

SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT
FOR
ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION AND ACCESS
TO
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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WHEREAS, the State of Utah has entered into that certain Contract for Network Manager Services (hereinafter, "Master Contract") with Utah Interactive, Inc., a for-profit Utah corporation (hereinafter "Network Manager"), to provide electronic access to public records and transactions through a gateway network (hereinafter "the Network"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Master Contract, the Network Manager is to negotiate an agreement with data-providing state governmental agencies for the provision of such agencies' public records while protecting and securing from unauthorized and inappropriate access to non-public government records;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the amount and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

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The purpose of this agreement is to define circumstances and responsibilities relating to providing on-line electronic access and, if applicable, transactions at DEQ's discretion through the Network to certain Non-Confidential Records maintained in electronic form, or which will in the future be maintained in electronic form, by the DEQ.

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This Agreement shall be in full force and effect for a period of time equal to that of the Master Contract between the State and UII, together with any extensions thereto (consistent with the Board capabilities as allowed under Utah State contract No. PD 1068) after the date it is fully signed. Thereafter, this Agreement shall continue for successive monthly periods upon the same terms, provisions and conditions as provided in this Agreement, except that at either party's option, this Agreement may be terminated at any time after the original term of the Master Contract, upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the other party. Termination at any time during the original term of this agreement may be granted upon DEQ's appearance before the Board explaining the rationale and reason for the Network service termination without cause and the Board's recommendation of the same. Within 30 days of the Board recommendation of DEQ's termination request for convenience, the State will provide written notice to both the Network and the DEQ establishing the effective date of the Network service termination. Absent this action, this Agreement remains effective.

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SECTION 3: Definition of Terms.

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- c. Agency division(s) - a DEQ section or unit serviced by the DEQ's internal computer section, and whose data files are available to other sections or units of the DEQ, and sometimes to other agencies besides the DEQ.
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- e. Non-Confidential Records – Public Records and such Private records as the division director may authorize. Such to be outlined in a Schedule A to this agreement.
- f. Application - the development of one particular database of Non-Confidential Records on the Network or the Software Bridge to one particular database of Non-Confidential Records stored elsewhere for information lookup or one particular electronic transaction for gathering data or processing requests from the public (such as filings or permit applications) and the user interface to allow public access and/or interaction with the same on-line.
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SECTION 4: Utah DEQ Responsibilities.

The DEQ will:

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- b. Provide reasonable levels of support to any DEQ central data or computer department or service, and to any DEQ Agency division(s), in placing on-line with the Network, DEQ non-confidential records as mutually agreed between the DEQ and the Network, with due regard to the workload and priorities of the Network, and with due regard to the desires and needs of users of, and subscribers to, the Network.
- c. Direct the central DEQ data or computer department or service to perform as follows:
 - i. When requested, help in interpreting the agency's Non-Confidential Record data for users or subscribers to the Network, provide a point of contact for such interpretation; provide advice on display screen designs when consulted, and cooperate with the Network in placing onto the Network, DEQ Non-Confidential Records as mutually agreed between DEQ and the Network, with due regard to

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ii. Provide computer access for the Network to DEQ Non-Confidential Records as permitted by DEQ, subject to interruption of service pursuant to SECTION 9, by an acceptable method, such as by electronic transmission, by disk, by email, or by some other acceptable method.

iii. Provide reasonable response time of on-line electronic inquiry within limitations of the DEQ system resources and budget constraints.

iv. Provide reasonable levels of problem determination support to help isolate problems when requested, and if the problem resides on DEQ's end of the system, provide reasonable fixes or repairs consistent with the DEQ's operational priorities.

v. Have final control and responsibility for security authorization of the Network (in cooperation with any agency division(s)) in granting access to its data to the Network (the Network users will not directly access the DEQ system; it is only the Network host that accesses the system or transactions).

d. Direct the DEQ Agency division(s) to perform as follows:

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ii. In the absence of a central DEQ data or computer department or service, perform those duties and responsibilities outlined in subparagraph c. of this SECTION 4.

e. Assist the Network in determining the information from the DEQ necessary to comply with the cost recovery portions of the Utah Public Records law as necessary.

f. To cooperate in establishing with the Network a recommendation to the Board of a reasonable charge for any access or transaction for which the same is appropriate.

SECTION 5: Network Responsibilities.

The Network agrees:

a. To recognize that authorized on-line access or transactions provides no right to possession or ownership of DEQ data records at any time.

b. To take all reasonable precautions to protect against unauthorized access to DEQ's data records.

c. To provide all equipment, software, and supplies necessary to establish electronic access to DEQ Non-Confidential Records.

