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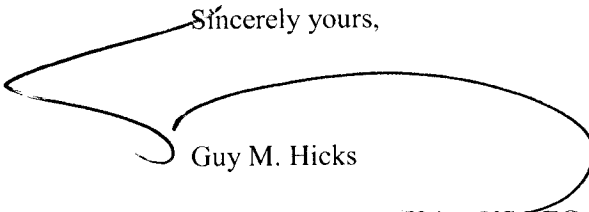
Re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee and US LEC of Tennessee Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.*
Docket No. 08-00171

Dear Chairman Hargett:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, US LEC of Tennessee 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 July 30, 2006. The Amendment relates to Primary Toll Carrier Arrangements and contains a revised signature page in accordance with a request from the Staff.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Guy M. Hicks

cc: Frank R. Hoffman, Jr., Director Regulatory and Industry Affairs, US LEC
Terry Romine, Deputy General Counsel, US LEC

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 US LEC of Tennessee 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 US LEC OF TENNESSEE INC.
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, US LEC of Tennessee Inc. ("US LEC") 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 July 30, 2006 (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, US LEC and AT&T state the following:

1. US LEC 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 US LEC. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on January 23, 2007.

2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which relates to Primary Toll Carrier Arrangements. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

approval. The Amendment provides that either or both of the parties are 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 AT&T and US LEC 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. US LEC 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 approved pursuant to 47 USC Section 252.

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

This 9th day of Sept, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: 

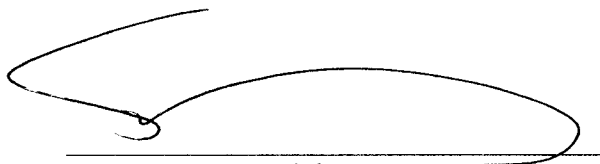
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 9th day of Sept, 2008:

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Terry Romine
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A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop followed by a horizontal line.

Guy M. Hicks

**Amendment to the Agreement
Between
US LEC of Tennessee Inc.
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
Dated July 30, 2006**

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), US LEC of Tennessee Inc. (US LEC), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated July 30, 2006 (Agreement) to be effective as of May 31, 2008 (Effective Date).

WHEREAS, AT&T and US LEC entered into the Agreement on July 30, 2006, and;

WHEREAS, The Parties executed an amendment effective on May 31, 2008, which contained an error in US LEC's legal name in the State of Tennessee (Voided Amendment) and the Parties desire to correct this error;

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 hereby agree that the Voided Amendment shall be deemed null and void as it pertains to the State of Tennessee and is replaced, for the State of Tennessee, with the terms contained in this Amendment.
2. The Parties hereby agree to add new Sections 8.8 through 8.8.1.1 to Attachment 3 – Network Interconnection, of the Agreement as follows:

8.8 Primary Toll Carrier Arrangements:

8.8.1 A Primary Toll Carrier (PTC) is a company that provides IntraLATA Toll Traffic Service for its own End User customers and potentially for a Third Party Independent Telephone Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier's (ICO's) End User customers. In this ICO arrangement, the PTC would receive the ICO End User IntraLATA toll traffic revenues. In AT&T GEORGIA, AT&T KENTUCKY, AT&T LOUISIANA, AT&T MISSISSIPPI, AT&T SOUTH CAROLINA, and/or AT&T TENNESSEE (herein known as AT&T) wherein Primary Toll Carrier arrangements currently exist, and AT&T is functioning as the PTC for a Third Party ICO's End User customers, the following provisions apply to the IntraLATA toll traffic which is subject to the PTC arrangement:

8.8.1.1 AT&T shall deliver such IntraLATA toll traffic that originated from a Third Party ICO and terminated to US LEC as the terminating carrier in accordance with the terms and

conditions of such PTC arrangements. Where AT&T is functioning as the PTC for a Third Party ICO's End User customers, the following provisions apply to the minutes of use terminating to US LEC. AT&T and US LEC will work cooperatively to develop a percentage factor reflecting the amount of state specific PTC ICO originated intraLATA toll minutes of use that are within the state specific total ICO originated minutes of use reflected in the monthly EMI 11-01-01 records provided to US LEC by AT&T. US LEC will apply this state specific percentage against the state specific total ICO originated EMI 11-01-01 minutes of use each month to determine the amount of PTC intraLATA toll minutes of use for which AT&T will compensate US LEC. Such percentage will be updated no more than twice each year, and any revised percentages will be applied prospectively. US LEC will invoice AT&T for PTC traffic as a separate line item on the US LEC invoice to AT&T that specifically describes the billing as for Primary Toll Carrier Traffic. AT&T will compensate US LEC for this PTC traffic as AT&T compensates US LEC for AT&T originated traffic as set forth in US LEC's Interconnection Agreement with AT&T. Compensation for PTC traffic will apply prospectively from the effective date of this amendment.

3. All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated July 30, 2006, shall remain in full force and effect.
4. 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.
5. 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.

US LEC of Tennessee Inc.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a
AT&T Tennessee

By: [Signature]

By: [Signature]

Name: J. J. Ambrosi
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Title: Director

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