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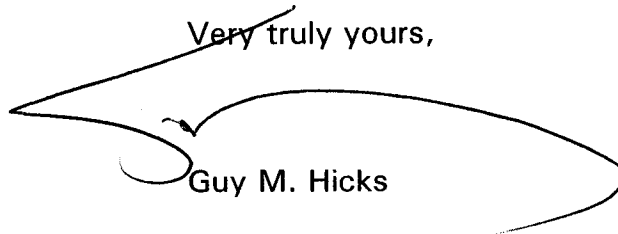
Re: *Joint Petition for Arbitration of NewSouth Communications Corp., et al. of an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended*
Docket No. 04-00046

Dear Chairman Jones:

Enclosed are the original and four copies of BellSouth's Best and Final Offer.

A copy is being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,



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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: *Joint Petition for Arbitration of NewSouth Communications Corp., et al. of an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended*

Docket No. 04-00046

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
BEST AND FINAL OFFER

In accordance with the decisions made by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") during the agenda conference held on April 17, 2006, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") herewith submits its best and final offers ("BFOs") in connection with the following arbitration issues:

Item 6, Issue G-6, General Terms & Conditions, § 10.4.4: *BellSouth Issue Statement:* How should indirect, incidental or consequential damages be defined for purposes of the Agreement?

BellSouth BFO: The parties have resolved Item 6 by agreement and therefore are not filing BFOs.

Item 65, Issue 3-6, Attachment 3, § 10.8.1 (NCS/NVS): *Should BellSouth be allowed to charge the CLEC a Tandem Intermediary Charge for the transport and termination of Local Transit Traffic and ISP-Bound Transit Traffic?*

- **BellSouth BFO:** As an interim Tandem Intermediary Charge ("TIC"), BellSouth proposes a composite transit service rate \$.002 per Minute of Use ("MOU"). The composite rate would be inclusive

of tandem switching, common transport, and billing intermediary functions that are associated with providing transit service.

Item 88, Issue 6-5, Attachment 6, § 2.6.5: *What rate should apply for Service Date Advancement (a/k/a service expedites)?*

BellSouth BFO: The parties have resolved Item 88 by agreement and are therefore are not filing BFOs.

Respectfully submitted.

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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