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Hon. Herbert Hilliard, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
502 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by
AT&T Tennessee and Business Telecom, Inc.*
Docket No. 14-00143

Dear Chairman Hilliard:

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 Business Telecom, Inc.* ("Business Telecom").

In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Agreement between AT&T Tennessee and Business Telecom 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. Business Telecom and AT&T Tennessee aver that the Agreement is consistent with the standards for approval.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Paul Stinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "P" and "S".

Paul Stinson

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by AT&T Tennessee and Business Telecom, Inc.*

Docket No. _____

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN
AT&T TENNESSEE AND BUSINESS TELECOM, INC.**

AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") and Business Telecom, Inc. ("Business Telecom") 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, Business Telecom and AT&T state the following:

1. Business Telecom 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 Aero. A copy of the Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which addresses rates and terms for Local Interconnection (Call Transport and Termination). 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, Business Telecom 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 Business Telecom 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. Business Telecom 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.

Business Telecom 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
BETWEEN
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC d/b/a AT&T TENNESSEE
AND
BUSINESS TELECOM, INC.



Signature: eSigned - Jeanne DaleSignature: eSigned - William A. BockelmanName: eSigned - Jeanne Dale
(Print or Type)Name: eSigned - William A. Bockelman
(Print or Type)Title: VP Vendor Relations & Access Regulatory
(Print or Type)Title: Director
(Print or Type)Date: 18 Nov 2014Date: 18 Nov 2014**Business Telecom, Inc.****BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T
TENNESSEE by AT&T Services, Inc., its authorized
agent**

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TENNESSEE	7796	7795	7795

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**AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
BUSINESS TELECOM, INC.
AND
BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC d/b/a AT&T TENNESSEE**

This Amendment (the "Amendment") amends the Interconnection Agreement by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T Tennessee") and Business Telecom, Inc. ("CLEC"). AT&T Tennessee and CLEC are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party".

WHEREAS, AT&T Tennessee and CLEC are parties to an Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), dated October 10, 2011, and as subsequently amended (the "Agreement"); and

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

1. The Amendment is composed of the foregoing recitals, the terms and conditions, contained within, and Exhibit A and Exhibit B Pricing Sheet immediately following, all of which are hereby incorporated in this Amendment by this reference and constitute a part of this Amendment.
2. The Parties agree to add the following definition to the General Terms and Conditions of the Agreement:
"AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE" – means the AT&T owned ILEC doing business in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.
3. The Parties agree to add Exhibit A Intercarrier Compensation for Wholesale Local Switching as Exhibit F to Attachment 3 of the Agreement.
4. The Parties agree to add the rates for Local Interconnection (Call Transport and Termination) for Wholesale Local Switching in **AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE** as set forth in Exhibit B, the AT&T Pricing Sheet(s) for the State(s) of Tennessee.
5. The Parties agree to replace Section 7.0 of the Interconnection Adoption Agreement with the following language:

7.0 Notices

- 7.1 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:

- 7.1.1 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.
- 7.1.2 delivered by facsimile provided CLEC and/or AT&T Tennessee has provided such information in Section 7.3 below.
- 7.1.3 delivered by electronic mail (email) provided CLEC and/or AT&T Tennessee has provided such information in Section 7.3 below.

7.2 Notices will be deemed given as of the earliest of:

- 7.2.1 the date of actual receipt;
- 7.2.2 the next Business Day when sent via express delivery service;
- 7.2.3 five (5) calendar days after mailing in the case of first class or certified U.S. Postal Service; or
- 7.2.4 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.

7.2.5 notice by email shall be effective on the date it is officially recorded as delivered by delivery receipt and in the absence of such record of delivery, it shall be presumed to have been delivered on the date sent to CLEC by AT&T Tennessee.

7.3 Notices will be addressed to the Parties as follows:

NOTICE CONTACT	CARRIER CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	John T. Ambrosi Director, Access Regulatory Management EarthLink
STREET ADDRESS	330 Monroe Avenue
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Rochester, NY 14607
PHONE NUMBER*	(585) 465-5481
FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A
EMAIL ADDRESS	john.ambrosi@elink.com

	AT&T CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Contract Management ATTN: Notices Manager
STREET ADDRESS	311 S. Akard St., 19th Floor Four AT&T Plaza
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Dallas, TX 75202-5398
FACSIMILE NUMBER	214-712-5792
EMAIL ADDRESS	The current email address as provided on AT&T's CLEC Online website

*Informational only and not to be considered as an official notice vehicle under this Section.

7.4 Either Party may unilaterally change its designated contact name, address, email address, and/or facsimile number for the receipt of Notices by giving written Notice to the other Party in compliance with this Section 7.4. Unless explicitly stated otherwise, any change to the designated contact name, address, email address, and/or facsimile number will replace such information currently on file. Any Notice to change the designated contact name, address, email address, and/or facsimile number for the receipt of Notices shall be deemed effective ten (10) calendar days following receipt by the other Party.

7.5 AT&T Tennessee communicates official information to CARRIERS 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 declaration of a force majeure, changes on business processes and policies, and other product/service related notices not requiring an amendment to this Agreement.

6. EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

7. Reservation of Rights. 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.

8. This Amendment shall not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the underlying Agreement, but rather, shall be coterminous with such Agreement.
9. 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.

