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VIA OVERNIGHT COURIER

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 Dukenet Communications, LLC*
Docket No. 1600089

Dear Chairman Hilliard:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced docket is the original *Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by AT&T Tennessee and Dukenet Communications, LLC* ("Dukenet"). As required, included with this filing is the \$50 filing fee made payable to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated amendment between AT&T Tennessee and Dukenet within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the TRA may only reject such an amendment if it finds that the amendment or any portion of the amendment discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the amendment or the implementation of the amendment or any portion of the amendment is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Dukenet and AT&T Tennessee aver that the amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

This Amendment implements the changes resulting from the FCC's Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, USF/ICC, and USTelecom Forbearance Orders.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard T. Howell/mr".

Richard T. Howell

RTH/mr
Enclosures

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by
AT&T Tennessee and Dukenet Communications, LLC*

Docket No. _____

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

AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") and Dukenet Communications, LLC ("Dukenet") 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, Dukenet and AT&T state the following:

1. Dukenet 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 Dukenet.
2. The parties have recently negotiated an amendment to the Agreement. The amendment implements *the changes resulting from the FCC's Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, USF/ICC and USTelecom Forbearance Orders*. 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, Dukenet 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 Amendment to the Agreement between AT&T and Dukenet 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. Dukenet 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.

Dukenet and AT&T respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment to the Agreement negotiated between the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

AT&T TENNESSEE

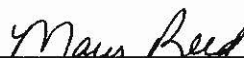
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 17, 2016, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the following, via the method indicated:

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

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AMENDMENT

BETWEEN

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC D/B/A AT&T ALABAMA,
AT&T GEORGIA, AT&T NORTH CAROLINA, AT&T SOUTH CAROLINA
AND AT&T TENNESSEE**

AND

DUKENET COMMUNICATIONS, LLC



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(Print or Type)Name: eSigned - William A. Bockelman
(Print or Type)Title: SVP, Network Ops Ctr & Support
(Print or Type)Title: Director
(Print or Type)Date: 17 Jun 2016Date: 23 Jun 2016

DukeNet Communications, LLC

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T
ALABAMA, AT&T GEORGIA, AT&T NORTH
CAROLINA, AT&T SOUTH CAROLINA and AT&T
TENNESSEE by AT&T Services, Inc., its authorized
agent

State	ULEC OCN	CLEC OCN
GEORGIA	8199	- - -
NORTH CAROLINA	9782	5232
SOUTH CAROLINA	9783	5233
TENNESSEE	645G	642G

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**AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
DUKENET COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
AND
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC D/B/A AT&T ALABAMA, AT&T GEORGIA, AT&T
NORTH CAROLINA, AT&T SOUTH CAROLINA AND AT&T TENNESSEE**

This amendment ("Amendment") amends the Interconnection Agreement by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T ALABAMA, AT&T GEORGIA, AT&T NORTH CAROLINA, AT&T SOUTH CAROLINA and AT&T TENNESSEE ("AT&T") and DukeNet Communications, LLC ("CLEC"). AT&T and CLEC are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party."

WHEREAS, AT&T and CLEC are Parties to an Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), dated April 2, 2012 and as subsequently amended ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to implement the *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Second Report and Order, FCC 15-71, Released June 22, 2015 ("FCC Lifeline Order"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to implement to the *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al, Report and Order 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) ("FCC ICC Reform Order"), and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to implement the *Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c)* from Enforcement of Obsolete ILEC Legacy Regulations That Inhibit Deployment of Next-Generation Networks, WC Docket No. 14-192, Released December 28, 2015 ("FCC US Telecom Forbearance Order"), 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 - Pricing Sheet, all of which are hereby incorporated within this Amendment by this reference and constitute a part of this Amendment.
2. **Lifeline and Link Up Services**
 - 2.1. Delete the rates, terms and conditions related to Lifeline and Link Up service offerings from the Agreement. Lifeline and Link Up service will no longer be available under the Agreement beginning 180 days after Federal Register publication of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval.
3. **Intercarrier Compensation**
 - 3.1. The Parties hereby implement the intercarrier compensation rates reflected in the Pricing Sheet attached hereto as Exhibit A, for the termination of all Section 251(b)(5) Traffic exchanged between the Parties in the applicable state(s). The intercarrier compensation rates included in Exhibit A hereby supersede the existing rate elements included in the Agreement for purposes of reciprocal compensation.
4. **Forbearance**
 - 4.1. Delete the rates, terms and conditions related to the unbundling of a 64 kbps voice-grade channel to provide narrowband services over fiber where an incumbent LEC retires a copper loop it has overbuilt with a fiber-to-the-home or fiber-to-the-curb loop.
5. This Amendment shall be deemed to revise the terms and provisions of the Agreement only to the extent necessary to give effect to the terms and provisions of this Amendment. In the event of a conflict between the terms and provisions of this Amendment and the terms and provisions of the Agreement (including all incorporated or accompanying Appendices, Addenda, and Exhibits to the Agreement), this Amendment shall govern, provided, however, that the fact that a term or provision appears in this Amendment but not in the Agreement, or in the

Agreement but not in this Amendment, shall not be interpreted as, or deemed grounds for finding, a conflict for purposes of this Amendment.

6. 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.
7. This Amendment shall not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the underlying Agreement, but rather, shall be coterminous with such Agreement.
8. EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.
9. Signatures by all Parties to this Amendment are required to effectuate this Amendment. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts. Each counterpart shall be considered an original and such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.
10. For Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee: This Amendment shall be filed with and is subject to approval by the applicable state Commission and shall become effective ten (10) days following approval by such Commission.

Pricing Sheet
Exhibit A

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
2MR-AT	TN	LOCAL INTERCONNECTION (CALL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION)	Rate for all ISP-Bound and Section 251(b)(5) Traffic as per FCC-01-131, per MOU (Effective Through 6/30/17)				0.0007			MOU
2MR-AT	TN	LOCAL INTERCONNECTION (CALL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION)	Rate for all ISP-Bound and Section 251(b)(5) Traffic as per FCC-01-131, per MOU (Effective 7/01/17)				0.00bk			MOU
2MR-AT	TN	LOCAL INTERCONNECTION (CALL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION)	Common Transport - Per Mile, Per MOU (Effective through 6/30/18)				0.0000064			Per Mile, Per MOU
2MR-AT	TN	LOCAL INTERCONNECTION (CALL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION)	Common Transport - Per Mile, Per MOU (Effective 7/1/2018)				0.00bk			Per Mile, Per MOU
2MR-AT	TN	LOCAL INTERCONNECTION (CALL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION)	Common Transport - Facilities Termination Per MOU (Effective through 6/30/18)				0.0000064			Per Mile, Per MOU
2MR-AT	TN	LOCAL INTERCONNECTION (CALL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION)	Common Transport - Facilities Termination Per MOU (Effective 7/1/2018)				0.00bk			Per Mile, Per MOU