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Hon. Sara Kyle, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37238

Re:

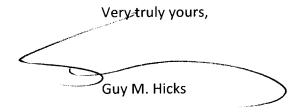
Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee and Lifeconnex Telecom, LLC fka Swiftel, LLC Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No. <u>10-00024</u>

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced docket are the original and four copies of the Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee and Lifeconnex Telecom, LLC fka Swiftel, LLC. The Amendments reflect the name change and notice information from Swiftel LLC to Lifeconnex Telecom, LLC.

AT&T Tennessee respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the Authority's next Conference Agenda.



### BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY Nashville, Tennessee

In re:

Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. dba AT&T Tennessee and Lifeconnex Telecom, LLC fka Swiftel, LLC Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket	No.		

## PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. DBA AT&T TENNESSEE AND LIFECONNEX TELECOM, LLC

COME NOW, Lifeconnex Telecom, LLC fka Swiftel LLC ("Lifeconnex") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., dba AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T"), and file this request for approval of the Amendments to the Interconnection Agreement dated February 8, 2010 (the "Amendments"), negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, Lifeconnex and AT&T state the following:

- 1. Lifeconnex and AT&T have recently 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 Lifeconnex. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on March 9, 2009.
- 2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which reflects the name change from Swiftel, LLC to Lifeconnex Telecom, LLC. The parties have also recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which changes notice information from

Swiftel, LLC to Lifeconnex due to the corporate name change. Copies of the Amendments are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

- 3. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Lifeconnex and AT&T are submitting their Amendments to the TRA for its consideration and approval. The Amendments provide that either or both of the parties are authorized to submit the Amendments 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 Amendments between AT&T and Lifeconnex 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. Lifeconnex and AT&T aver that the Amendments are 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.

Lifeconnex and AT&T respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendments negotiated between the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. DBA AT&T TENNESSEE

By:

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VERSION – 02/02/10

# AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT 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 SWIFTEL, LLC

Pursuant to this Amendment, 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 Swiftel, LLC (Swiftel), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties", agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated June 28, 2007 ("Agreement") to be effective the date of the last signature.

**WHEREAS**, Swiftel has changed the name of said business to Lifeconnex Telecom, LLC (Lifeconnex), and shall apply to the State(s) of Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina and Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the Parties desire that the Interconnection Agreement be amended to reflect the correct corporate entity name.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants 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 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.
- 2. The name of Swiftel in the Interconnection Agreement is hereby deleted throughout the Interconnection Agreement and replaced with Lifeconnex Telecom, LLC.
- 3. 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.
- All of the other provisions of the Interconnection Agreement, dated June 28, 2007, shall remain in full force and effect.
- 4. Either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to each Public Service Commission for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

#### AMENDMENT - SIMPLE NAME CHANGE/AT&T-9STATE SWIFTEL VERSION - 02/02/10

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#### AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SWIFTEL, LLC 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

This Amendment (the "Amendment") amends the Interconnection Agreement by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.¹ 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-9STATE") and Swiftel, LLC ("CLEC"). AT&T-9STATE and CLEC are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party". This Amendment applies in AT&T's service territory in the State(s) of Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina and Tennessee.

WHEREAS, <u>AT&T-9 STATE</u> and CLEC are Parties to an Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), Effective June 28, 2007 and as subsequently amended (the "Agreement");

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises and mutual agreements set forth herein, the Parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

- 1. <u>AT&T-9STATE</u> shall be defined as the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.
- 2. The Parties agree to delete and replace in its entirety Section 20 of the General Terms and Conditions with the following:
  - 20.1 Notices given by one Party to the other Party under this Agreement shall be in writing (unless specifically provided otherwise herein), and unless otherwise expressly required by this Agreement to be delivered to another representative or point of contact, shall be pursuant to at least one of the following methods:
    - 20.1.1 delivered personally, delivered by express delivery service or mailed via certified mail or first class U.S. Postal Service, with postage prepaid and a return receipt requested.
    - 20.1.2 delivered by facsimile provided CLEC and/or <u>AT&T-9STATE</u> has provided such information in Section 20.3 below.
  - 20.2 Notices will be deemed given as of the earliest of:
    - 20.2.1 the date of actual receipt:
    - 20.2.2 the next Business Day when sent via express delivery service;
    - 20.2.3 five (5) calendar days after mailing in the case of first class or certified U.S. Postal Service; or
    - 20.2.4 on the date set forth on the confirmation produced by the sending facsimile machine when delivered by facsimile prior to 5:00 p.m. in the recipient's time zone, but the next Business Day when delivered by facsimile at 5:00 p.m. or later in the recipient's time zone.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. is now doing business in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee as 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, respectively.

20.3 Notices will be addressed to the Parties as follows:

NOTICE CONTACT	CLEC CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Edward Heard/General Manager
STREET ADDRESS	13700 Perdido Key Dr., Suite 222
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Perdido Key, FL 32507
FACSIMILE NUMBER	850-429-1227
PHONE NUMBER*	850-450-5544

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NAME/TITLE	Contract Management ATTN: Notices Manager
STREET ADDRESS	311 S. Akard St. 9 <sup>th</sup> floor
STREET ADDRESS	Four AT&T Plaza
CITY,STATE, ZIP CODE	Dallas, TX 75202-5398
FACSIMILE NUMBER	(214) 464-2006

<sup>\*</sup>Informational only and not to be considered as an official notice vehicle under this Section.

- 20.4 Either Party may unilaterally change its designated contact name, address, and/or facsimile number for the receipt of notices by giving written Notice to the other Party in compliance with this Section. Any Notice to change the designated contact name, address, and/or facsimile number for the receipt of Notices shall be deemed effective ten (10) calendar days following receipt by the other Party.
- 20.5 <u>AT&T-9STATE</u> communicates official information to CLECs via its Accessible Letter or other applicable notification processes. These processes involve electronic transmission and/or posting to the AT&T CLEC Online website, inclusive of a variety of subjects including changes on business processes and policies, and other product/service related notices not requiring an amendment to this 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 not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the underlying Agreement, but rather, shall be coterminous with such Agreement.
- 6. This Amendment shall be filed with and is subject to approval by the State Commission and shall become effective ten (10) days following approval by such Commission.

#### AMENDMENT - NOTICES CHANGE/AT&T-9STATE **SWIFTEL** VERSION - 10/07/09

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

Signature: Edward Hears

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Name:

Eddie A. Reed, Jr.

Title:

Director - Interconnection Agreements

Date: FEBRUARY 4, 2010

Date: 2-8-/0

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on February 12, 2010, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the following, via the method indicated:

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Edward Heard, General Manager Lifeconnex Telecom, LLC 13700 Perdido Key Dr., 3222 Perdido Key, FL 32507

