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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 US LEC Of Tennessee, LLC ("US LEC")*
Docket No. 17-00059

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 US LEC*. 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 US LEC 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. US LEC and AT&T Tennessee aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

This Amendment adds Wholesale Local Switching Intercarrier Compensation rates, terms and conditions and updates the Notices Section to the ICA.

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

Sincerely yours,

Richard T. Howell/mr

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

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

Docket No. _____

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

AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") and US LEC Of Tennessee, LLC ("US LEC") 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, US LEC and AT&T state the following:

1. US LEC 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 US LEC.

2. The parties have recently negotiated an amendment to the Agreement. The amendment adds Wholesale Local Switching Inter-carrier Compensation rates, terms and conditions and updates the Notices Section to the ICA. 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, US LEC and AT&T are submitting their Agreement to the TRA for its consideration and approval. 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 US LEC 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. US LEC 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

AT&T TENNESSEE

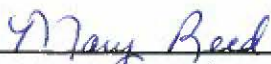
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 22, 2017, 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

**US LEC OF ALABAMA LLC, US LEC OF FLORIDA, LLC, US LEC OF
GEORGIA LLC (DELAWARE), US LEC OF NORTH CAROLINA LLC, US
LEC OF SOUTH CAROLINA LLC, US LEC OF TENNESSEE LLC, AND US
LEC COMMUNICATIONS 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**

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(Print or Type)Title: Director Carrier Relations
(Print or Type)Title: DIR-INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS
(Print or Type)Date: 08 May 2017Date: 08 May 2017

US LEC of Alabama, LLC, US LEC of Florida, LLC, US LEC of Georgia LLC (Delaware), US LEC OF North Carolina LLC, US LEC of South Carolina LLC, US LEC of Tennessee LLC and US LEC Communications LLC

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 TENNESSE by AT&T Services, Inc., its authorized agent

State	Resale OCN	ULEC OCN	CLEC OCN
ALABAMA	8863	781B	4839
FLORIDA	8863	2004	8692, 8863
GEORGIA	8863	3747	3747, 8355
KENTUCKY	8863	784B	3495
LOUISIANA	8863	0890	0893, 0890
MISSISSIPPI	8863	622A	3099, 8356
NORTH CAROLINA	8863	3451	7674, 3451
SOUTH CAROLINA	8863	789B	8693
TENNESSEE	8863	790B	8356

Description	ACNA Code(s)
ACNA(s)	UHC

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
US LEC OF ALABAMA LLC, US LEC OF FLORIDA, LLC, US LEC OF
GEORGIA LLC (DELAWARE), US LEC OF NORTH CAROLINA LLC, US LEC OF SOUTH CAROLINA
LLC, US LEC OF TENNESSEE LLC, AND US LEC COMMUNICATIONS 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**

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** ("AT&T") and US LEC of Alabama, LLC, US LEC of Florida, LLC, US LEC of Georgia LLC (Delaware), US LEC OF North Carolina LLC, US LEC of South Carolina LLC, US LEC of Tennessee LLC and US LEC 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 June 30, 2006 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 definitions to the General Terms and Conditions of the Interconnection Agreement:

"Accessible Letter(s)" means the correspondence used to communicate pertinent information regarding **AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE** to the CLEC community and is (are) provided via posting to the AT&T CLEC Online website.

"AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE" – the AT&T owned ILEC doing business in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

"Business Day" means Monday through Friday, excluding holidays as defined in the ICA on which the applicable **AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE** ILEC does not provision new retail services and products.

"End User(s)" means the ultimate user of the Telecommunications Service.

"Third Party" is any Person other than a Party.

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 Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina.
5. The Parties agree to replace Section 19 of the General Terms and Conditions to the Agreement with the following language:

19. Notices

- 19.1 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:
- 19.1.1 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.
- 19.1.2 delivered by electronic mail (email) provided CLEC and/or **AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE** has provided such information in Section 19.3 below.
- 19.2 Notices will be deemed given as of the earliest of:
- 19.2.1 the date of actual receipt;
- 19.2.2 the next Business Day when sent via express delivery service;
- 19.2.3 five (5) calendar days after mailing in the case of first class or certified U.S. Postal Service; or
- 19.2.4 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 other Party.
- 19.3 Notices will be addressed to the Parties as follows:

NOTICE CONTACT	CLEC CONTACT
NAME/TITLE	Al Finnell Sr. Negotiator & Account Manager – Vendor Relations/Regulatory
STREET ADDRESS	6801 Morrison Blvd.
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	Charlotte, NC 28211
PHONE NUMBER*	(704) 319-1946
FACSIMILE NUMBER	(704) 602-1946
EMAIL ADDRESS	Al.Finnell@Windstream.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.

- 19.4 Either Party may unilaterally change its designated contact name, address, and/or email address for the receipt of Notices by giving written Notice to the other Party in compliance with this Section 19. Unless explicitly stated otherwise, any change to the designated contact name, address, and/or email address will replace such information currently on file. Any Notice to change the designated contact name, address, and/or email address for the receipt of Notices shall be deemed effective ten (10) calendar days following receipt by the other Party.

- 19.5 In addition, CLEC agrees that it is responsible for providing AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE with CLEC's OCN and ACNA numbers for the States in which CLEC is authorized to do business and in which CLEC is requesting that this Agreement apply. Upon request, AT&T agrees, at a frequency to not exceed one (1) request per each six (6) month interval, a listing of the CLEC's company codes (ACNA, OCN) as having been entered and validated in the CLEC's CLEC Profile and to provide best efforts to assist the carrier in reconciliation of any discrepancies that may be raised by the CLEC. In the event that CLEC wants to change and/or add to the OCN and/or ACNA information in the CLEC Profile, CLEC shall send written notice to AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE to be received at least thirty (30) days prior to the change and/or addition in accordance with this Section 19 notice provision; CLEC shall also update its CLEC Profile through the applicable form and/or web-based interface.
- 19.5.1 CLEC may not order services under a new account and/or subsequent state certification, established in accordance with this Section until thirty (30) days after all information specified in this Section is received from CLEC.
- 19.5.2 CLEC may be able to place orders for certain services in AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE without having properly updated the CLEC Profile; however, at any time during the term of this Agreement without additional notice AT&T may at its discretion eliminate such functionality. At such time, if CLEC has not properly updated its CLEC Profile, ordering capabilities will cease, and CLEC will not be able to place orders until thirty (30) days after CLEC has properly updated its CLEC Profile.
- 19.6 AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE communicates official information to CLECs via its Accessible Letter, or other applicable, notification processes. These processes involve electronic transmission and/or posting to the AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE CLEC Online website, inclusive of a variety of subjects including changes on business processes and policies, and other product/service related notices not requiring an amendment to this Agreement.
- 19.7 CLEC may designate up to a maximum of ten (10) recipients for Accessible Letter notification via e-mail.
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, 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 interswitch 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 CLEC 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 in accordance with Section 1.2.1.
- 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
3	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