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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon Ron Jones
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 Business Telecom, Inc Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No 06-00008

Dear Chairman Jones.

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Business Telecom, 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 Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated March 25, 2003. The Amendment adds USOCs for TRRO EEL/DS1 loops and TRRO Mux rearrangements to match the rates in the TRRO amendment dated November 12, 2005.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Sincerely yours,

Guy M. Hicks

cc: Business Telecom, Inc , General Counsel

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc and Business Telecom, Inc 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 BUSINESS TELECOM, INC.
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated March 25, 2003 (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, BTI and BellSouth state the following:

1. BTI 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 BTI. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on June 2, 2003

2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement. The Amendment adds USOCs for TRRO EEL/DS1 loops and TRRO Mux rearrangements to match the rates in the TRRO amendment dated November 12, 2005. 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, BTI and BellSouth are submitting their Amendment to the TRA for its consideration and approval. The Amendment provides that either or both of the parties are authorized to submit the Amendment to the TRA for approval

4. In accordance with Section 252(c) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between BellSouth and BTI within 90 days of 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. BTI and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval

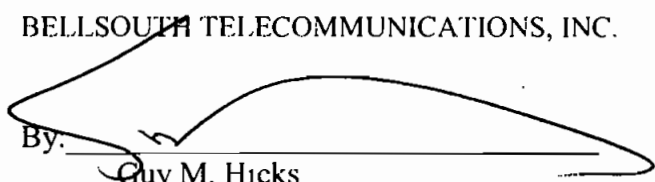
6. Pursuant to 47 USC Section 252(i) and 47 C.F.R. Section 51.809, BellSouth shall make available the entire Interconnection Agreement filed and approved pursuant to 47 USC Section 252.

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

This 10th day of JAN, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

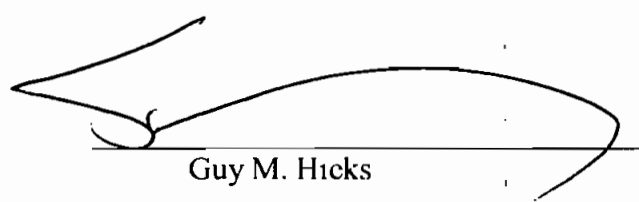
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 10th day of JAN, 2006:

Business Telecom, Inc.
General Counsel
4300 Six Forks Road
Raleigh, NC 27609


Guy M. Hicks

**Amendment to the Agreement
Between
Business Telecom, Inc.
and
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Dated March 25, 2003**

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI"), 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 25, 2003, ("Agreement") to be effective on date of last signature

WHEREAS, BellSouth and BTI entered into the Agreement on March 25, 2003, and,

WHEREAS, The Parties amended the Agreement effective November 12, 2005 to modify provisions pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Order on Remand (Triennial Review Remand Order), WC Docket No. 04-313, released February 4, 2005, and effective March 11, 2005,

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to reflect other changes as agreed upon by the parties,

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 additional TRRO USOCs to Exhibit A of Attachment 2-UNEs as set forth in Exhibit I of this Amendment, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated March 25, 2003, 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.

Business Telecom, Inc.

By Kristen E. Shore

By Jerry Watts

Name: Kristen E. Shore

Name: Jerry Watts

Title: Director

Title: Vice President

Date: 12/13/05

Date: December 13, 2005

UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - Florida																	
CATEGORY	RATE ELEMENTS	Inten m	Zone	BCS	USOC	RATES (\$)				Svc Order Submitted Elec per LSR	Svc Order Submitted Manually per LSR	Attachment 2		Exhibit A			
						Nonrecurring First	Add'l	Rec	Nonrecurring Disconnect First			Add'l	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 Add'l		
	UNBUNDLED EXCHANGE ACCESS LOOP																
	4-WIRE DS1 DIGITAL LOOP																
	FEEL to Designed UNE-L Conversion without outside dispatch, spreadsheet conversion per Loop			USL	UREEL		128.00		77.00								
	ADDITIONAL NETWORK ELEMENTS																
	Service Rearrangements																
	UNE Multiplexer Reconfiguration Charge per DS1 Circuit			UNCLX	URERC		35.00		35.00								

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UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - Louisiana													
CATEGORY	RATE ELEMENTS	Interf m	Zone	BCS	USOC	RATES (\$)				Attachment 2		Exhibit A	
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UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - North Carolina																
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UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS - Tennessee																	
CATEGORY	RATE ELEMENTS	Interm	Zone	BCS	USOC	RATES (\$)				Svc Order Submitted Elec per LSR		Attachment 2		Exhibit A			
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