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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, Unbundling, Resale and Collocation Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Essex Communications d/b/a/ eLEC Communications 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 Essex Communications d/b/a/ eLEC Communications 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 Essex Communications d/b/a/ eLEC Communications. The Commission approved the initial agreement between the companies in Order No. 00-2400-FOF-TP issued December 14, 2000 in Docket 001534-TP. This amendment adds 8XX Access Ten Digit Screening Service to the agreement.

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and Essex Communications d/b/a/ eLEC Communications 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 Amendment entered into by and between Essex Communications d/b/a eLEC Communications and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., 02/26/2001, for the state of Florida consists of the following:

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AMENDMENT
TO
THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ESSEX COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
d/b/a ELEC COMMUNICATIONS
AND
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
DATED : April 4, 2000

Pursuant to this Amendment, Essex Communications, Inc. ("Essex") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") hereinafter referred to as the "Parties", hereby agree to amend the Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated April 4, 2000.

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. Exhibit C of Attachment II (BellSouth/Essex – Florida) of the Interconnection Agreement is hereby amended to include the following rates:

8XX Access Ten Digit Screening Svc. W/8XX No. Delivery	
--Per Query	\$0.004
--For 8XX Numbers with Optional Complex Features, Per Query	\$0.0045
8XX Access Ten Digit Screening Svc. W/POTS No. Delivery	
--Per Query	\$0.004
--With Optional Complex Features, Per Query	\$0.0045

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 is authorized to submit this Amendment to the Florida State Public Service Commission or other Regulatory Agencies 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.

Essex Communications, Inc.
d/b/a/ ELEC Communications

By: [Signature]

Signature

Name: [Name]

Printed Name

Title: [Title]

Date: [Date]

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

By: [Signature]

Signature

Name: [Name]

Printed Name

Title: [Title]

Date: [Date]