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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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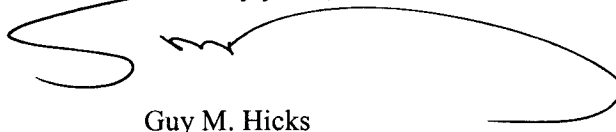
Re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom d/b/a Grapevine. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.*
Docket No. 06-00109

Dear Chairman Jones:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom d/b/a Grapevine and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") six paper copies and one electronic copy of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Stand Alone Interconnection Agreement dated August 15, 2005. The Amendment corrects the contract date in the TRRO Amendment and the Co-Carrier Amendment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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

Guy M. Hicks

cc: ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc., d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom d/b/a Grapevine, Regulatory Department

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and ITC^DeltaCom Communications, 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 ITC^DELTA COM D/B/A GRAPEVINE
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, ITC^DeltaCom ("ITC^DeltaCom") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated August 15, 2004 (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, ITC^DeltaCom and BellSouth state the following:

1. ITC^DeltaCom and BellSouth entered into good faith negotiations pursuant to the Act to negotiate an interconnection agreement to replace the existing interconnection agreement dated April 24, 2001 which expired June 30, 2003 ("Expired Interconnection Agreement").

2. ITC^DeltaCom and BellSouth are currently involved in an arbitration proceeding before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

3. The parties entered into a Stand Alone Interconnection Agreement dated August 15, 2004 which was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on October 11, 2004.

4. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Stand Alone Interconnection Agreement which amends the contract date in the TRRO Amendment and the CO-Carrier Amendment. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

4. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, ITC^DeltaCom 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.

5. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom 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.

6. ITC^DeltaCom and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

7. 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.

ITC^DeltaCom and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment between the parties.

This 20th day of April, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: 

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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 20th day of April, 2006:

ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc.
d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom d/b/a Grapevine
Regulatory Department
7037 Old Madison Pike; Suite 400
Huntsville, AL 35802


Guy M. Hicks

**Amendment to the Agreement
Between
ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom d/b/a Grapevine
and
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Dated August 15, 2004**

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom d/b/a Grapevine, ("ITC^DeltaCom"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated August 15, 2004 ("Agreement") to be effective on date of last signature.

WHEREAS, BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom entered into the Agreement on August 15, 2004, and;

WHEREAS, BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom have entered into good faith negotiations pursuant to the Act to negotiate an interconnection agreement ("New Interconnection Agreement") to replace the existing interconnection agreement between the Parties, which expired June 30, 2003 ("Expired Interconnection Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, until such time as the Parties execute the New Interconnection Agreement, BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom shall continue to operate under the rates, terms and conditions of the Expired Interconnection Agreements; and

WHEREAS, BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom are currently involved in an arbitration proceeding (the "Arbitration") before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to resolve any and all disputes which arose during the course of the negotiations; and

WHEREAS, BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom desire to correct administrative errors in various amendments to 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 delete and replace all occurrences of the date August 14, 2004 with August 15, 2004 as the execution date of the Agreement in the following Amendments.
 - TRRO Amendment dated November 12, 2005
 - Co-Carrier Cross Connect Amendment dated February 16, 2006
2. All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated August 15, 2004, 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: 

Name: Kristen E. Shore

Title: Director

Date: 3/10/06

**ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc.
d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom d/b/a Grapevine**

By: 

Name: Jerry Watts

Title: Vice President

Date: March 6, 2006