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March 11, 2005

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Pat Miller
Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re *Approval of the Amendments to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Talk America, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 05-00072

Dear Chairman Miller:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Talk America, Inc. 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 Amendments to the Interconnection Agreement dated June 12, 2002. The first Amendment amends the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to add adoption language, the second Amendment adds Local Number Portability Recovery to the Agreement and the third Amendment adds QuickServe to the Agreement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy M. Hicks", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Guy M. Hicks

cc Senior Vice President, Operations, Talk America, Inc.
General Counsel, Talk America, Inc.

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendments to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Talk America, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. _____

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND TALK AMERICA, INC.
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, Talk America, Inc. ("Talk America") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendments to the Interconnection Agreement dated June 12, 2002 (the "Amendments") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, Talk America and BellSouth state the following:

1. Talk America 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 Talk America. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on November 22, 2004.

2. The parties have recently negotiated several Amendments to the Agreement. The first Amendment amends the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement to add adoption language; the second Amendment adds Local Number Portability Recovery to the Agreement and the third Amendment adds QuickServe to the

Agreement. Copies of the Amendments are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Talk America and BellSouth are submitting their Amendments to the TRA for its consideration and approval. The Amendments provide that either or both of the parties are authorized to submit the Amendments 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 Amendments between BellSouth and Talk America within 90 days of their 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. Talk America and BellSouth aver that the Amendments are consistent with the standards for approval.

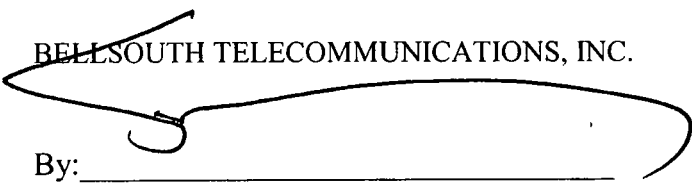
6. Pursuant to 47 USC Section 252(i) and 47 C.F.R. Section 51.809, BellSouth shall make available the entire Interconnection Agreement approved pursuant to 47 USC Section 252.

Talk America and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendments negotiated between the parties.

This 11th day of March, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: 

Guy M. Hicks
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(615) 214-6301
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 Amendments to the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail on the 11th day of March, 2005:

Talk America
Senior Vice President, Operations
12020 Sunrise Valley Drive
Suite 250
Reston, VA 20191

Talk America
General Counsel
6805 Route 202
New Hope, PA 18938


Guy M. Hicks

**AMENDMENT
TO THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND
THE OTHER PHONE COMPANY, INC. D/B/A ACCESS ONE COMMUNICATIONS,
THE OTHER PHONE COMPANY, INC. D/B/A TALK AMERICA INC. (NOT IN FLORIDA),
AND
TALK AMERICA INC.
DATED JUNE 12, 2002**

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc ("BellSouth"), a Georgia corporation, and The Other Phone Company, Inc d/b/a Access One Communications, a Florida corporation, The Other Phone Company, Inc. d/b/a Talk America Inc (NOT in Florida), a Florida corporation, and Talk America Inc , a Pennsylvania corporation ("collectively referred to as "Talk America"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated June 12, 2002 ("Talk America Agreement") to be effective on the date of last signature executing this Amendment

WHEREAS, BellSouth and Talk America entered into the Agreement on June 12, 2002, and,

WHEREAS, BellSouth and Talk America are amending the Adoption of Agreements provision of the Agreement pursuant to the FCC's Second Report and Order, WC Docket No 01-338, issued on July 13, 2004,

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 delete Section 17.1 of the General Terms and Conditions and replace it with the following:

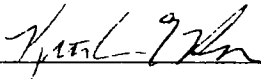
17.1 Pursuant to 47 USC § 252(i) and 47 C.F.R. § 51.809, BellSouth shall make available to Talk America any entire interconnection agreement filed and approved pursuant to 47 USC § 252. The adopted agreement shall apply to the same states as the agreement that was adopted, and the term of the adopted agreement shall expire on the same date as set forth in the agreement that was adopted

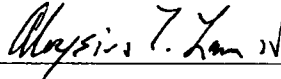
- 2 All of the other provisions of the Agreement dated June 12, 2002 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect
3. Either or both of the Parties are authorized to submit this Amendment to the respective state regulatory authorities for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996

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

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

**The Other Phone Company, Inc. d/b/a
Access One Communications
The Other Phone Company, Inc. d/b/a
Talk America Inc. (NOT in Florida)
Talk America Inc.**

By 
Name Kristen Rowe
Title Director
Date 12/3/04

By: 
Name Aloysius T. Lamm IV
Title ESOP - General Counsel
Date 11/17/04

**Amendment
To the
Interconnection Agreement
Between
The Other Phone Company, Inc. d/b/a Access One Communications
The Other Phone Company, Inc. d/b/a Talk America Inc. (NOT in Florida)
Talk America Inc.
and
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Dated June 12, 2002**

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), a Georgia corporation, and The Other Phone Company, Inc. d/b/a Access One Communications, a Florida corporation, The Other Phone Company, Inc. d/b/a Talk America Inc. (NOT in Florida), a Florida corporation, and Talk America Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation ("collectively referred to as "Talk America"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated June 12, 2002, ("Agreement") to be effective on the date of the last signature executing the Amendment

