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October 24, 2018

**VIA OVERNIGHT COURIER** 

Hon. David F. Jones, 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 Airus, Inc. ("CLEC")

Docket No. <u>18-00111</u>

Dear Chairman Jones:

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 Public Utility Commission.

In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Tennessee 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 Tennessee 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 adds the state of South Carolina to the existing interconnection agreement.

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

Sincerely,

Richard T. Howell

Richard T. Howall/MR

RTH/mr 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 Airus, Inc.

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

## PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN AT&T TENNESSEE AND AIRUS, INC.

AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") and Airus, 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:

- 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.
- The parties have recently negotiated an amendment to the Agreement. The
  amendment adds the state of South Carolina to the existing interconnection agreement. 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

By: /s/ Richard T. Howell

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

	er 24, 2018, a copy of the foregoing document was served
on the following, via the method indic	ated:
[ ] Hand [ ] Mail	Airus, Inc.
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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, ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC D/B/A AT&T ILLINOIS, INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY INCORPORATED D/B/A AT&T INDIANA, MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T MICHIGAN, NEVADA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T NEVADA AND AT&T WHOLESALE, THE OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T OHIO, PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T OHIO, PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T ARKANSAS, AT&T KANSAS, AT&T MISSOURI, AT&T OKLAHOMA AND AT&T TEXAS, WISCONSIN BELL, INC. D/B/A AT&T WISCONSIN

### AND

AIRUS OF ARKANSAS, INC., AIRUS, INC., AIRUS, INC. (DE)



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Signature: eSigned - John McCluskey

Name: eSigned - John McCluskey

(Print or Type)

Title: General Manager

(Print or Type)

Date: 14 Sep 2018

Airus of Arkansas, Inc., Airus, Inc., Airus, Inc. (DE)

State	CLEC OCN
ALABAMA	476H
ARKANSAS	578H
CALIFORNIA	060G
FLORIDA	484H
GEORGIA	947H
ILLINOIS	910F
LOUISIANA	477H
MISSISSIPPI	459H
MISSOURI	933H
NORTH CAROLINA	949H
OHIO	695H
TENNESSEE	950H
TEXAS	951F

Description	ACNA Code(s)

Signature: eSigned - William Bockelman

Name: eSigned - William Bockelman

(Print or Type)

Title: DIR-INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS

(Print or Type)

Date: 26 Sep 2018

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, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a AT&T ILLINOIS, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T INDIANA, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T MICHIGAN, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T NEVADA and AT&T Wholesale, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T OHIO, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T CALIFORNIA, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T ARKANSAS, AT&T KANSAS, AT&T MISSOURI, AT&T OKLAHOMA and AT&T TEXAS, Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T WISCONSIN by AT&T Services, Inc., its authorized agent

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# AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AIRUS OF ARKANSAS, INC., AIRUS, INC., AIRUS, INC. (DE) 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, ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC D/B/A AT&T ILLINOIS, INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY INCORPORATED D/B/A AT&T INDIANA, MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T MICHIGAN, NEVADA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T NEVADA AND AT&T WHOLESALE, THE OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T CALIFORNIA, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A AT&T ARKANSAS, AT&T KANSAS, AT&T MISSOURI, AT&T OKLAHOMA AND AT&T TEXAS, WISCONSIN BELL, INC. D/B/A AT&T WISCONSIN

This Amendment ("Amendment") amends the Interconnection Agreement ("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; Illinois Bell Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a AT&T ILLINOIS (previously referred to as Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T ILLINOIS); Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a AT&T INDIANA; Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T MICHIGAN; Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T NEVADA and AT&T Wholesale; The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T OHIO; Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T CALIFORNIA; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T ARKANSAS, AT&T KANSAS, AT&T MISSOURI, AT&T OKLAHOMA, and AT&T TEXAS; and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a AT&T WISCONSIN ("AT&T") and Airus of Arkansas, Inc., Airus, Inc., Airus, Inc.(DE) ("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 May 3, 2017 and as subsequently amended ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement add the State of South Carolina.

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 within, and certain and Attachments 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 add the State of South Carolina to the Agreement, in addition to adding Pricing Sheet and State specific Appendices, as applicable.
- 3. 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.
- 4. There shall be no retroactive application of any provision of this Amendment prior to the Effective Date of an adopting CLEC's agreement.
- 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,

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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, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas: 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. 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 (30) 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) days after the mailing date of the final order approving this Amendment.