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June 28, 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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Re: Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Bayou Telephone Company, Inc. pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, BellSouth and Bayou Telephone Company, 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 Bayou Telephone Company, Inc. The Commission approved the initial agreement between the companies in Order No. PSC-98-0203-FOF-TP issued February 3, 1998 in Docket 971554-TP.

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and Bayou Telephone Company, 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*  
Regulatory Vice President  
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**ATTACHMENT TO TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

The Amendment entered into by and between Bayou Telephone Company, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., effective 6/10/99, to Bayou's Interconnection Agreement, dated 10/27/97, for all nine states consists of the following:

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AMENDMENT TO  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
AND BAYOU TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.  
DATED October 27, 1997

Pursuant to this Agreement (the "Amendment"), BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Bayou Telephone Company, Inc. ("Bayou") hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated October 27, 1997 ("Interconnection Agreement").

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, BellSouth and Bayou hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The Parties hereby agree to amend the Interconnection Agreement by deleting in its entirety the second existing "Whereas" clause contained in the "Witnesseth" section of the Terms and Conditions of the Interconnection Agreement, and to replace it with the following new clause as provided herein:

"WHEREAS, Bayou Telephone Company, Inc. is an alternative local exchange telecommunications company ("ALEC") and seeks to provide telecommunications services in the state of Louisiana; and;"

2. The Parties agree that Exhibit 1-AL of Attachment 11, Exhibit 2-FL of Attachment 11, Exhibit 3-GA of Attachment 11, Exhibit 4-KY of Attachment 11, Exhibit 6-MS of Attachment 11, Exhibit 7-NC of Attachment 11, Exhibit 8-SC of Attachment 11, and Exhibit 9-TN of Attachment 11 are hereby deleted in their entirety.

3. The Parties agree that all of the other provisions of the Interconnection Agreement, dated October 27, 1997 shall remain in full force and effect.

4. The Parties further agree that either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the 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.

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, Inc.

By: 

Printed: Jerry D. Hendrup

Title: Sr. Director

Date: 6/10/99

BAYOU TELEPHONE COMPANY, Inc.

By: 

Printed: FRED MARSHALL

Title: PRESIDENT

Date: 5-28-99