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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Eddie Roberson  
Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

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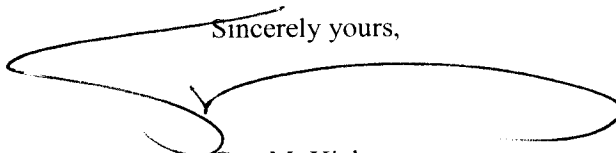
Re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.*  
Docket No. 08-00034

Dear Chairman Roberson:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the original plus six paper copies and one electronic copy of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated July 15, 2002. The Amendment extends the Term of the Agreement to April 10, 2010.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Guy M. Hicks

cc: Director -- Wireline Interconnection, Verizon Wireless  
Director of Regulatory, Interconnection, Verizon Wireless

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless 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 CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS**  
**PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

COME NOW, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated July 15, 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, Verizon Wireless and BellSouth state the following:

1. Verizon Wireless 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 Verizon Wireless.

2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which extends the Term of the Agreement to April 10, 2010. 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, Verizon Wireless 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 Verizon Wireless 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. Verizon Wireless and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

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

This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Feb, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: 

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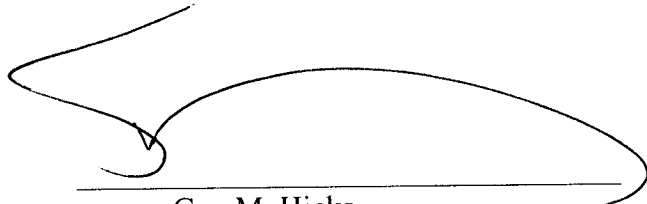
Attorney for BellSouth

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Guy M. Hicks, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail on the 29 day of Feb, 2008:

Verizon Wireless  
Attn: Director – Wireline Interconnection  
One Verizon Place  
Alpharetta, GA 30004

Verizon Wireless  
Attn: Director of Regulatory, Interconnection  
Suite 400  
1300 I Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20005



Guy M. Hicks

**Amendment to the Agreement  
Between  
Celleo Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
and  
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.,  
d/b/a AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana,  
AT&T Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T South Carolina and AT&T Tennessee  
Effective July 15, 2002**

Pursuant to this Amendment (the "Amendment"), Celleo Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana, AT&T Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T South Carolina and AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties", hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties effective July, 2002, for the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee (the "Agreement").

WHEREAS, AT&T and Verizon Wireless entered into the Agreement effective July 15, 2002, and:

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement in order to extend the term of 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 term of the Agreement shall be extended three (3) years from the date of Verizon Wireless's original request to extend the interconnection agreement and shall have an expiration date of April 10, 2010.
2. EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.
3. In entering into this Amendment, neither Party waives, and each Party expressly reserves, any rights, remedies or arguments it may have at law or under the intervening law or regulatory change provisions in the underlying Agreement (including intervening law rights asserted by either Party via written notice predating this Amendment) with respect to any orders, decisions, legislation or proceedings and any remands thereof, which the Parties may have not yet incorporated into the Agreement or which may be the subject of further review.
4. This Amendment shall be filed with and is subject to approval by the appropriate Public Utility Commission(s) and shall be effective upon approval by such Commission(s) (the "Effective Date").

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

Anderson CellTelCo, d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
By Celco Partnership, Its General Partner  
Athens Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
Bell Atlantic Mobile of Asheville, Inc. d/b/a  
Verizon Wireless  
Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
Dallas MTA, LP d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
By Verizon Wireless Texas, LLC, Its  
General Partner  
Fayetteville Cellular Telephone Company  
Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
By Celco Partnership, Its General Partner  
Gadsden CellTelCo Partnership d/b/a Verizon  
Wireless  
By Celco Partnership, Its General Partner  
GTE Mobilenet of Florence, Alabama  
Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
NC-2 LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
San Antonio MTA, L.P. d/b/a Verizon  
Wireless  
By Verizon Wireless Texas, LLC, Its  
General Partner  
Southwestco Wireless LP d/b/a Verizon  
Wireless  
By Southwestco Wireless, Inc., Its Managing  
Partner  
Tuscaloosa Cellular Partnership d/b/a Verizon  
Wireless  
By Celco Partnership, Its General Partner  
Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC d/b/a Verizon  
Wireless  
Verizon Wireless of the East LP d/b/a Verizon  
Wireless  
By Verizon Wireless of Georgia LLC, Its  
General Partner  
By Celco Partnership, Its Sole Member  
Verizon Wireless Personal Communications  
LP d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
Verizon Wireless Power Partners Inc. d/b/a  
Verizon Wireless  
Verizon Wireless Tennessee Partnership d/b/a  
Verizon Wireless  
By Celco Partnership, Its General Partner

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., by  
AT&T Operations, Inc., its authorized  
agent.

By:

Kathy Wilson-Chu

Name: Kathy Wilson-Chu

Title: Director

Date:

1/7/08

By:

Hans Leutenegger

Name: Hans Leutenegger

Title: Area Vice President - Network

Date:

2/21/08

GTE Wireless of the Midwest Incorporated  
d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
Kentucky RSA No. 1 Partnership d/b/a  
Verizon Wireless  
By Celco Partnership, Its General Partner  
New Par d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
By Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC, Its  
General Partner

By: 

Name: Beth Ann Drohan

Title: Area Vice President - Network

Date: 