WHEREAS, BellSouth and Talk America entered into the Agreement on June 12, 2002, and,

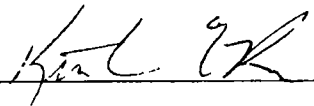
WHEREAS, BellSouth and Talk America are amending the Agreement to modify Local Number Portability (LNP) recovery charge pursuant to the Order in the matter of the Telephone Number Portability BellSouth Corporation Petition for Declaratory Ruling and/or Waiver, CC Docket No. 95-116, released April 13, 2004,

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 delete in their entirety all rate elements and USOCs identified as "Local Number Portability charges" in Exhibit B of Attachment 2, as specified by the following USOCs: LNPCX, LNPCP, LNPCN, and LNPCC.
- 2 The Parties agree to add the following language to Sections 4 and 5, as new Sections 4.1.1 and 5.7, respectively, of Attachment 2:
 - In addition to other charges specified in this Agreement for Local Number Portability, Talk America shall pay to BellSouth the Local Number Portability charges as set forth in Section 13 of the BellSouth FCC No. 1 Tariff,
3. All of the other provisions of the Agreement dated June 12, 2002 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect
4. 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 Amendment the day and year written below

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

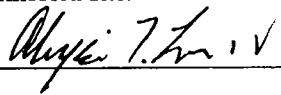
By 

Name Kristen E. Rowe

Title Director

Date 12/7/04

**The Other Phone Company, Inc.
d/b/a Access One Communication,
The Other Phone Company, Inc.
d/b/a Talk America Inc. (NOT in Florida),
Talk America Inc.**

By 

Name Alyssa T. Lamm IV

Title VP - General Counsel

Date 11/19/04

**Amendment to the Agreement
Between
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
And
The Other Phone Company, Inc. d/b/a Access One Communications,
The Other Phone Company, Inc. d/b/a Talk America Inc. (NOT in Florida)
and
Talk America Inc.
Dated June 12, 2002**

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc ("BellSouth") and The Other Phone Company, Inc d/b/a Access One Communications, a Florida corporation, The Other Phone Company, Inc d/b/a Talk America Inc (NOT in Florida), a Florida corporation, and Talk America Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation (collectively referred to as "Talk America"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties", hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated June 12, 2002 ("Agreement") to be effective thirty (30) days after the date of the last signature executing the Amendment

WHEREAS, BellSouth and <customer_short_name> entered into the Agreement on June 12, 2002, and,

WHEREAS, both Parties agree that an initial New Installation of a 2-Wire Port/Loop Combination- Residence line provisioned at a Location where QuickServe is available on the line shall incur a QuickServe Non-Recurring Charge (NRC) at the NRC Currently Combined Conversion Rate set forth in the Agreement and that any initial New Installation of a 2-Wire Port/Loop Combination - Residence line provisioned at a location where QuickServe is not available, shall incur the Not Currently Combined NRC, First and Additional rates set forth in the Agreement,

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 incorporate into Attachment 2 of the Agreement the rates and USOCs as set forth in Exhibit 1 of this Amendment attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference
- 2 All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated June 12, 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 Amendment the day and year written below

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

By Kristen Rowe
Name Kristen Rowe
Title Director
Date 12/8/04

**The Other Phone Company, Inc. d/b/a
Access One Communications
The Other Phone Company, Inc. d/b/a
Talk America Inc. (NOT in Florida)
Talk America Inc.**

By: Marysue T. Law IV
Name Marysue T. Law IV
Title VP - General Counsel
Date 11/29/04

UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - Alabama															
CATEGORY	RATE ELEMENTS	Interl m	Zone	BCS	USOC	RATES (\$)				Svc Order Submitted Elec per LSR	Svc Order Submitted Manually per LSR	Attachment 2		Exhibit A	
						Nonrecurring First	Nonrecurring Add'l	Nonrecurring Disconnect Add'l	SOMECD			SOMAN	Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order vs Electronic- 1st	Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order vs Electronic- Add'l	Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order vs Electronic- Disc 1st
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UNBUNDLED PORT/LOOP COMBINATIONS - COST BASED RATES															
	NONRECURRING CHARGES (NRCs) - CURRENTLY COMBINED														
	2-Wire Voice Grade Loop / Line Port Platform - Installation														
	Charge at QuickService location - Not Conversion of Existing Service			UEPRX	URECC			0.10							

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UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - Kentucky																
CATEGORY	RATE ELEMENTS	Interl m	Zone	BCS	USOC	RATES (\$)				Svc Order Submitted Elec per LSR	Svc Order Submitted Manually per LSR	Attachment 2		Exhibit A		
						Nonrecurring		Nonrecurring Disconnect				Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order vs Electronic- 1st	Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order vs Electronic- Disc 1st	Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order vs Electronic- Disc 1st	Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order vs Electronic- Disc Add'l	
						Rec	First	Add'l	First							Add'l
	UNBUNDLED PORT/LOOP COMBINATIONS - COST BASED RATES															
	NONRECURRING CHARGES (NRCs) - CURRENTLY COMBINED															
	2 Wire Voice Grade Loop / Line Port Platform Installation															
	Charge at QuickService location - Not Conversion of Existing Service			UEPRX	URECC	0.10										

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