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May 7, 1999

Mrs. Blanca S. Bayo  
Director, Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Re: Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, BellSouth and Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. are submitting to the Florida Public Service Commission an amendment to their negotiated agreement for the interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. The Commission approved the initial agreement between the companies in Order No. PSC-98-1450-FOF-TP issued October 26, 1998 in Docket 981004-TP.

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the 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. Both parties aver that neither of these reasons exist as to the agreement they have negotiated and therefore, are very hopeful that the Commission shall approve their agreement.

Very truly yours,

*Marshall M. Criser III*

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**Amendment to Master Interconnection Agreement  
by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
and Columbia Telecommunications, Inc.**

This Agreement refers to the Interconnection Agreement ("the Agreement") entered into by Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. ("Columbia") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") on July 22, 1998. This Amendment ("Amendment") is made by and between Columbia and BellSouth and shall be deemed effective on the date executed by Columbia and BellSouth.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Columbia and BellSouth (individually, a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties") hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. BellSouth and Columbia agree to delete the table of Operational Support System (OSS) Rates contained in Exhibit A of Attachment 1 of their existing Agreement in its entirety and replacing it with the new OSS rates as follows:

<b>OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS (OSS) RATES</b>	<b>Electronic Per LSR received from the CLEC by one of the OSS interactive interfaces</b>	<b>Manual Per LSR received from the CLEC by means other than one of the OSS interactive interfaces</b>
<b>OSS Order Charge</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>	<b>\$19.99</b>

In addition to the OSS charges, applicable discounted service order and related charges apply per the tariff.

2. BellSouth and Columbia agree to delete the following OSS Rate sections from the Pricing Section of Attachment 11 of their existing Agreement.

Alabama	Section 10	Mississippi	Section 11
Florida	Section 10	North Carolina	Section 10
Georgia	Section 10	South Carolina	Section 10
Kentucky	Section 10	Tennessee	Section 10
Louisiana	Section 8		

3. BellSouth and Columbia agree to rename the following sections of the Pricing Section of Attachment 11 of their existing Agreement from **Electronic Interfaces** to **Operational Support Systems (OSS) Rates** and to replace the language therein in its entirety with the language below.

Alabama	Section 8	Mississippi	Section 8
Florida	Section 8	North Carolina	Section 8
Georgia	Section 8	South Carolina	Section 8
Kentucky	Section 9	Tennessee	Section 8
Louisiana	Section 7		

### Operational Support Systems (OSS) Rates

The costs associated with implementing the OSS electronic interfaces should be shared equitably among all parties who benefit from those interfaces. Rates for Operational Support Systems are set forth in Table 1. In addition to OSS charges, applicable service order and related charges apply per tariff.

4. BellSouth and Columbia agree to delete the following OSS Rates contained in Table 1 of Attachment 11 of their existing Agreement as follows:

<b>OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN</b>	<b>LA</b>
OSS Interactive Ordering and Trouble Maint, Estab, per user per month	\$50.00	\$50.00
NRC	\$100.00	\$100.00
OSS Order charge, per electronic order, per end user account	\$10.80	\$9.16
Surcharge for manually placed orders, per end user account	\$22.00	\$18.14

5. BellSouth and Columbia agree to add the following OSS Rates to Table 1 of Attachment 11 of their existing Agreement as follows:

<b>OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>AL, GA, LA, MS, SC</b>	<b>FL, KY, NC, TN</b>
OSS Order charge, per LSR received from the CLEC by one of the OSS interactive interfaces	\$3.50	\$3.50
Incremental charge per LSR received from the CLEC by means other than one of the OSS interactive interfaces	See applicable rate element	\$19.99

6. The Parties agree that Columbia will incur the mechanized rate for all LSRs, both electronic and manual, if the percentage of mechanized LSRs to total LSRs exceeds the threshold percentages shown below:

Year	Ratio: Mechanized/Total LSRs
1999	70%
2000	80%
2001	90%

The threshold plan will be discontinued in 2002.

7. The Parties agree that the threshold plan described in Paragraph 7. above may be superceded by an LSR specific process that would apply the mechanized LSR rate to only those manual LSRs, which cannot be submitted over a mechanized system.

8. The Parties agree that any charges BellSouth is unable to bill on April 15, 1999 will be trued up on or about July 1, 1999.

9. The Parties agree that all other provisions of the Agreement, dated July 22, 1998, shall remain in full force and effect.

10. The Parties further agree that either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the Public Service Commission or other regulatory body having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Amendment, for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the date indicated below.

**Columbia Telecommunications, Inc.**

J. Allyn Madere  
Signature

J. Allyn Madere  
Name

CAO  
Title

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Date

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.**

Jerry D. Hendrix  
Signature

Jerry D. Hendrix  
Name

Director - Interconnection Services  
Title

4/12/99  
Date

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