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Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
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Re: Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp. 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 FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp. 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 FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp. The initial agreement between the companies was filed June 16, 2000 in Docket 000729-TP.

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp. 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, we 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 Fairpoint Communications and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., dated 06/19/2000, 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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**AMENDMENT  
TO THE  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS AND  
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
DATED MARCH 3, 2000**

Pursuant to this Agreement, (the "Amendment") Fairpoint Communications ("Fairpoint") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated March 3, 2000 ("Interconnection Agreement").

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants 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. Fairpoint Communications has changed the name of said business to FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp., a North Carolina corporation. The Interconnection Agreement is hereby amended to reflect the name change.
2. All of the other provisions of the Interconnection Agreement, dated March 3, 2000, shall remain in full force and effect.
3. Either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to each Public Service Commission 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.

**FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp.**

By: Brady Buckley

Name: Brady Buckley

Title: President & COO.

Date: 5/18/00

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.**

By: Jerry D. Hendrix

Name: Jerry D. Hendrix

Title: Senior Director

Date: 6/19/2000

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