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FROM: Jeff Bates (Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement) *JB*
Victor McKay (Office of the General Counsel) *VSM* *AK* **SAS**

RE: Docket No. 040479-TP - Request for approval of interconnection, unbundling, resale, and collocation agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and US South Communications, Inc.

By letter received May 19, 2004, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. filed a request for approval of the interconnection, unbundling, resale, and collocation agreement with US South Communications, Inc. Under the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e), negotiated agreements must be submitted to the state commission for approval. Section 252(e)(4) requires the state to reject or approve the agreement within 90 days after submission or it shall be deemed approved. The statutory deadline for the Commission to take action on this matter was August 19, 2004.

Staff reviewed the agreement in this Docket on August 12, 2004. The agreement met the criteria outlined in Section 2.07.C.5.d of the Administrative Procedures Manual. Therefore, it has gone into effect by operation of law in accordance with Section 252(e)(4) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Accordingly, with this Memorandum, the docket is hereby closed.

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CC: Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services (H. Wang)

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