



## EXHIBIT A

### Service Level Agreement for High Availability Enterprise Services

This Service Level Agreement for High Availability Enterprise Services (this “SLA”) is a part of the Master Services Agreement (“MSA”) between Wave Business Solutions, LLC (“WAVE”) and Customer. This SLA applies to the following types of Enterprise Services offered by WAVE: (a) Ethernet Transport Services, (b) Dedicated Internet Access Services, and (c) Phone Solutions Over Fiber Services.

#### 1. AVAILABILITY SLA

WAVE’s Network is designed to provide a target **Availability of at least 99.9%** per month. If the Availability target is not achieved in a given calendar month, Customer shall be entitled to the remedies set forth in the table below, which must be claimed as described in this SLA.

Target Availability	Duration of Service Outage	Customer Credit as % of MRC for the applicable Circuit*
<b>99.9% Availability</b>	Less than 45 minutes	Target Met
	45 Min. up to 4 hours	5%
	> 4 hours up to 12 hours	10%
	> 12 hours up to 18 hours	20%
	> 18 hours up to 24 hours	35%
	> 24 hours	50%

\*Customer credits for Unavailability are calculated on an individual circuit basis, and the amount of any credit is based on the portion of MRC allocable to the affected circuit.

#### 2. MEAN TIME TO RESTORE (“MTTR”) SLA

In the event of Outages in Services due to failure or malfunction of the WAVE Network or WAVE Equipment, WAVE’s NOC is designed to provide a **MTTR of 6 hours or less**. If the target MTTR is not met for a particular circuit in a given calendar month, and Customer receives a Service from WAVE on the circuit at issue, then Customer shall be entitled to remedies set forth in the table below, which must be claimed as described in this SLA.

Target MTTR	Actual MTTR	Customer Credit as % of MRC for the applicable Circuit
<b>6 hr MTTR</b>	≤ 6 Hrs.	Target Met
	> 6 Hrs. to 10 Hrs.	5%
	> 10 Hrs. to 18 Hrs.	10%
	> 18 Hrs.	20%

#### 3. PACKET DELIVERY/PACKET LOSS SLA

The WAVE Network is designed to provide **no greater than 0.1% Packet Loss**. If the Packet Loss target is not achieved in a given calendar month, Customer shall be entitled to the remedies set forth in the table below, which must be claimed as described in this SLA. Customer credits for average monthly Packet Loss are calculated on an individual circuit basis, and the amount of any credit is based on the portion of MRC allocable to the affected circuit.

Target Maximum Packet Loss	Actual Packet Loss (lower end – upper end)	Customer Credit as % of MRC for the applicable Circuit
<b>≤ 0.1% Packet Loss</b>	0% - 0.1%	Target Met
	> 0.1% - 0.4%	5%
	> 0.4% - 0.7%	10%
	> 0.7% - 1.0%	25%
	> 1.0%	50%

#### 4. LATENCY SLA

The WAVE Network is designed to provide a monthly average round trip Latency not to exceed the following:

- **Round Trip Local Market Latency of 12 ms or less**
- **Round Trip Inter-Market Latency\* of 45 ms or less**

If WAVE determines the applicable Latency target was not met in a given month and also cannot remedy the problem within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date on which Customer opens a Trouble Ticket with the WAVE NOC regarding excessive Latency, Customer shall be entitled to the remedies set forth in the table below, which must be claimed as described in this SLA.

Target Local Market Latency Round Trip	Target Inter-Market Latency* Round Trip	Actual Latency Round Trip (lower end - upper end)	Customer Credit as % of MRC for the applicable Circuit
<b>12 ms or less</b>	<b>45 ms or less</b>	≤ Target Latency	Target Met
		> Target up to 8 ms over Target	5%
		> 8 ms up to 15 ms over Target	10%
		> 15 ms up to 20 ms over Target	25%
		> 20 ms over Target	50%

\* Inter-Market Latency means up to 800 network miles between locations

#### 5. NETWORK JITTER SLA

The WAVE Backbone Network is designed to have a monthly average one-way Network Jitter of **no greater than 2 ms**. If the Network Jitter target is exceeded in a given calendar month, Customer will be entitled to a credit of 1/30<sup>th</sup> of the MRC of the affected circuit for that month for each full 1ms of Network Jitter above the applicable Network Jitter target set forth above. Any such credit must be claimed as described in this SLA.