1.0 Intercarrier Compensation for Wholesale Local Switching Traffic

- 1.1 Where CLEC purchases local switching from AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE either on a stand alone basis or in combination pursuant to the terms of a separately negotiated commercial agreement (herein after referred to as "Wholesale Local Switching" or "switching on a wholesale basis"), CLEC shall establish agreements with and will deal directly with Third Party carriers, such as independent companies, ILECs, CMRS or wireless carriers and other CLECs, for purposes of reciprocal compensation for calls originated by or terminated to the End Users served by such arrangements. AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE is required to provide CLEC with timely, complete and correct information to enable CLEC to meet the requirements of this Section.
- 1.2 The following intercarrier compensation terms shall apply to all traffic exchanged between AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE and CLEC when CLEC purchases Wholesale Local Switching.
- 1.2.1 For calls terminating to third parties, such as other CLECs, wireless carriers and independent companies, CLEC shall establish agreements with and will deal directly with third party carriers for purposes of intercarrier compensation for calls originated by or terminated to the End Users served by such arrangements. If CLEC does not have such an agreement with a third party carrier and AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE is charged termination charges by a third party terminating a call originated by CLEC, or if such third party carrier bills AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE for terminating such calls, despite the existence of such an agreement, then AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE may, at its option:
- 1.2.1.1 Pay such charges as billed by the third party carrier and charge End Office Switching or its equivalent to CLEC as set forth in the pricing schedule; or
- 1.2.1.2 Pay such charges as billed by the third party carrier and CLEC will reimburse the full amount of such charges within thirty (30) days of AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE's request for reimbursement.
- 1.2.2 The following reciprocal compensation terms shall apply to all traffic exchanged between AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE and CLEC when CLEC purchases local switching from AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE on a wholesale basis.
- 1.2.2.1 For intra-switch Wholesale Local Switching Traffic exchanged between AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE and CLEC, the Parties agree to impose no call termination charges pertaining to reciprocal compensation on each other.
- 1.2.3 For inter switch 7 or 10-digit dialed Wholesale Local Switching Traffic originated by CLEC, intercarrier compensation shall apply as follows:
- 1.2.3.1 For inter switch Wholesale Local Switching Traffic exchanged between AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE and CLEC where CLEC's End User originates a call that is terminated to an AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE End User or to an End User served by AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE resold services in the AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE area, CLEC shall compensate AT&T for such traffic at the End Office Switching rate or its equivalent as set forth in the Pricing Schedule.
- 1.2.3.2 For calls originated by a third party and terminating to CLEC where such CLEC purchases Wholesale Local Switching from AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE to provide service to its End User, AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE shall charge the originating third party for End Office Switching or its equivalent as set forth in the Pricing Schedule at the terminating end office. AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE shall not charge the terminating CLEC for End Office Switching or its equivalent at the terminating end office.
- 1.2.4 For inter switch 7 or 10-digit dialed Wholesale Local Switching Traffic terminated by CLEC, intercarrier compensation shall apply as follows:
- 1.2.4.1 For calls originated by an AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE End User or by an End User served by AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE resold services, AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE shall not charge CLEC for End Office Switching at the terminating end office

for use of the network component; therefore, CLEC may not charge AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE intercarrier compensation or any other charges for termination of such calls.

- 1.2.4.2 For calls originated by a third party CLEC where such CLEC purchases Wholesale Local Switching from AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE to provide service to its End User, AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE shall not charge CLEC for End Office Switching at the terminating end office for use of the network component; therefore, CLEC shall not charge the originating third party or AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE intercarrier compensation or any other charges for termination of such calls.
- 1.2.5 For intraLATA 1+ dialed Wholesale Local Switching Traffic terminating to CLEC where the originating carrier uses AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE's Carrier Identification Code (CIC) for its End User's LPIC, then intercarrier compensation shall apply as follows:
 - 1.2.5.1 For calls originated by an AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE End User or by an End User served by AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE resold services, AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE shall charge CLEC for End Office Switching or its equivalent as set forth in the Pricing Schedule at the terminating end office for use of the end office switching network components used in terminating such calls. CLEC may charge AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE for intercarrier compensation at the rate for End Office Switching or its equivalent as set forth in the Pricing Schedule. CLEC shall not charge originating or terminating switched access rates to AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE for termination of those calls.
- 1.2.6 For intraLATA 1+ dialed Wholesale Local Switching Traffic originated by CLEC where CLEC uses AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE Carrier Identification Code (CIC) for its End User's Local Preferred Interexchange Carrier (LPIC), intercarrier compensation shall apply as follows:
 - 1.2.6.1 For calls terminating to AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE or to an End User served by AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE resold services, AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE shall charge CLEC for End Office Switching or its equivalent as set forth in the Pricing Schedule.
 - 1.2.6.2 For calls terminating to a third party LEC where such LEC is utilizing AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE Wholesale Local Switching to provide service to its End User, AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE shall charge CLEC for End Office Switching or its equivalent as set forth in the Pricing Schedule. AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE will not charge the terminating LEC for End Office Switching at the terminating end office. In the event that AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE is charged terminating charges by the LEC, AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE may pay such charges and CLEC will reimburse AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE the full amount of such charges within thirty (30) days following AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE's request for reimbursement.
- 1.2.7 For calls originated by or terminating to interexchange carriers (IXCs) through a switched access service arrangement, CLEC may bill the IXC in accordance with the CLEC's tariff and will not bill AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE any charges for such calls. CLEC shall pay AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE applicable charges for the use of AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE's network in accordance with the rates set forth in the Pricing Schedule.

PRICING SHEETS

Attachment	State	Product	Rate Element Description	COS (Class of Service)	USOC	Zone	Monthly Recurring Charge (MRC)	Non- Recurring Charge (NRC) First	Non- Recurring Charge (NRC) Additional	Per Unit
2	TN	LOCAL INTERCONNECTION (CALL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION) FOR WHOLESALE LOCAL SWITCHING IN AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE	End Office Switching (Port Usage) - End Office Switching Function, Per MOU				0.0008041			MOU

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 20, 2014, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the following, via the method indicated:

- ☐ Hand
- ☐ Mail
- ☐ Facsimile
- ☐ Overnight
- ☒ Electronic

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