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March 4, 2015

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

> Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by Re:

AT&T Tennessee and Level 3 Communications, LLC

Docket No. 15-00031

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 Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3").

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 Level 3 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. Level 3 and AT&T Tennessee aver that the Agreement is consistent with the standards for approval.

The amendment provides for the commingling of wirelines and wireless traffic on the same trunk, provided the TRA authorizes the comingling of such traffic

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

Very truly yours,

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 Level 3 Communications, LLC

Docket No. 15-00022

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN AT&T TENNESSEE AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") and Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3") 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, Level 3 and AT&T

state the following:

1. Level 3 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 Level 3. A copy of the Agreement is attached hereto

and incorporated herein by reference.

2. The parties have recently negotiated an amendment to the Agreement providing

for the commingling of wirelines and wireless traffic on the same trunk, provided the TRA

authorizes the comingling of such traffic.

3. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Level 3 and

AT&T are submitting their Agreement to the TRA for its consideration and approval.

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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 Level 3 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

5. Level 3 and AT&T aver that the Agreement is consistent with the standards for approval.

the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

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.

Level 3 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 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

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C.



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Signature: _	eSigned - Gary Black	Signature: _	eSigned - Kristen E. Shore
Name:	eSigned - Gary Black (Print or Type)	Name:	eSigned - Kristen E. Shore (Print or Type)
Title:	VP-Carrier Relations (Print or Type)	Title:	Executive Director-Regulatory (Print or Type)
Date:	(Print or Type)  18 Feb 2015  Date: 18 Feb 2015	18 Feb 2015	
Level 3 Co	mmunications, L.L.C.	BellSouth	Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a

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
and AT&T TENNESSEE by AT&T Services, Inc., its authorized agent

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### AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT 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 AND AT&T TENNESSEE

### AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C.

This Amendment (the "Amendment") amends the Interconnection 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 and AT&T TENNESSEE ("previously referred to as BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.) ("AT&T-9STATE") and Level 3 Communications, L.L.C. ("Level 3"). AT&T-9STATE and Level 3 are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party".

WHEREAS, <u>AT&T-9STATE</u> and Level 3 are parties to an Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), dated May 19, 2004 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. This Amendment is composed of the foregoing recitals, the terms and conditions contained herein, and Pricing Sheets 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 amend the Agreement to add sections 4.14 through 4.14.8 to Attachment 3, as follows:
  - Additional Level 3 Responsibilities where Level 3 is transporting 911 calls from wireless carrier or Commercial Mobile Radio Service providers. These provisions shall apply in addition to the above Facilities and Trunking responsibilities.
    - 4.14.1 "E911 Customer" means a municipality or other state or local government unit, of one (1) or more municipalities or other state or local government units to which authority has been lawfully delegated to administer the 911 system within their jurisdiction pertaining to the emergency systems, including the establishment of service specifications and granting of final approval (or denial) of service configurations that are or will be provided by Level 3, at a minimum, for emergency police and fire services through the use of one (1) telephone number, 911, rather than an individual PSAP. "Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)" means an answering location for 911 calls originating in a given area. The E911 Customer may designate a PSAP as primary or secondary, which refers to the order in which calls are directed for answering. Primary PSAPs answer calls; secondary PSAPs receive calls on a transfer basis. PSAPs are public safety agencies such as police, fire, emergency medical, etc., or a common bureau serving a group of such entities.

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- 4.14.2 Where Level 3 has existing trunk arrangements for the commingling of wireline and wireless traffic ("commingled") or places orders for new commingled trunk arrangements and/or augmentation from the Level 3 Switch and the applicable AT&T Selective Router, Level 3 certifies and attests that it has represented to each E911 Customer that wireline and wireless traffic types will be routed over the same common trunk group and assures that such certification and attestation is true and accurate. Therefore, the default routing will be the same for both traffic types, and that the E911 Customer has approved such commingled trunk arrangements.
- 4.14.3 Level 3 shall order a separate E911 Trunk Group from <u>AT&T-9STATE</u> for each county, default PSAP, or other geographic area that Level 3 serves when the E911 Customer for such county or geographic area has a specified varying default routing condition.
- 4.14.4 Where separate trunking is required by the E911 Customer, Level 3 shall order and maintain Type 2C Trunk Groups (as defined below) for E911 traffic that originates as wireless or Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") traffic destined for the appropriate E911 Selective Router; and it will order and maintain separate Trunk Groups for E911 traffic that originates as wireline traffic ("Wireline Trunk Groups") destined for the appropriate E911 Selective Router. Except as otherwise advised by Level 3 to <a href="AT&T-9STATE">AT&T-9STATE</a>, all Trunk Groups will be used for commingled traffic from other carriers. Applicable rates for E911 Trunks are commission approved and are set forth in the Pricing Sheet. Type 2C Trunk Groups provide a one-way terminating Trunk-Side connection between Level 3 and <a href="AT&T-9STATE">AT&T-9STATE</a>'s E911 Selective Router and are equipped to provide access to E911 services for wireless traffic.
  - 4.14.4.1 Level 3 may combine Type 2C Trunk Groups and Wireline Trunk Groups over the same DS1 facilities, provided that the facilities are obtained from the applicable Access Tariff. In addition, other than in <a href="AT&T CALIFORNIA">AT&T CALIFORNIA</a> and <a href="AT&T NEVADA">AT&T NEVADA</a>, the facilities must terminate directly into AT&T's E911 Selective Router (e.g., not through a Digital Access and Crossconnect System ("DACS")). In <a href="AT&T CALIFORNIA">AT&T CALIFORNIA</a> and <a href="AT&T NEVADA">AT&T NEVADA</a>, the DS1 facilities must connect to a predefined hub/multiplexer rather than directly to the E911 Selective Router.
- 4.14.5 Level 3 shall submit ASRs in accordance with <u>AT&T-9STATE</u>'s technical references located on AT&T's Prime Access and CLEC Online websites to order Type 2C Trunk Groups and Wireline Trunk Groups, respectively.
- 4.14.6 When Level 3 requests diverse facilities, <u>AT&T-9STATE</u> will provide such diversity where technically feasible, at standard tariff rates.
- 4.14.7 Level 3 is responsible for the resolution of all 911 issues that arise on the Level 3 Trunk Groups due to the commingling of E911 traffic. "Level 3 Trunk Group" means a group (set) of one or more 911 trunks (DS0 switch port, or DS0 channel on a DS1 switch port) from a Level 3 switch capable of transmitting Automatic Number Identification (ANI) associated with a call to 911 from Level 3 to AT&T-9STATE's Selective Router to the E-911 System. This includes Type 2C Trunk Groups and Wireline Trunk Groups.

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- 4.14.8 AT&T-9STATE shall not be liable to Level 3, its End Users or E911 calling parties, or any other parties or persons for any Loss arising out of the provision of E911 Service as set forth in this Amendment or for any errors, interruptions, defects, failures or malfunctions of E911 Service, including any and all equipment and data processing systems associated therewith. Therefore, in addition to the indemnification provisions set forth in the Agreement, Level 3 shall indemnify and hold AT&T-9STATE harmless against any Claim or Loss arising from the use of E911 Services provided herein. Notwithstanding the above, AT&T-9STATE's liability and potential damages, if any, for its recklessness or intentional misconduct, is not limited by any provision of this Amendment.
- 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) with respect to any orders, decisions, legislation or proceedings and any remands thereof.
- 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 Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee Commissions and shall become effective ten (10) days following approval by such Commissions.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on March 4, 2015, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the following, via the method indicated:		
[ ] Hand	Scott Seab, Esquire	
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