Is this agent payment real?

Who pays?

Count distinct payer wallets and trace how they were funded. One deployer or faucet funding hundreds of payers is a test or a farm.

Do they come back?

The same payers on different days. Not one burst in an hour, and not only during a hackathon or competition window.

What does the amount buy?

Prices that match a real good, an airtime top-up or a model call. Not a uniform 0.01 or 0.001.

Does the money leave the loop?

The payee pays third parties or off-ramps. Payer to payee and back to payer is wash volume.

Where to look

x402scan.com
dune.com/celo/askbots-protocol-metrics
8004scan.io
basescan.org

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