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

Re: Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and State Communications, 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 State Communications, 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 State Communications, Inc. The Commission approved the initial agreement between the companies in Order No. 98-0902-FOF-TP issued July 6, 1998 in Docket 980379-TP.

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and State Communications, 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 Agreement entered into by and between State Communications, Inc. (FL) and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., dated 10/22/1999, for the state(s) of Florida consists of the following:

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Amendment	1
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**SECOND AMENDMENT  
TO  
STATE COMMUNICATIONS/BELLSOUTH INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT  
DATED  
APRIL 27, 1999**

Pursuant to this Amendment to State Communications/BellSouth Interconnection Agreement (the "Amendment"), for the state of Florida, State Communications, Inc. ("State Communications") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend the State Communications/BellSouth Interconnection Agreement April 27, 1999 ("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, State Communications and BellSouth hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. All references to State Communications, Inc. shall be replaced with State Communications, Inc. d/b/a TriVergent Communications, Inc.
2. All of the other provisions of the Interconnection Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.
3. Either or both of the Parties shall submit this Amendment to the Florida 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.

**State Communications, Inc. d/b/a  
TriVergent Communications, Inc.**

John H. Lummus  
Signature

John H. Lummus  
Printed Name

Director of Telecommunications Services  
Title

10/22/99  
Date

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.**

[Signature]  
Signature

Larry Hendrix  
Printed Name

Sr. Director  
Title

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Date