#### 6. CHRONIC OUTAGE

If Customer experiences a Chronic Outage with respect to a Service, Customer shall have the right to elect either of the following remedies, which must be claimed as described in this SLA: (i) substitute a different Service or a different circuit/path for the Service and circuit/path that experienced the Chronic Outage without incurring any Termination Charge or installation fees; or (ii) terminate the affected Service for the circuit/path that experienced the Chronic Outage without incurring any Termination Charge.

#### 7. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this SLA the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below.

“Availability” means the ability of Customer to exchange Ethernet packets with the WAVE Network via Customer’s router port. Availability is measured in minutes of uptime over the calendar month during which the Services are Available:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \% \text{ Availability} & = & \frac{(\text{Total Minutes in Month} - \text{Total Minutes of Unavailability in Month})}{\text{Total Minutes in Month}} \\ \text{(per calendar month)} & & \end{array}$$

For Ethernet Transport Services and Phone Over Fiber Services, Availability is calculated at the individual circuit level, between WAVE's Backbone Network and the Customer's router port. For Dedicated Internet Access Services, Availability is calculated from the Customer's router port through the WAVE Network to the handoff point for the Internet. Dedicated Internet Access Service Availability does not include the availability of the Internet itself or any particular Internet resource. Periods of Excused Outage are not included in Availability metrics.

"Chronic Outage" means a series of three (3) or more Service Outages affecting the same Service on the same circuit during a given calendar month, each of which has an actual time to restore "TTR" in excess of WAVE's targeted MTTR.

"Emergency Maintenance" means WAVE's efforts to correct conditions on the WAVE Network that are likely to cause a material disruption to or outage in services provided by WAVE and which require immediate action. Emergency Maintenance may degrade the quality of the Services provided to Customer, including possible outages. Any such outages are Excused Outages that will not entitle Customer to credits under this SLA. WAVE may undertake Emergency Maintenance at any time WAVE deems necessary and will provide Customer with notice of such Emergency Maintenance as soon as commercially practicable under the circumstances.

"Excused Outage" means any disruption to or unavailability of Services caused by or due to (i) Scheduled Maintenance, (ii) Emergency Maintenance, or (iii) circumstances beyond WAVE's reasonable control, such as, by way of example only, Force Majeure, acts or omissions of Customer or Customer's agents, licensees or end users, electrical outages not caused by WAVE, or any failure, unavailability, interruption or delay of third-party telecommunications network components the use of which are reasonably necessary for WAVE's delivery of the Services to Customer.

"Jitter" or "Network Jitter" refers to an undesirable variation in the interval at which packets are received, also described as the variability in Latency as measured in the variability over time of the packet Latency across a network. Jitter is calculated as aggregate average monthly metric measured by WAVE across the WAVE Backbone Network between a sample of WAVE POPs. Local access loops are not included. Periods of Excused Outage are not included in Jitter metrics.

"Latency" means how much time it takes, measured in milliseconds, for a packet of data to get from one designated point on WAVE's Network to another designated point on WAVE's Network. Latency is calculated as aggregate average monthly metric measured by WAVE across the WAVE Backbone Network between a sample of WAVE POPs. Local access loops are not included. Periods of Excused Outage are not included in Latency metrics.

