

RECEIVED -FPSC



60 OCT 24 PM 4:36

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc
Suite 400
150 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1556

850 224-7798
Fax 850 224-5073

Marshall M. Criser III
Regulatory Vice President

RECORDS AND
REPORTING

October 24, 2000

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

001604-TP

Re: Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and OptiLink 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 OptiLink 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 OptiLink Communications, Inc. The Commission approved the initial agreement between the companies in Order No. 98-1681-FOF-TP issued December 10, 1998 in Docket 981256-TP.

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

(22)

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

13617 OCT 24 00

FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

ATTACHMENT TO TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The Agreement entered into by and between OptiLink Communications, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., dated 09/25/2000, for the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee consists of the following:

ITEM	NO. PAGES
Amendment	3
TOTAL	3

09/26/00

**Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement
By and Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
And
OptiLink Communications, Inc.
Dated September 22, 2000**

Pursuant to this Agreement, (the "Amendment"), OptiLink Communications, Inc. ("OptiLink"), 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 1, 1999 ("Agreement").

WHEREAS, BellSouth and OptiLink entered into an Interconnection Agreement on July 1, 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 OptiLink is hereby amended to delete the Dark Fiber section of Attachment 2, Exhibit C and replace it with the rates set forth in Exhibit 1 attached.
2. All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated July 1, 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.

OptiLink Communications, Inc.

Richard McDaniel
Signature

Richard McDaniel
Printed Name

Director of Carrier Relations
Title

9/22/00
Date

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Jerry Hendrix
Signature

Jerry Hendrix
Printed Name

Senior Director
Title

9/25/00
Date

EXHIBIT 1

BELLSOUTH RATES
UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS

ATTACHMENT 2
EXHIBIT 1
RATES-PAGE 1

UNBUNDLED DARK FIBER		RATES BY STATE									
		USOC	AL	FL	GA	KY	LA	MS	NC	SC	TN
Dark Fiber - Interoffice (four fiber strands) per route mile or fraction thereof, per month	1L5DF	\$25.80	\$29.28	\$24.96	\$31.95	\$32.28	\$33.93	\$29.86	\$36.75	\$28.80	
NRC - Per each four-fiber dark fiber arrangement - 1st	UDF14	\$1,739.00	\$1,289	\$1,737.00	\$1,741.00	\$1,746.00	\$1,741.00	\$1,738.00	\$1,747.00	\$1,742.00	
NRC - Per each four-fiber dark fiber arrangement - Add'l	UDF14	\$563.09	\$277.98	\$562.39	\$563.75	\$565.20	\$563.79	\$562.82	\$565.53	\$564.08	
NRC - Disconnect--1st	UDF14	NA	\$592.25	NA							
NRC - Disconnect--Add'l	UDF14	NA	\$369.22	NA							
Dark Fiber - Local Channel (four fiber strands) per route mile or fraction thereof, per month	1L5DC	\$70.82	\$59.03	\$54.63	\$49.07	\$64.72	\$71.55	\$56.47	\$100.37	\$60.06	
NRC - Per each four-fiber dark fiber arrangement - 1st	UDFC4	\$1,739.00	\$1,289	\$1,737.00	\$1,741.00	\$1,746.00	\$1,741.00	\$1,738.00	\$1,747.00	\$1,742.00	
NRC - Per each four-fiber dark fiber arrangement - Add'l	UDFC4	\$563.09	\$277.98	\$562.39	\$563.75	\$565.20	\$563.79	\$562.82	\$565.53	\$564.08	
NRC - Disconnect--1st	UDFC4	NA	\$592.25	NA							
NRC - Disconnect--Add'l	UDFC4	NA	\$369.22	NA							
Dark Fiber - Local Loop (four fiber strands) per route mile or fraction thereof, per month	1L5DL	\$70.82	\$59.03	\$54.63	\$49.07	\$64.72	\$71.55	\$56.47	\$100.37	\$60.06	
NRC - Per each four-fiber dark fiber arrangement - 1st	UDFL4	\$1,739.00	\$1,289	\$1,737.00	\$1,741.00	\$1,746.00	\$1,741.00	\$1,738.00	\$1,747.00	\$1,742.00	
NRC - Per each four-fiber dark fiber arrangement - Add'l	UDFL4	\$563.09	\$277.98	\$562.39	\$563.75	\$565.20	\$563.79	\$562.82	\$565.53	\$564.08	
NRC - Disconnect--1st	UDFL4	NA	\$592.25	NA							
NRC - Disconnect--Add'l	UDFL4	NA	\$369.22	NA							