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Hon. Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37238

Re:

Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by

AT&T Tennessee and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

Docket No. 12-00081

Dear Chairman Hill:

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 AT&T Tennessee and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC.

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

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## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY Nashville, Tennessee

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## PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN AT&T TENNESSEE AND NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC

AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("Cingular") file this request for approval of 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, Cingular and AT&T state the following:

- 1. Cingular and AT&T have 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 Cingular.
- 2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which implements bill-and-keep arrangements for all IntraMTA traffic between the parties. 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, Cingular and AT&T are submitting their Agreement to the TRA for its consideration and approval.
- 4. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Agreement between AT&T and Cingular 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. Cingular and AT&T aver that the Agreement 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

AT&T TENNESSEE

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# Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC 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, AT&T Tennessee

#### **RECITALS**

This Amendment (the "Amendment") amends the Agreement by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC 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, AT&T Tennessee, hereinafter referred to as "AT&T", and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and the CMRS License Holders ("entities") listed in Exhibit A to the Agreement ("Carrier" or "Cingular"). AT&T and Carrier are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party".

WHEREAS, the Parties, or their predecessors in interest, previously entered into an Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement"), pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 251/252; and

WHEREAS, the list of CMRS License Holders ("entities") in Exhibit A to the Agreement is not current and should be revised to reflect only those entities currently licensed by the FCC; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") on November 18, 2011 (FCC 11-161), and as amended by the FCC on December 23, 2011 (FCC 11-189), the FCC provided that bill-and-keep shall be the default compensation arrangement between the Parties for the exchange of all IntraMTA traffic, and when requested before July 1, 2012, shall become effective July 1, 2012, and that this is to be considered a change of law; and

WHEREAS AT&T Mobility elects to apply a bill-and-keep arrangement to all IntraMTA traffic between the Parties; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement contains a "change of law" provision that authorizes the Parties to amend the Agreement to comport with a change in law; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to provide for a bill-and-keep arrangement, for the exchange of all Intra-MTA traffic between them, such bill-and-keep arrangement to become effective July 1, 2012;

#### **AGREEMENT**

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

#### **Amendment Terms**

1. The Parties agree to revise Exhibit A to the Agreement to list only the following CMRS License Holders ("entities") as parties to the Agreement:

#### Alabama

Decatur RSA Limited Partnership

#### Florida

Orlando SMSA Limited Partnership Florida RSA no. 2B (Indian River) Limited Partnership

#### Georgia

Northeastern Georgia RSA Limited Partnership Georgia RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership

#### Louisiana

Lafayette MSA Limited Partnership Acadiana Cellular General Partnership Louisiana RSA No. 8 Limited Partnership Houma – Thibodeaux Cellular Partnership

#### Tennessee

Chattanooga MSA Limited Partnership

2. The Parties agree to include the following definition of IntraMTA Traffic:

"IntraMTA Traffic" means traffic which, at the beginning of the call, originates and terminates within the same MTA and is exchanged between the customer, also referred to as "end user", "customer" or "Customer" of AT&T\_and Carrier's (Cingular's) customer, also referred to as "end user", "customer" or "Customer". All references to Local Traffic and/or local traffic in the Agreement are hereby replaced by the term "IntraMTA Traffic".

3. From July 1, 2012, forward, all IntraMTA traffic exchanged between the Parties over Type 2A, Type 2B or Type 1 interconnection trunks and facilities shall be exchanged pursuant to a bill-and-keep arrangement, which means that neither Party shall charge the other for the transport and termination of the other Party's traffic.

- 4. In accordance with the schedule in FCC Order 11-161, effective July 1, 2012, for terminating intrastate or interstate InterMTA Traffic, i.e. non-IntraMTA Traffic, Carrier shall pay a blended rate that consists of the average of AT&T's intrastate and interstate rates for the switched network access service rate elements, on a per minute of use basis, which are set forth in each, AT&T 's Intrastate Access Services Tariff, and Interstate Access Services Tariff, as those tariffs may be amended from time to time. This provision does not apply to transit traffic.
- 5. The Parties agree to replace the CMRS Local Interconnection Rates (Per Minute of Use) for Type 2A, Type 1 and Type 2B and the Type 2B Surrogate Usage Rates in Attachment B of the Agreement with the rates contained in Exhibit A attached hereto. IntraMTA Traffic will continue to be referenced as Section 251(b)(5) Calls Transport and Termination in Exhibit A. In all other respects, Attachment B shall remain the same.
- 6. The Parties agree that the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall apply only to CMRS traffic that, at the beginning of the call, originates from or terminates to a wireless handset via the Carrier.
- 7. There shall be no retroactive application of any provision of this Amendment prior to the Effective Date of an adopting Carrier's agreement.
- 8. 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.
- 9. This Amendment shall not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the underlying Agreement, but rather, shall be coterminous with such Agreement.
- 10. This Amendment shall be effective July 1, 2012.
- 11. This Amendment shall remain effective as long as the Agreement remains effective between the Parties.
- 12. The provisions of this Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representatives.
- 13. Except as expressly set forth herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect without change.

The Parties, intending to be legally bound, have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, Decatur RSA Limited Partnership, Orlando SMSA Limited Partnership, Florida RSA No. 2B (Indian River) Limited Partnership, Northeastern Georgia RSA Limited Partnership, Georgia RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership, Lafayette MSA Limited Partnership, Acadiana Cellular General Partnership Louisiana RSA No. 8 Limited Partnership, Houma-Thibodeaux Cellular Partnership, Chattanooga MSA Limited Partnership

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a
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Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T
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Carolina and AT&T Tennessee, by
AT&T Services, Inc., its authorized agent

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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