

SABNT Services Agreement

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THIS TERM AGREEMENT (hereinafter the "Agreement") is made by and between Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc., having an office at 3480 Highway 701 North, Conway, South Carolina 29526 (hereinafter collectively HTC) and Customer (Customer name indicated on the executed Services Detail Agreement). For the purposes of this Agreement, the Service address(es) of Customer are indicated on the executed Services Detail Agreement.

WHEREAS, HTC is in the business of providing communications services (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Services").

WHEREAS, the Customer desires to acquire access to the Services on the terms and conditions hereinafter provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, and for good and valuable consideration, their receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I. Service Specifications.

- 1.1. Service Details. HTC shall provide Customer SABNT services indicated on the executed Service Detail Agreement. All services not available in all areas.
- 1.2. Term. The Term of this Agreement begins on the date that service installation shall be deemed complete and the Service is operational unless noted by Customer that service is not operational and will continue for the Term indicated on the Service Detail Agreement.
- 1.3. Renewal. At the end of the original term, unless renewed for a new term, both Customer and HTC agree that the charges for service will be based on the then current month to month / unbundled rate for equivalent service unless either party gives written notice of its request to renew and both parties enter in to a new term Agreement. A new Agreement will be based on new rates without consideration to previous charges prior to the expiration of the previous term.
- 1.4. Special Service Arrangements. HTC does not provide training, consultation services, software/hardware configuration or enhanced service reliability unless otherwise specified in this Agreement.

ARTICLE II. Charges and Payment.

- 2.1 Installation Fees and Service Fees. Customer agrees to pay HTC Installation Fees and Monthly Recurring Service Fees indicated on the Services Detail Agreement for which services are applied. *Rates are approximated and subject to change due to regulatory filings and/or equipment cost changes. Rates quoted do not represent pricing of other service providers who may be a part of this service provisioning. **Monthly Recurring Service Fees do not include all government fees or state, federal or municipality taxes.***
- 2.2 Billing. HTC will invoice Customer following the service commencement date, payable upon receipt, for the Installation Fee and the Service Fee for the initial billing interval. All subsequent Service Fees shall be invoiced in advance of the service month.
- 2.3 Moves, Adds and Changes (MACS). Any service work performed after the initial installation and setup, not covered in this Agreement or the Services Detail Agreement, will be billed at the then current standard hourly rate for such service work, with a one (1) hour minimum. The HTC Business Schedule can be found in Article VI, Section 6.1. Holidays and non-business hours will be billed in accordance to the schedule below:

	Multiplier:
Business Hours	<i>Standard Hourly Rate</i>
After Hours	<i>1.5 times Standard Hourly Rate</i>
Weekends and Holidays	<i>2 times the Standard Hourly Rate</i>

- 2.4 Taxes. Sales and use taxes and all other taxes and levies (excluding those based upon HTC income) which are applicable to this Agreement and the provision of Services hereunder shall be borne by Customer (and added to the applicable Service Fee), regardless of whom the taxes or levies are or were imposed upon.
- 2.5 Force Majeure. HTC shall not be liable for an interruption in service resulting from any cause beyond its control and without its fault or negligence, such as acts of God, acts of civil or military authority, government regulations, embargoes, epidemics, war, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, floods, strikes, power blackouts, volcanic action, other major

environmental disturbances, unusually severe weather conditions, or acts of omissions of transportation common carriers (collectively referred to as "Force Majeure Conditions").

ARTICLE III. Service Facilities, Trouble Reporting, Maintenance and Testing.

- 3.1 **Maintenance of Facilities.** Any equipment supplied by HTC to provide Services under this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Facilities") shall be maintained by HTC at HTC's sole expense. Customer may not rearrange, move, disconnect, remove or attempt to repair any Facilities except with the written consent of HTC. Customer shall make available to HTC the Facilities in order to permit HTC to make tests and adjustments appropriate for maintaining the Facilities in operating condition. Such tests and adjustments shall be completed within a reasonable time
- 3.2 **Connections.** HTC's responsibility for service ends at the demarcation point. "Demarcation" means the point of meeting where the "hand-off" occurs between HTC's system and Customer's system. Facilities used by HTC in providing Services may be connected with terminal equipment or communications systems provided by Customer. In such a case, facilities and terminal equipment or communications systems provided by Customer or its customers shall be subject to mutually agreeable technical interface specifications.
- 3.3 **Equipment Space and Power at Customer's Premise.** To the extent the points of termination of such Services are located on Customer's premises, Customer shall furnish or arrange to have furnished to HTC at no charge equipment space and electrical power required by HTC to provide Services under this Agreement. The selection of AC or DC power shall be as specified by HTC. Customer shall also make necessary arrangements in order that HTC will have access to such space at reasonable times for installing, inspecting, repairing or removing Facilities of HTC. HTC shall have no right to place equipment in space owned or controlled by Customer without the prior consent of Customer. If Customer fails to perform its duties contained in Article II, HTC may terminate this Agreement at its election and recover damages from Customer.
- 3.4 **Response Time and Trouble Reporting.** HTC will maintain a centralized trouble reporting system during the term of this Agreement. Troubles will be identified by either system alarms at Network Control or Customer contact. Customer will initiate contact by calling (843) 369-8574. Upon notice of a trouble, HTC will contact Customer within two (2) hours, except in situations involving "Force Majeure Conditions." Outages involving "Force Majeure Conditions" will be repaired as soon as possible.

