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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 UniversalCom, 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 UniversalCom, 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 UniversalCom, Inc. The Commission approved the initial agreement between the companies in Order No. 99-1444-FOF-TP issued July 26, 1999 in Docket 990741-TP.

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and UniversalCom, 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
(cc)

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ATTACHMENT TO TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The Amendment, made effective 1/18/2000, to the Interconnection Agreement entered into by and between **UniversalCom, Inc** and **BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.**, dated 5/25/1999, and applies only for the state of Florida, even though this is a four state interconnection agreement. The Amendment consists of the following:

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**AMENDMENT TO THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
UNIVERSALCOM, INC.
AND
BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
DATED May 25, 1999**

Pursuant to this Agreement, (the "Amendment"), UniversalCom, Inc., ("UniversalCom"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated May 25, 1999 ("Agreement").

WHEREAS, BellSouth and UniversalCom entered into an Interconnection Agreement on May 25, 1999, 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 UniversalCom, is hereby amended to delete the existing rate for "Common (Shared) Transport Facilities Termination per mou" of \$0.005 for the state of Florida contained in both the rate matrix of Attachment 2 - Unbundled Network Elements, Section - Unbundled Interoffice Transport, and also contained in the rate matrix of Attachment 3 - Local Interconnection, Section - Interoffice Transport. In both instances, this rate is hereby replaced by \$0.0005.

2. All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated May 25, 1999, 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.

UniversalCom, Inc.

By: 

Name: Tommy R. Williams

Title: VP - Network Services

Date: 1/4/00

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

By: 

Name: Jerry D. Hendrix

Title: Senior Director

Date: 1/18/00