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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Sara Kyle, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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Re: *Petition for Arbitration of ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. with
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to the
Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 03-00119

Dear Chairman Kyle:

On behalf of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), I am filing this response to the February 28, 2007, letter from Authority General Counsel Richard Collier. In his letter, Mr. Collier asked the parties to either file an interconnection agreement consistent with the Authority's decision in this docket or to explain why no agreement can be filed at this time.

While the parties have successfully negotiated and executed a commercial agreement, they have not executed an interconnection agreement. DeltaCom and BellSouth's settlement agreement provided that the parties would negotiate and execute a new interconnection agreement for Tennessee after both the arbitration order and the change of law order for Tennessee had been issued.¹

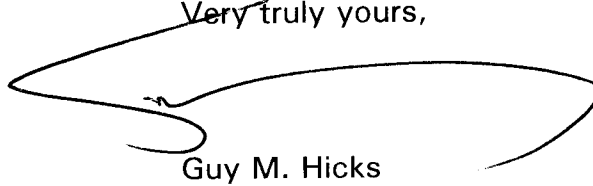
Consistent with this agreement, BellSouth respectfully requests that the Authority issue its written order in the change of law docket. Upon issuance of the written order, BellSouth will make good faith efforts to negotiate an interconnection agreement with DeltaCom and will submit it to the Authority for approval.

¹ The "change of law" proceeding is Docket No. 04-00381.

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A copy of this letter is being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Annamarie Lemoine, Esquire

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I hereby certify that on March 9, 2007, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via the method indicated:

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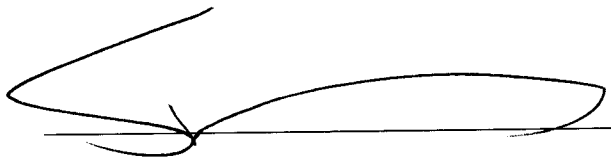
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