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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 American Communications Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a e.spire 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 American Communications Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a e.spire 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 American Communications Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a e.spire Communications, Inc. The Commission approved the initial agreement between the companies in Order No. 00-2209-FOF-TP issued November 21, 2000 in Docket 001183-TP. In the "General Terms and Conditions - Part C" is a list of e.spire operating subsidiaries. This amendment adds "ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc." to Part C of the General Terms and Conditions.

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and American Communications Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a e.spire 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*

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**ATTACHMENT TO TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

The Agreement entered into by and e.spire Communications, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., dated 04/04/01, for the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee consists of the following:

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Amendment to  
Agreement between  
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
and e.spire Communications, Inc.  
dated July 25, 2000

Pursuant to this Amendment (the "Amendment"), BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and e.spire Communications, Inc. ("e.spire"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties", hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") between BellSouth and e.spire dated July 25, 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, BellSouth and e.spire hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. Part C of the General Terms and Conditions is hereby amended to add "ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc."
2. All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated July 25, 2000, shall remain in full force and effect.
3. The Parties agree that 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.

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.**

By: Pat C. Fink  
Name: Patricia C. Fink  
Title: MANAGER, DIRECTOR  
Date: 4/27/01

**e.spire Communications, Inc.**

By: James C. Falvey  
Name: James C. Falvey  
Title: Regulatory Affairs  
Sr. Vice President  
Date: April 2, 2001