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- d. To abide by the DEQ's administrative regulations which may now be in force or effect or which may in the future become effective.
- e. To recognize there is no express or implied ownership of the DEQ's equipment by the payment of any fee or charge to the DEQ.
- f. In the event of for-a-charge access to any DEQ Non-Confidential Records or transactions, if any, to prepare and submit to the Utah DEQ a monthly statement accurately reflecting usage associated with same, and if any portion is payable to the DEQ by statute, to bill, collect and remit the same monthly along with the statement, in accordance with the standard terms of the Master Contract.
- g. To keep such records as are required to document usage associated with providing access to DEQ's Non-Confidential Records and to provide the DEQ access to these usage records at reasonable times for auditing purposes if so requested by the DEQ.
- h. To cooperate with the DEQ and its agency division(s) in placing data records onto the Network as permitted by the DEQ but only if desired by the Network users or subscribers, including securing proper access from the appropriate authority for, and providing necessary security to, each type of Non-Confidential Record desired, and only to the extent of reasonable Network resources.
- i. To recommend to the DEQ and the Board priorities for development and revision of agency applications, and to periodically reexamine the priority assigned as may be necessary, and to work diligently to accomplish each agency application in accordance with the relative priority among all agency applications.
- j. To lead the process of determining such premium service applications in order to provide resources to develop, maintain, manage, operate and expand the network, including conducting market research, and to develop, in cooperation with the DEQ, a recommendation to the Board on which services to provide including proposed data access charges.

SECTION 6: Illegal Provisions.

If any provision of this Agreement shall be declared to be illegal, void or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions shall not be affected but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7: Termination for Cause.

At the DEQ's option, this Agreement may be terminated immediately upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- a. The Network's allowance of unauthorized access prohibited by this Agreement.
- b. The Network's material breach of any term, provisions or condition of this Agreement.

At the option of the Network and subject to review and concurrence by the Board, a particular service application may be terminated if there is insufficient interest demonstrated by the Network users or subscribers in it; and this Agreement or a particular service may be terminated immediately for a continuing failure of the DEQ to keep fresh and updated in accordance with the schedule between the Network and the DEQ, the information to which electronic access is furnished by the Network.

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SECTION 8: DEQ Copyright and Content Non-Supervision Acknowledgment.

The DEQ represents to the Network that the content materials furnished to the Network by the DEQ for electronic access on the Network do not violate any third party's copyright rights under federal law. Further, the DEQ acknowledges that the Network exercised no control, censorship, or direction over the content of the DEQ's Non-Confidential Records or the links the DEQ may request to other non-Network sites which may be made available on the Network.

SECTION 9: Interruption of Service.

The DEQ shall use its best efforts to provide adequate and uninterrupted service under the terms of this Agreement. However, the DEQ shall not be liable for interruption of service when the same shall be due to circumstances beyond the control of the DEQ, its agents or employees, including but not limited to unanticipated equipment malfunction or periodic maintenance or update of the computer system or systems upon which such data records reside which could not have been prevented with regular maintenance.

SECTION 10: Assignment.

This agreement may not be assigned by the Network without the prior written consent of the DEQ and any such assignment of this Agreement without such permission shall be null and void.

SECTION 11: Notices.

All notices shall be in writing and shall be directed to the parties to this agreement as shown below or by electronic means mutually agreed to by the parties:

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Chair, Utah Electronic Commerce Council
116 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

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To DEQ: Utah DEQ

SECTION 12: Data Records to be Accessed.

The Non-Confidential Records and transactions to be accessed under this Agreement are as follows:

- a. Those listed on the attached Schedule A.
- b. Such others as may in the future be mutually agreed between the DEQ and the Network by executing a Schedule A Addendum.

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SECTION 13: Electronic Commerce with the State.

In addition to developing applications which will permit electronic access to DEQ Non-Confidential Records, the Network and the DEQ will cooperate in exploring ways in which it may be possible to further develop applications which will permit electronic filing of documents and electronic communications and other transactions from the Network users or subscribers with the DEQ, with the goal of developing such applications as may be appropriate, with due regard for any limitations or constraints upon either entity.

SECTION 14: DEQ Access to Records from Other State Agencies with a Fee.

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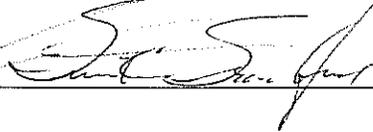
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IN WITNESS TO THEIR AGREEMENT TO ALL THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING, the parties hereto have herein below executed this Agreement the day and year first above written, on the separate signature page attached hereto:

Utah DEQ

By 

Date 23 Mar 01

The Network

By 
Richard L Brown, General Manager

Date 10 April 2001

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By 
Alan Sherwood, Chair

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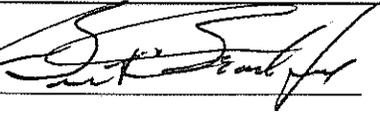
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