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VIA OVERNIGHT COURIER

Hon. Herbert Hilliard, Chairman
Tennessee Public Utility Commission
502 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by AT&T Tennessee and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, Inc. ("CLEC")*
Docket No. 17-00085

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 CLEC*. As required, included with this filing is the \$50 filing fee made payable to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (now known as the Tennessee Public Utility Commission).

In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Public Utility Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between AT&T Tennessee and CLEC within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the Public Utility Commission 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. CLEC and AT&T Tennessee aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

This Amendment implements the changes as a result of the FCC's USF/ICC Order.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard T. Howell" followed by a stylized flourish.

Richard T. Howell

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Nashville, Tennessee

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

Docket No. _____

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

AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, Inc. ("CLEC") 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, CLEC and AT&T state the following:

1. CLEC 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 CLEC.
2. The parties have recently negotiated an amendment to the Agreement. The amendment implements the changes as a result of the FCC's USF/ICC 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, CLEC and AT&T are submitting their Agreement to the Tennessee Public Utility Commission for its consideration and approval. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the Tennessee Public Utility Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment to the

Agreement between AT&T and CLEC within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the Tennessee Public Utility Commission 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. CLEC 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.

CLEC and AT&T respectfully request that the Tennessee Public Utility Commission approve the Amendment to the Agreement negotiated between the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

AT&T TENNESSEE

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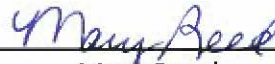
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 29, 2017, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the following, via the method indicated:

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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

**METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF ALABAMA, INC.;
METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF FLORIDA, INC. D/B/A
METTEL; METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF GEORGIA,
INC.; METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF KENTUCKY, INC.
D/B/A METTEL; METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF
LOUISIANA, INC.; METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF
MISSISSIPPI, INC.; METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF
NORTH CAROLINA, INC.; METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS
OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. & METROPOLITAN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF TENNESSEE, INC. D/B/A METTEL**



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(Print or Type)Date: 17 Jul 2017Date: 17 Jul 2017

Metropolitan Telecommunications of Alabama, Inc.;
Metropolitan Telecommunications of Florida, Inc.
d/b/a MetTel; Metropolitan Telecommunications of
Georgia, Inc.; Metropolitan Telecommunications of
Kentucky, Inc. d/b/a MetTel; Metropolitan
Telecommunications of Louisiana, Inc.;
Metropolitan Telecommunications of Mississippi,
Inc.; Metropolitan Telecommunications of North
Carolina, Inc.; Metropolitan Telecommunications of
South Carolina, Inc. & Metropolitan
Telecommunications of Tennessee, Inc. d/b/a
MetTel

**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**

State	Resale OCN	ULEC OCN	CLEC OCN
ALABAMA	2372	679D	---
FLORIDA	2372	0240	---
GEORGIA	2372	613A	---
KENTUCKY	2372	529D	---
LOUISIANA	2372	865D	---
MISSISSIPPI	2372	778D	---
NORTH CAROLINA	2372	116A	---
SOUTH CAROLINA	2372	117A	---
TENNESSEE	2372	936D	---

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**AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF ALABAMA, INC.; METROPOLITAN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF FLORIDA, INC. D/B/A METTEL; METROPOLITAN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF GEORGIA, INC.; METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF
KENTUCKY, INC. D/B/A METTEL; METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF
LOUISIANA, INC.;
METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF MISSISSIPPI, INC.; METROPOLITAN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.; METROPOLITAN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. & METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF TENNESSEE,
INC.
D/B/A METTEL
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 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 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 Metropolitan Telecommunications of Alabama, Inc.; Metropolitan Telecommunications of Florida, Inc. d/b/a MetTel; Metropolitan Telecommunications of Georgia, Inc.; Metropolitan Telecommunications of Kentucky, Inc. d/b/a MetTel; Metropolitan Telecommunications of Louisiana, Inc. d/b/a MetTel; Metropolitan Telecommunications of Mississippi, Inc.; Metropolitan Telecommunications of North Carolina, Inc.; Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Carolina, Inc. & Metropolitan Telecommunications of Tennessee, Inc. d/b/a MetTel ("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 August 24, 2005 and as subsequently amended ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to include the Add Wholesale Local Switching Attachment in the states of Florida, Kentucky and Louisiana; 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

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, Exhibit A – Intercarrier Compensation for Wholesale Local Switching and Exhibit B - Pricing Sheet, all of which are hereby incorporated within this Amendment by this reference and constitute a part of this Amendment.
2. In the states of Florida, Kentucky and Louisiana, 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 on which the applicable AT&T SOUTHEAST REGION 9-STATE ILEC does not provision new retail services and products.

“End User(s)” means a Third Party residence or business that subscribes to Telecommunications Services provided by any of the Parties at retail. As used herein, the term “End User(s)” does not include any of the Parties to this Agreement with respect to any item or service obtained under this Agreement.

“Notice” is official correspondence between the Parties sent in accordance with Notice Sections 19.1-19.3 of this General Terms and Conditions.

“Party” means either CLEC or the AT&T owned ILEC; use of the term “Party” includes each of the AT&T owned ILEC(s) that is a Party to this Agreement. “Parties” means both CLEC and the AT&T owned ILEC.

“Third Party” is any Person other than a Party.

3. In the states of Florida, Kentucky and Louisiana, the Parties agree to replace Attachment 3 Network Interconnection with Exhibit A (Attachment 3 – Inter-carrier Compensation for Wholesale Local Switching).
4. **Inter-carrier Compensation (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee)**
 - 4.1. The Parties hereby implement the inter-carrier compensation rates reflected in the Pricing Sheet attached hereto as Exhibit B, for the termination of all Section 251(b)(5) Traffic exchanged between the Parties in the applicable state(s). The inter-carrier compensation rates included in Exhibit B hereby supersede the existing rate elements included in the Agreement for purposes of reciprocal compensation.
5. There shall be no retroactive application of any provision of this Amendment prior to the Effective Date of an adopting CLEC’s agreement.
6. 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.
7. 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. EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNDERLYING AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

10. 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.
11. For all States except Arkansas, Ohio, California, and Wisconsin: 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. For Arkansas: This Amendment shall be filed with the Arkansas Public Service Commission and shall become effective upon filing. For Ohio: Based on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Rules, the Amendment is effective upon filing and is deemed approved by operation of law on the 91st day after filing. For California: Pursuant to Resolution ALJ 257, this filing will become effective, absent rejection of the Advice Letter by the Commission, upon thirty days after the filing date of the Advice Letter to which this Amendment is appended. For Wisconsin: Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute § 196.40, this Amendment shall become effective ten (10) calendar days after the mailing date of the final order approving this Amendment.

Exhibit A

INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION FOR WHOLESALE LOCAL SWITCHING

1.0 Inter-carrier 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 inter-carrier 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 inter-carrier 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, inter-carrier 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 CLEC 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, inter-carrier 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.
- 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
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				0.00bk			MOU
2MR-AT	TN	LOCAL INTERCONNECTION (CALL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION)	Common Transport - Per Mile, Per MOU				0.00bk			Per Mile, Per MOU
2MR-AT	TN	LOCAL INTERCONNECTION (CALL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION)	Common Transport - Facilities Termination Per MOU				0.00bk			Per Mile, Per MOU