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Chairman Tre Hargett
c/o Sharla Dillon, Dockets
and Records Manager
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. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee and Business Telecom, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.*
Docket No. 08-00166

Dear Chairman Hargett:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Business Telecom, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the original plus four paper copies and one electronic copy of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated March 25, 2003. The Amendment extends the term of the Agreement to January 14, 2011.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Guy M. Hicks

cc: General Counsel, Business Telecom, Inc.

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee 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.
D/B/A AT&T TENNESSEE AND BUSINESS TELECOM, INC.
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T"), 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 AT&T state the following:

1. BTI and AT&T have successfully negotiated an agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by AT&T and the resale of AT&T'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 extends the term of the Agreement to January 14, 2011. 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 AT&T 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(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between AT&T 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 AT&T 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, AT&T shall make available the entire Interconnection Agreement filed and approved pursuant to 47 USC Section 252.

BTI and AT&T respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment negotiated between the parties.

This 5th day of Sept, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
D/B/A AT&T TENNESSEE

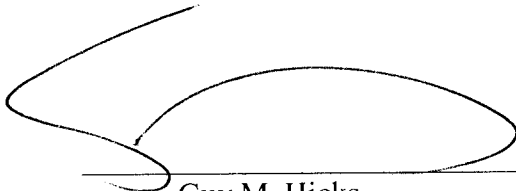
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 5th day of Sept, 2008:

Business Telecom, Inc.
General Counsel
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Raleigh, NC 27609


Guy M. Hicks

**AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT
OF 1996
BETWEEN
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
AND
BUSINESS TELECOM, INC.**

The Interconnection Agreement dated March 25, 2003 by and between 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") and Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI") ("Agreement") effective in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 2.1 of the General Terms and Conditions is amended by adding the following section:
 - 2.1.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section 2.1, the original expiration date of this Agreement, as modified by this Amendment, will be extended for a period of three (3) years from January 14, 2008 until January 14, 2011 (the "Extended Expiration Date"). The Agreement shall expire on the Extended Expiration Date; provided, however, that during the period from the effective date of this Amendment until the Extended Expiration Date, the Agreement may be terminated earlier either by written notice from BTI, by AT&T pursuant to the Agreement's early termination provisions, or by mutual agreement of the parties.
2. BTI acknowledges and agrees that it will amend the Agreement to reflect future changes of law, in conformity with the change of law provisions of the parties' underlying Agreement.
3. EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.
4. 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 have not yet fully incorporated into this Agreement or which may be the subject of further review.
5. This Amendment shall be filed with and is subject to approval by the Commissions and shall become effective "on the date of the last signature executing the Amendment".

Business Telecom, Inc.

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

By: _____

By: _____

Name: Jerry WattsName: Kristen E. ShoreTitle: Vice PresidentTitle: DirectorDate: July 7, 2008

Date: _____

	<u>OCN#</u>	<u>ACNA</u>		<u>OCN#</u>	<u>ACNA</u>
ALABAMA	<u>5883, 720B</u>	<u>BTM</u>	MISSISSIPPI	<u>5885, 724B</u>	<u>BTM</u>
FLORIDA	<u>8689, 721B</u>	<u>BTM</u>	NORTH CAROLINA	<u>7794, 7796 644B, 646B</u>	<u>BTM</u>
GEORGIA	<u>7797, 645B</u>	<u>BTM</u>	SOUTH CAROLINA	<u>8688, 647B</u>	<u>BTM</u>
KENTUCKY	<u>3831, 722B</u>	<u>BTM</u>	TENNESSEE	<u>4265, 725B</u>	<u>BTM</u>
LOUISIANA	<u>5884, 723B</u>	<u>BTM</u>			

PARENT OCN: 7795