"Mean Time to Restore" or "MTTR" means the average time required to restore the WAVE Network to a normally operating state in the event of an Outage. MTTR is calculated on a circuit basis, as a monthly average of the time it takes WAVE to repair all Service Outages on the specific circuit. MTTR is measured from the time an Outage related Trouble Ticket is generated by the WAVE NOC until the time the Service is again Available. The cumulative length of Service Outages per circuit is divided by the number of Trouble Tickets in the billing month to derive the monthly MTTR per circuit:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{MTTR in Hrs} & = & \frac{\text{Cumulative Length of Service Outages Per Month Per Circuit}}{\text{Total Number of Trouble Tickets for Service Outages Per Month Per Circuit}} \\ \text{(per calendar month)} & & \end{array}$$

Periods of Excused Outage are not included in MTTR metrics.

"Outage" means a disruption in the Service making the Service completely unavailable to Customer that is not an Excused Outage. For purposes of SLA-related credits and remedies, the period of unavailability begins when an Outage-related Trouble Ticket is opened by the Customer and ends when the connection is restored, as measured by WAVE. Unavailability does not include periods of Service degradation, such as slow data transmission.

"Packet Loss" means the unintentional discarding of data packets in a network when a device (e.g., switch, router, etc.) is overloaded and cannot accept any incoming data. Packet Loss is calculated as aggregate average monthly metric measured

by WAVE across the WAVE Backbone Network between a sample of WAVE POPs. Local access loops are not included. Periods of Excused Outage are not included in Packet Loss metrics.

“Scheduled Maintenance” means any maintenance of the portion of the WAVE Network to which Customer’s router is connected that is performed during a standard maintenance window (1:00AM – 5:00AM Pacific Time). Customer will be notified via email at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of any scheduled maintenance that is likely to affect Customer’s Service.

“Trouble Ticket” means a trouble ticket generated through the WAVE NOC upon notification of a Service-related problem. Trouble Tickets may be generated by WAVE pursuant to its internal network monitoring process, or by Customer’s reporting of a problem to the WAVE NOC. In order for Customer to be eligible for credits or remedies under this SLA, Customer must contact the WAVE NOC and open a Trouble Ticket regarding the problem; Trouble Tickets generated internally by WAVE will not provide a basis for Customer credits or Chronic Outage remedies.

“WAVE Network” means all equipment, facilities and infrastructure that WAVE uses to provide Services to Customer, and includes Customer’s access port. The “WAVE Network” does not include Customer owned or leased equipment (unless leased from WAVE), or any portion of Customer’s local area network after the demarcation point for the Services provided by WAVE.

“WAVE Backbone Network” means WAVE’s core fiber backbone that connects WAVE’s POPs and regional hubs.

“WAVE’s Network Operations Center” or “WAVE’s NOC” means WAVE’s network operations center which is staffed 24x7x365 and can be reached at: 888-317-0488.

## **8. CLAIMING CREDITS AND REMEDIES**

**8.1 Requesting SLA Related Credits and Chronic Outage Remedies.** To be eligible for any SLA-related Service credit or Chronic Outage remedy, Customer must be in good standing with WAVE and current in its financial obligations to WAVE. Credits are exclusive of any applicable taxes charged to Customer or collected by WAVE.

- (i) To claim SLA-related Service credits, Customer must do the following:
  - (a) Open a Trouble Ticket with the WAVE NOC within twenty-four (24) hours of the occurrence giving rise to the claimed credit(s);
  - (b) Submit a written request for the credit(s) to WAVE’s customer service department within fifteen (15) days after the end of the calendar month in which the incident giving rise to the credit(s) occurred; and
  - (c) Provide the following documentation when requesting the credit(s):
    - Customer name and contact information;
    - Trouble Ticket number(s);
    - Date and beginning/end time of the claimed Outage or failed SLA metric;
    - Circuit IDs for each pertinent circuit/path; and
    - Brief description of the characteristics of the claimed Outage or failed SLA metric.
- (ii) To claim remedies for a Chronic Outage under this SLA, Customer must do the following:
  - (a) Open a Trouble Ticket regarding the Chronic Outage with the WAVE NOC within seventy-two (72) hours of the last Outage giving rise to the claimed remedy;
  - (b) Submit a written request for a remedy regarding the Chronic Outage to WAVE’s customer service department within thirty (30) days of the end of the calendar month in which the Chronic Outage occurred; and
  - (c) Provide the following documentation when requesting the remedy:
    - Customer name and contact information;
    - Type of remedy requested (e.g., substitution or termination);
    - Trouble Ticket numbers for each individual Outage event;

