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# **VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Chairman Eddie Roberson c/o Sharla Dillon, Dockets and Records Manager Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

filed electronically in docket office on 02/10/09

Re:

Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee and NOW Communications, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Docket No. 09-00020

DOCKET INO.

# Dear Chairman Roberson:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, NOW Communications, 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 February 19, 2006. The Amendment extends the Term of the Agreement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Guy M. Hicks

cc: Ken Bartiz, NOW Communications, Inc.

Marshall Howard, Contracts Administration, NOW Communications, 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 NOW 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 BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A AT&T TENNESSEE AND NOW COMMUNICATIONS, INC. PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, NOW Communications, Inc. ("NOW") 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 February 19, 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, NOW and AT&T state the following:

- 1. NOW 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 NOW. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on April 17, 2006.
- 2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which extends the term of the Agreement. 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, NOW 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 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 NOW 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 with the public interest, convenience and necessity.
- 5. NOW 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.

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

This  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  day of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., d/b/a AT&P Tennessee

By:\_\_\_\_

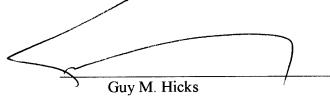
Guy M. Hicks 333 Commerce Street, Suite 2101 Nashville, Tennessee 37201-3300 (615) 214-6301 Attorney for AT&T

# 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 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2009:

Ken Baritz NOW Communications, Inc. and Cleartel Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a NOW Communications d/b/a VeraNet Solutions 2855 South Congress Avenue Delray Beach, Florida 33445

Contracts Administration
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NOW Communications, Inc. and Clea4rtel
Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a NOW Communications
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### **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

NOW COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

The Interconnection Agreement dated February 19, 2006 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 NOW Communications, Inc. and Cleartel Telecommunications, Inc. dba NOW Communications dba VeraNet Solutions ("NOW") ("Agreement") effective in the state(s) of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee is hereby amended as follows:

- 1. The Parties agree that <u>AT&T-9STATE</u> shall be defined as the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.
- Section 3.1 of the General Terms and Conditions is amended by adding the following section:
  - 3.1.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section 3.1, the original expiration date of this Agreement, as modified by this Amendment, will be extended for a period of three (3) years from 12/29/2008 until 12/ 29/2011 (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 NOW, by AT&T pursuant to the Agreement's early termination provisions, or by mutual agreement of the parties.
- 3. The Parties each acknowledge and agree that they will promptly amend the Agreement to reflect future changes of law as and when they may arise.
- 4. EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.
- 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.
- 6. This Amendment shall be filed with and is subject to approval by the Commission(s) and shall become effective on the date of the last signature executing the Amendment.

### AMENDMENT TO EXTEND TERM DATE/AT&T-9STATE SIGNATURE PAGE NOW **VERSION - 09/24/08**

**NOW Communications, Inc. and Cleartel** Telecommunications, Inc. dba NOW Communications d/b/a VeraNet Solutions

Name:

Title:

PRES, Day 17 (Print or Type)

Date:

12-16-08

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 AT&T Operations, Inc., its Authorized Agent

By:

Name:

Title: Director

Date:

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ALABAMA	9315	Non	MISSISSIPPI	9392
FLORIDA	4353	NOW	NORTH CAROLINA	9317
GEORGIA	3788	NOW	SOUTH CAROLINA	9318
KENTUCKY	9360	Now	TENNESSEE	9444
LOUISIANA	9316	Now		