ARTICLE IV. Liabilities and Warranties.

- 4.1 **Liability Limitation.** In no event shall HTC be liable for any damage arising out of the fault of facilities or equipment furnished by Customer, Customer's agents, subcontractor, independent contractor or anyone acting on behalf of Customer or for any act or omission of Customer in furnishing its services to others. In no event shall either party have any liability for any punitive, indirect, consequential, special or incidental damages (such as loss of business or profits) arising out of or relating to this Agreement or either party's obligations under this Agreement.
- 4.2 **Disclaimer of Warranty.** HTC makes no warranty, whether express, implied, or statutory, as to the description, quality, merchantability, completeness or fitness for any purpose of the service, or (except as specifically set forth in this Agreement) as to any other matter, all of which warranties by HTC are hereby excluded and disclaimed.

ARTICLE V. Termination.

- 5.1 **Termination.** A party may terminate this Agreement upon the other party's failure to cure any of the following within 30 days following written notice thereof: (a) the insolvency, corporate reorganization, arrangement with creditors, receivership or dissolution of the other party; (b) institution of bankruptcy proceedings by or against the other party; (c) a final order by a government entity with appropriate jurisdiction that a Service or the relationship hereunder is contrary to law or regulation; or (d) breach of any provision herein.
- 5.2 **Termination Charge.** HTC and Customer agree that in consideration for termination, charges will be based on Term and Bundle Pricing referenced in Service Detail Pricing in correspondence with the Service Agreement and any applicable Addendums. In the event of termination of services prior to fulfilling term of Agreement by Customer (including temporary suspension of service) for any reason other than a breach of Agreement by HTC which has not been cured pursuant to 5.1 Termination, Customer agrees to pay A) \$100 cancellation fee, B) fulfill remaining balance of term in full within 30 days of cancellation, C) reimburse HTC any waived charges including, but not limited to, construction and installation charges.

ARTICLE VI. Miscellaneous Provisions.

6.1 HTC Business Schedule.

- 6.1.1 Business Hours are defined as between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays.
- 6.1.2 After Hours are defined as between 5:00 pm and 8:00 am, Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays.
- 6.1.3 Weekends are defined as between 5:00 pm Friday through 8:00 am Monday.
- 6.1.4 Holidays are defined as the twenty-four (24) hour period for each HTC observed Holiday. Holidays include (Note: Recognized Holidays are subject to change):
 - New Year's Day
 - Good Friday, Easter
 - Memorial Day
 - Independence Day
 - Labor Day
 - Thanksgiving Day (2 days)
 - Christmas Day (2 days)

6.2 Amendment. This Agreement may be amended from time to time only in writing executed by the parties hereto with the same formality attending the execution of this Agreement. Once an amendment or modification becomes effective in such manner, it shall be deemed to be included thereafter in all references herein to the Agreement.

6.3 Notices. All notices or other communications required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be mailed by first class mail, certified or registered, postage prepaid or sent via a nationally recognized overnight courier (e.g., FedEx) to the other party at the billing address set forth on the first page of this Agreement. Notices are deemed received by a party when the party or its agent receives such Notice. Any party may change its address by giving notice in writing stating its new address to the other party.

6.4 Governing Law. This document shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina.

6.5 Binding Benefit. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understandings among the parties. All previous discussions, promises, representations and understandings among the parties relative to this Agreement, if any, are superseded by this Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors and authorized assigns.

6.6 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall bind and benefit the parties and their respective successors and assigns, regardless of whether such successors and assigns expressly agree to be bound by the Agreement.

6.7 Headings. The headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not to be used in construing this Agreement.

6.8 Non-Solicitation. Each party agrees that, during the term of this Agreement and for a period of one year following the termination or expiration of this Agreement, it will not directly or indirectly solicit or induce any employee of the other party or its Affiliates to terminate or negatively alter his or her relationship with the other party or its Affiliates. If any restriction set forth in this Section is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable because it extends for too long a period of time or over too great a range of activities or in too broad a geographic area, it shall be interpreted to extend only over the maximum period of time, range of activities or geographic area as to which it may be enforceable.