- Date and beginning/end time of each of the claimed Outages;
- Trouble Ticket number for the Chronic Outage at issue;
- Circuit IDs for each pertinent circuit/path; and
- Brief description of the characteristics of the claimed Chronic Outage.

If Customer fails to timely submit, pursuant to the procedure described in this Section, a request for any SLA-related credit or Service Outage remedy for which Customer might otherwise be eligible under this SLA, Customer shall be deemed to have waived its right to receive such credit or remedy. The credits and remedies provided by this SLA are Customer's sole and exclusive remedies for any and all claims or complaints regarding the quality and/or availability of any of the Services to which this SLA applies.

**8.2 WAVE's Evaluation of Claims.** All claims for SLA-related credits and remedies for Chronic Outages are subject to evaluation and verification by WAVE. Upon receiving a claim for SLA-related credit and/or remedies for Chronic Outage, WAVE will evaluate the claim and respond to Customer within thirty (30) days. If WAVE requires additional information in order to evaluate Customer's claim, WAVE will notify Customer by email specifying what additional information is required. Customer will have fifteen (15) days from the date on which it receives WAVE's request for additional information in which to provide the requested information to WAVE. If Customer fails to provide the additional information within that time period, Customer will be deemed to have abandoned its claim. WAVE will promptly notify Customer of WAVE's resolution of each Customer claim. If Customer's claim for an SLA-related credit or Chronic Outage remedy is rejected, the notification will specify the basis for the rejection. If Customer's claim for a credit is approved, WAVE will issue the credit to Customer's account, to appear on the next monthly invoice. If Customer's claim for a Chronic Outage remedy is approved, WAVE will notify Customer of the date on which the requested substitution or termination will occur. WAVE's determination regarding whether or not an SLA has been violated shall be final.

**8.3 Limitations and Exclusions.** Total credits for any given calendar month shall not exceed 100% of the MRC for the affected circuit and Service. Credits shall not be cumulative with respect to any given incident; instead, if multiple SLAs are violated during a single incident, Customer shall be entitled only to the largest applicable credit amount. This SLA will not apply and Customer will not be entitled to any credit under this SLA for any impairment of Services that is caused by or due to any of the following: (i) The acts or omissions of Customer, its agents, employees, contractors, or Customer's end users, or other persons authorized by Customer to access, use or modify the Services or the equipment used to provide the Services, including Customer's use of the Service in an unauthorized or unlawful manner; (ii) The failure of or refusal by Customer to reasonably cooperate with WAVE in diagnosing and troubleshooting problems with the Services, including the unavailability of required Customer personnel due to Customer's failure to keep WAVE provided with current and accurate contact information for such personnel; (iii) Scheduled Service alteration, maintenance or implementation; (iv) The failure or malfunction of network equipment or facilities not owned or controlled by WAVE or WAVE's Affiliates; (v) Force majeure events; (vi) WAVE's inability (due to no fault of WAVE) to access facilities or equipment as reasonably required to troubleshoot, repair, restore or prevent degradation of the Service; (vii) Customer's failure to release the Service for testing or repair and continuing to use the Service on an impaired basis; (viii) WAVE's termination of the Service for cause, or as otherwise authorized by the MSA; (ix) Improper or inaccurate network specifications provided by Customer; (x) Interruptions resulting from incorrect, incomplete or inaccurate Service orders from Customer; (xi) Special configurations of the standard Service that have been mutually agreed to by Customer and WAVE, unless a separate Service Level Agreement for the special configuration has been established with the Service Order; or (xii) WAVE's inability to deliver Service by the Customer's desired due date.