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Chairman Sara Kyle
c/o Sharla Dillon, Dockets
and Records Manager
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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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 MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.*
Docket No. 09-00197

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority two paper copies and one electronic copy of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated effective November 5, 2006. The Amendment extends the Term of the Agreement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Guy M. Hicks

cc: Chief Network Counsel, MCI, Inc.
Director National Carrier Contracts and Initiatives, MCI, Inc.
Senior Manager Carrier Agreements, MCI, 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 MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC 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 MCImetro ACCESS TRANSMISSION
SERVICES LLC PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC ("MCI") 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 effective November 5, 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, MCI and AT&T state the following:

1. MCI 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 MCI. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on January 8, 2007.

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, MCI 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 MCI 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. MCI 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.

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

This 8th day of Dec, 2009.

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 and facsimile on the 8th day of Dec, 2009:

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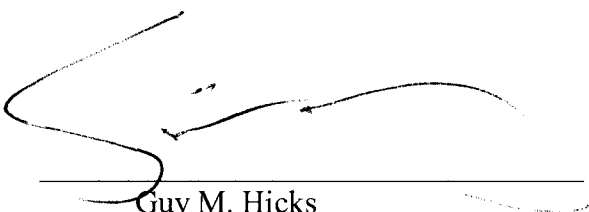
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**AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996
BETWEEN
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
d/b/a AT&T TENNESSEE
AND
MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES LLC**

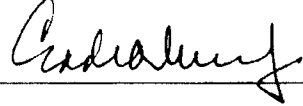
The Interconnection Agreement effective November 5, 2006 by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC ("MCIm") ("Agreement") effective in the State of Tennessee is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 2 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 term of this Agreement, as modified by this Amendment, will be extended and shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years from November 5, 2009 until November 4, 2012, and thereafter as set forth in the Agreement.
2. AT&T and MCIm acknowledge and agree that the Agreement is, and shall remain, subject to intervening changes in law in accordance with Section 12 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement.
3. EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT (INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO) 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 Tennessee Regulatory Authority and shall become effective ten (10) days following approval by such Commission.

MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T
Tennessee by AT&T Operations, Inc., its authorized
agent

By: 

By: 

Name: **Peter H. Reynolds**
(Print or Type)

Name: Eddie A. Reed, Jr.

Title: *Director*
(Print or Type)

Title: Director-Interconnection Agreements

Date: *Nov 06, 2009*

Date: *11-11-09*

Resale OCN # 7229, 7826, 7278, 7149 and 7221

UNE OCN # 7229, 7227 and 7149

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