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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate
Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

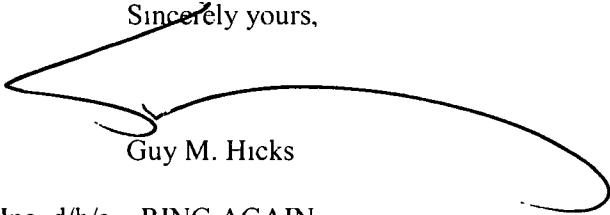
Re. *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Texas Hometel, Inc. d/b/a 877-RING AGAIN Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 04-00179

Dear Chairman Tate:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, *Texas Hometel, Inc. d/b/a 877-RING AGAIN* and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the original and fourteen copies of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated July 6, 2002. The Amendment adds a provision for Merged Tandem Switching to the Agreement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Guy M. Hicks

cc: Keith Carter, Texas Hometel, Inc. d/b/a - RING AGAIN

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc and Texas Homotel, Inc d/b/a 877-RING AGAIN Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. _____

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND TEXAS HOMETEL, INC. D/B/A 877-RING AGAIN
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

COME NOW, Texas Homotel, Inc. d/b/a 877-RING AGAIN ("Texas Homotel") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated July 6, 2002 (the "Amendment") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act") In support of their request, Texas Homotel and BellSouth state the following:

1. Texas Homotel and BellSouth have successfully negotiated an agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to Texas Homotel. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on August 18, 2003.

2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which adds a provision for Merged Tandem Switching. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Texas Homotel and BellSouth are submitting their Amendment to the TRA for its consideration and approval. The Amendment provides that either or both of the parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the TRA for approval.

4. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between BellSouth and Texas Homotel within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the TRA may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

5. Texas Homotel and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval

6. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, BellSouth shall make the Agreement available upon the same terms and conditions contained therein

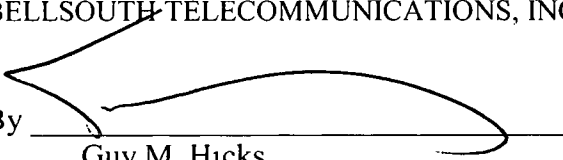
Texas Homotel and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment negotiated between the parties.

This 18th day of June, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By


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Attorney for BellSouth

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Guy M. Hicks, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail on the 18th day of June, 2004:

Keith Carter
Texas Hometel, Inc.
d/b/a -RING AGAIN
4302 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and curves, positioned above a horizontal line.

Guy M. Hicks

**Amendment to the
Interconnection Agreement
Between
Texas Hometel, Inc. d/b/a 877-RING AGAIN
and
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Dated July 6, 2002**

Pursuant to this Amendment, (Amendment), Texas Hometel, Inc d/b/a 877-RING AGAIN (Texas Hometel), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc (BellSouth), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated July 6, 2002 (Agreement) to be effective thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the last signature executing the Amendment.

WHEREAS, BellSouth and Texas Hometel entered into the Agreement on July 6, 2002, and,

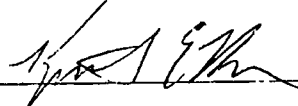
NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows

- 1 The Parties agree to add the following provision to Attachment 2, Section 4.3 and the associated rates as set forth in Exhibit 1 of this Amendment, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference
 - 4.3.1.1 Where Texas Hometel utilizes portions of the BellSouth network in originating or terminating traffic, the Tandem Switching rates are applied in call scenarios where the Tandem Switching Network Element has been utilized Because switch recordings cannot accurately indicate on a per call basis when the Tandem Switching Network Element has been utilized for an interoffice call originating from a UNE port and terminating to a BellSouth, Independent Company or Facility-Based CLEC office, BellSouth has developed, based upon call studies, a melded rate that takes into account the average percentage of calls that utilize Tandem Switching in these scenarios. BellSouth shall apply the melded Tandem Switching rate for every call in these scenarios. BellSouth shall utilize the melded Tandem Switching Rate until BellSouth has the capability to measure actual Tandem Switch usage in each call scenario specifically mentioned above, at which point the rate for the actual Tandem Switch usage shall apply The UNE Call Flows set forth on BellSouth's website, as amended from time to time and incorporated herein by this reference, illustrate when the full or melded Tandem Switching rates apply for specific scenarios
2. All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated July 6, 2002, shall remain in full force and effect
3. Either or both of the Parties are authorized to submit this Amendment to the respective state regulatory authorities for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996

Melded Tandem Switching Amendment

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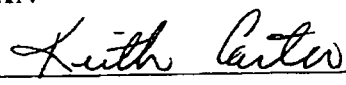
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement the day and year
written below

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.By: 

Name: Kristen E Rowe

Title: Director

Date: 5/17/04

**Texas Hometel, Inc. d/b/a 877-RING
AGAIN**By: 

Name: KEITH CARTER

Title: PRESIDENT

Date: May 14th, 04

Melded Tandem Switching Amendment

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AMENDMENT EXHIBIT 1

UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - Florida														
CATEGORY	RATE ELEMENTS	Inter m	Zone	BCS	USOC	RATES (\$)	Svc Order Submitted Elec per LSR	Svc Order Submitted Manually per LSR	Attachment 2			Exhibit A		
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UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - Georgia

Version 3Q03 11/12/2003

UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - Kentucky

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UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - Louisiana

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UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - Mississippi															
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	End Office Switching Function, Per MOU														
	End Office Trunk Port - Shared, Per MOU								0.0010269 0.000161						
	Tandem Switching (Port Usage) [Local or Access Tandem]														
	Tandem Switching Function Per MOU														
	Tandem Trunk Port - Shared, Per MOU								0.0001723 0.0001828						
	Tandem Switching Function Per MOU (Melded)								0.000063441						
	Tandem Trunk Port - Shared, Per MOU (Melded)								0.000057307						
	Melded Factor = 36.82% of the Tandem Rate														
	Common Transport														
	Common Transport - Per Mile Per MOU								0.0000026						
	Common Transport - Facilities Termination Per MOU								0.0004541						

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UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - Tennessee																	
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	Tandem Switching Function Per MOU									0 0009778							
	Tandem Switching Function Per MOU (Melded)									0 000380364							
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Common Transport																	
	Common Transport - Per Mile, Per MOU									0 0000064							
	Common Transport - Facilities Termination Per MOU									0 0003871							