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August 27, 2004

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Pat Miller
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 Tele-Sys, Inc d/b/a Access America Telephone Co Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

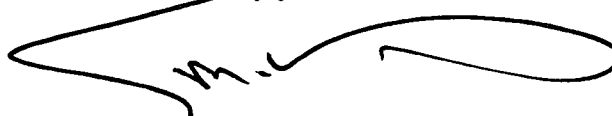
Docket No. 04-00271

Dear Chairman Miller:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Tele-Sys, Inc. d/b/a Access America Telephone Co. 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 March 20, 2002. The Amendment adds Melded Tandem Switching to the Agreement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Guy M. Hicks

cc: J G. Jamison, Tele-Sys, Inc. d/b/a Access America Telephone Co.

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc and Tele-Sys, Inc d/b/a Access America Telephone Co 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 TELE-SYS, INC. D/B/A ACCESS AMERICA TELEPHONE CO.
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, Tele-Sys, Inc. d/b/a Access America Telephone Co. ("Tele-Sys") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated March 20, 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, Tele-Sys and BellSouth state the following:

1. Tele-Sys 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 Tele-Sys. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on June 11, 2002.

2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which adds Merged Tandem Switching to the Agreement. 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, Tele-Sys 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 Tele-Sys 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. Tele-Sys and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

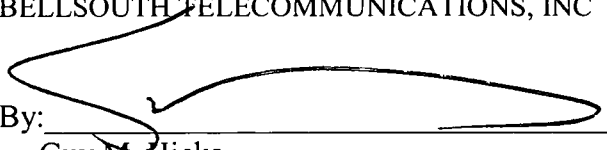
6. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, BellSouth shall make the Agreement available upon the same terms and conditions contained therein.

Tele-Sys and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment negotiated between the parties.

This 27th day of August, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC

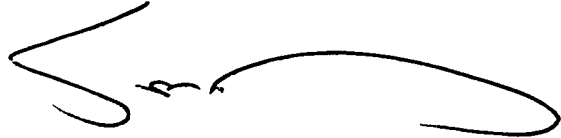
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 27th day of August, 2004.

J.G. Jamison
Tele-Sys, Inc. d/b/a Access America Telephone Co.
138 Fairbanks Plaza
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy M. Hicks', written over a horizontal line.

Guy M. Hicks

**Amendment to the
Interconnection Agreement
Between
Tele-Sys, Inc. d/b/a Access America Telephone Company
and
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Dated March 20, 2002**

Pursuant to this Amendment, (Amendment), Tele-Sys, Inc. d/b/a Access America Telephone Company (Access America), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated March 20, 2002 (Agreement) to be effective thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the last signature executing the Amendment

WHEREAS, BellSouth and Access America entered into the Agreement on March 20, 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 Access America 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 March 20, 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.

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

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

By: Kristen E. Rowe

Name: Kristen E. Rowe

Title: Director

Date: 7/2/04

**Tele-SyS, Inc. d/b/a Access America
Telephone Company**

By: Scott Jamison

Name: Scott Jamison

Title: President

Date: 6/28/2004

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AMENDMENT EXHIBIT 1

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UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - Georgia												
CATEGORY	RATE ELEMENTS	Interim	Zone	BCS	USOC	RATES (\$)	Svc Order Submitted Elec per LSR	Svc Order Submitted Manually per LSR	Attachment 2		Exhibit A	
									Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order vs Electronic-Add'l	Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order vs Electronic-Disc 1st	Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order vs Electronic-Add'l	Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order vs Electronic-Disc 1st
						Nonrecurring	NRC Disconnected					
						First	First	Rec	SOMEC	SOMAN	SOMAN	SOMAN
UNBUNDLED LOCAL SWITCHING, PORT USAGE												
	End Office Switching (Port Usage)											
	End Office Switching Function, Per MOU							0 0006153				
	End Office Trunk Port - Shared, Per MOU							0 0001226				
	Tandem Switching (Port Usage) [Local or Access Tandem]											
	Tandem Switching Function Per MOU							0 0000972				
	Tandem Trunk Port - Shared, Per MOU							0 0001557				
	Tandem Switching Function Per MOU (Melded)							0 000017904				
	Tandem Trunk Port - Shared, Per MOU (Melded)							0 00002868				
	Melded Factor 18.42% of the Tandem Rate											
	Common Transport											
	Common Transport - Per Mile, Per MOU							0 0000027				
	Common Transport - Facilities Termination Per MOU							0 0001914				

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UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - Tennessee

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