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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

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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

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

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. 98-1450 issued October 26, 1999 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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**ATTACHMENT TO TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

The Agreement entered into by and between Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., dated 11/27/1999, for the state(s) of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee consists of the following:

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**FOURTH AMENDMENT  
TO THE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
COLUMBIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
AND  
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
DATED JULY 22, 1998**

Pursuant to this Agreement, (the "Amendment"), Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. ("Columbia") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated July 22, 1998 ("Agreement").

WHEREAS, BellSouth and Columbia entered into an Interconnection Agreement on July 22, 1998, and;

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, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The Agreement entered into between BellSouth and Columbia, is hereby amended to delete Attachment 4 in its entirety and replace it with a new Attachment 4 which incorporates herein as Exhibit 1, the rules set forth by the FCC in its Decision 99-48, Docket No. 98-147 following.
2. All of the other provisions of the Agreement, July 22, 1998, shall remain in full force and effect.
3. Either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the respective state regulatory authorities 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.**

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

By: David Butler

By: Jerry Hendrix

Name: DAVID BUTLER

Name: Jerry Hendrix

Title: PRESIDENT / COO

Title: Senior Director

Date: 11/12/99

Date: 11/27/99