "Party", and, collectively, as the "Parties").

### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, and intending to be legally bound, pursuant to Section 252 of the Act, Verizon and PN hereby agree as follows:

#### **1. The Agreement**

- 1.1 This Agreement includes: (a) the Principal Document; (b) the Tariffs of each Party applicable to the Services that are offered for sale by it in the Principal Document (which Tariffs are incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement by reference); and, (c) an Order by a Party that has been accepted by the other Party.
- 1.2 Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Principal Document (including, but not limited to, the Pricing Attachment), conflicts among provisions in the Principal Document, Tariffs, and an Order by a Party that has been accepted by the other Party, shall be resolved in accordance with the following order of precedence, where the document identified in subsection "(a)" shall have the highest precedence: (a) the Principal Document; (b) the Tariffs; and, (c) an Order by a Party that has been accepted by the other Party. The fact that a provision appears in the Principal Document but not in a Tariff, or in a Tariff but not in the Principal Document, shall not be interpreted as, or deemed grounds for finding, a conflict for the purposes of this Section 1.2.
- 1.3 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties on the subject matter hereof, and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreement, understanding, or representation, on the subject matter hereof, provided, however, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or otherwise, this Agreement is an amendment, extension and restatement of the Parties' prior interconnection and resale agreement(s), if any, and, as such, this Agreement is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed to create, a novation or accord and satisfaction with respect to any prior interconnection or resale agreements and, accordingly, all monetary obligations of the Parties to one another under any prior interconnection or resale agreements shall remain in full force and effect and shall constitute monetary obligations of the Parties under this Agreement (provided, however, that nothing contained in this Agreement shall convert any claim or debt that would otherwise constitute a prepetition claim or debt in a bankruptcy case into a postpetition claim or debt). In connection with the foregoing, Verizon expressly reserves all of its rights under the Bankruptcy Code and Applicable Law to seek or oppose any relief in respect of the assumption, assumption and assignment, or rejection of any interconnection or resale agreements between Verizon and PN.

- 1.4 Except as otherwise provided in the Principal Document, the Principal Document may not be waived or modified except by a written document that is signed by the Parties. Subject to the requirements of Applicable Law, a Party shall have the right to add, modify, or withdraw, its Tariff(s) at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the other Party.

## **2. Term and Termination**

- 2.1 This Agreement shall be effective as of the Effective Date and, unless cancelled or terminated earlier in accordance with the terms hereof, shall continue in effect until November 30, 2010 (the "Initial Term"). Thereafter, this Agreement shall continue in force and effect unless and until cancelled or terminated as provided in this Agreement.
- 2.2 Either PN or Verizon may terminate this Agreement effective upon the expiration of the Initial Term or effective upon any date after expiration of the Initial Term by providing written notice of termination at least ninety (90) days in advance of the date of termination.
- 2.3 If either PN or Verizon provides notice of termination pursuant to Section 2.2 and on or before the proposed date of termination either PN or Verizon has requested negotiation of a new interconnection agreement, unless this Agreement is cancelled or terminated earlier in accordance with the terms hereof (including, but not limited to, pursuant to Section 12), this Agreement shall remain in effect until the earlier of: (a) the effective date of a new interconnection agreement between PN and Verizon; or, (b) the date one (1) year after the proposed date of termination.
- 2.4 If either PN or Verizon provides notice of termination pursuant to Section 2.2 and by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the proposed date of termination neither PN nor Verizon has requested negotiation of a new interconnection agreement, (a) this Agreement will terminate at 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the proposed date of termination, and (b) the Services being provided under this Agreement at the time of termination will be terminated, except to the extent that the Purchasing Party has requested that such Services continue to be provided pursuant to an applicable Tariff or Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT).

## **3. Glossary and Attachments**

The Glossary and the following Attachments are a part of this Agreement:

Additional Services Attachment  
Interconnection Attachment  
Resale Attachment  
Network Elements Attachment  
Collocation Attachment  
911 Attachment  
Pricing Attachment

## **4. Applicable Law**

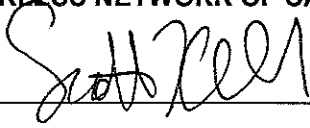
- 4.1 The construction, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by (a) the laws of the United States of America and (b) the laws of the

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the Effective Date.

**PEERLESS NETWORK OF CALIFORNIA, LLC**

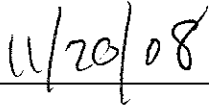
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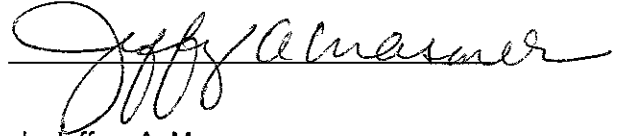
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**VERIZON CALIFORNIA INC.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_



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