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Hon. Mary Freeman, Chairman
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 Nextel South Corp. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. 11-00071

Dear Chairman Freeman:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced docket are the original and one copy of the *Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee and Nextel South Corp.*

The Amendment extends the term of the parties' existing agreement.

AT&T Tennessee respectfully requests that the Authority approve the Agreement.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. dba AT&T Tennessee and Nextel South Corp. 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.
DBA AT&T TENNESSEE AND NEXTEL SOUTH CORP.**

COME NOW, Nextel South Corp. ("Nextel") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., dba AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, Nextel and AT&T state the following:

1. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which extends the term of its existing agreement. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
2. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Nextel and AT&T are submitting their Agreement to the TRA for its consideration and approval.
3. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Agreement between AT&T and Nextel 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.

4. Nextel and AT&T aver that the Agreement is consistent with the standards for approval.

5. 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.

Nextel and AT&T respectfully request that the TRA approve the Agreement negotiated between the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
DBA AT&T TENNESSEE

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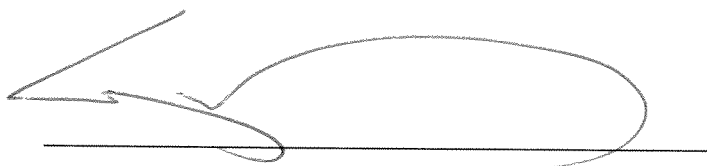
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**AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
NEXTEL SOUTH CORP.
AND
BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A AT&T TENNESSEE**

Pursuant to this Amendment (the "Amendment") Nextel South Corp., a Georgia corporation ("Nextel"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T Tennessee"), a Georgia corporation, hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" hereby agree to amend that certain 2001 AT&T/Sprint Agreement including Amendments as adopted pursuant to the Parties' Agreement effective May 19, 2008 (collectively "the Adopted 2001 AT&T-Sprint Agreement" or "Agreement").

WHEREAS, Nextel and AT&T Tennessee agree to amend the Adopted 2001 AT&T-Sprint Agreement as set forth herein;

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, Nextel and AT&T Tennessee hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The Parties agree to delete Section 2.1, General Terms and Conditions – Part A in its entirety and replace it with the following:

2. Term of the Agreement

2.1 This Agreement is extended and shall expire as of March 1, 2013. Upon mutual agreement of the Parties, the term of this Agreement may be extended. If, as of the expiration of this Agreement, a Subsequent Agreement (as defined in Section 3.1 below) has not been executed by the Parties, this Agreement shall continue on a month-to-month basis.

2. The Parties agree to delete Section 3.1, General Terms and Conditions – Part A in its entirety and replace it with the following:

3. Renewal

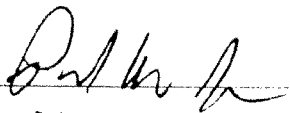
3.1 Nextel, but not BellSouth, may request the commencement of negotiations for a Subsequent Agreement at any time between three hundred sixty five (365) and one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of this Agreement. Either Nextel or BellSouth may request the commencement of negotiations for a Subsequent Agreement between one hundred and eighty (180) days and one hundred sixty (160) days prior to the expiration of this Agreement.

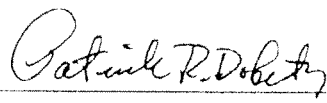
3. Either or both of the Parties shall submit the conforming ICA Amendment to the appropriate Commission for approval subject to section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Said amendments shall be filed with and are subject to approval by the appropriate Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have, on the day and year written below, executed this Agreement through their authorized representatives.

Nextel South Corp.

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

By: 
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