

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

August 21, 2006

IN RE:

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO
THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND
BIRCH TELECOM OF THE SOUTH, INC.

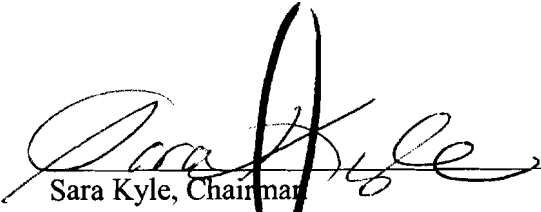
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ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT
TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

This matter came before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director Pat Miller and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on July 24, 2006 to consider the Petition for approval of the amendment to the interconnection agreement negotiated between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. filed on June 16, 2006.¹

Based upon a review of the amendment, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252, the Directors made findings consistent with those in the *Order Approving Interconnection Agreement* issued on December 12, 2000 in Docket No. 00-00904 and unanimously granted the Petition.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Sara Kyle, Chairman


Pat Miller, Director


Ron Jones, Director

¹ The original interconnection agreement was filed and approved in Docket No. 00-00904. Subsequent amendments were filed and approved in Docket Nos. 01-00074, 01-00421, 01-00632, 02-01013, 02-01109, 02-01295, 04-00145, 04-00209, 04-00299, 05-00005 and 05-00209.