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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

Re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee and CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.*  
Docket No. 09-00023

Dear Chairman Roberson:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee 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 March 1, 2006. The Amendment extends the Term of the Agreement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Guy M. Hicks

cc: James N.C. Moffat, CommuniGroup of Jackson, 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 CommuniGroup of Jackson, 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 COMMUNIGROUP OF JACKSON, INC.**  
**PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

COME NOW, CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc. ("CommuniGroup") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated effective March 1, 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, CommuniGroup and AT&T state the following:

1. CommuniGroup 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 CommuniGroup. 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, CommuniGroup 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 CommuniGroup 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. CommuniGroup 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.

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

This 10th day of Feb., 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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 10th day of Feb., 2009:

James N.C. Moffat  
CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc.  
700 South West Street  
Jackson, MS 39201

  
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**

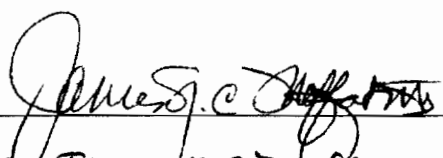
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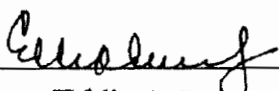
The Interconnection Agreement dated March 1, 2006 by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana, AT&T Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T South Carolina and AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") and CommuniGroup of Jackson, Inc. ("CommuniGroup") ("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 **AT&T-9STATE** shall be defined as the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.
2. 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 February 28, 2009 until February 28, 2012 (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 CommuniGroup, by AT&T pursuant to the Agreement's early termination provisions, or by mutual agreement of the parties.
3. CommuniGroup acknowledges and agrees that it 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.
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.
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.

CommuniGroup of Jackson, 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:   
Name: JAMES N. C. MOFFAT, III  
(Print or Type)  
Title: Executive Vice President  
(Print or Type)  
Date: 1/06/2009

By:   
Name: Eddie A. Reed, Jr.  
Title: Director - Interconnection Agreements  
Date: 1-21-09

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