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

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Re: Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection, Unbundling, Resale, and Collocation Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Business Telecom, Inc. d/b/a BTI 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 Business Telecom, Inc. d/b/a BTI 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 Business Telecom, Inc. d/b/a BTI. The initial agreement between the companies was filed in 000278-TP, on March 3, 2000, and was deemed effective by Order No. PSC-00-0887-FOF-TP on May 5, 2000.

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting this amendment to the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and Business Telecom, Inc. d/b/a BTI 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 agree that neither of these reasons exists as to the agreement they have negotiated and therefore, as such this amendment should be deemed effective by operation of law on July 5, 2002.

Very truly yours,

Marshall M. Criser III
Regulatory Vice President (KA)

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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: Greg Follensbee

Name: Greg Follensbee

Title: Senior Director

Date: 3/18/02

Business Telecom, Inc.

By: Anthony M. Copeland

Name: Anthony M. Copeland

Title: Executive Vice President/General Counsel

Date: March 14, 2001

**Amendment to the
Interconnection Agreement between
Business Telecom, Inc. and
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Dated February 21, 2000**

Pursuant to this Amendment ("Amendment"), Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI"), collectively "BTI", a North Carolina corporation, as it is certificated in each state and identified in Appendix A hereto, and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties", hereby agree to amend the Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth and BTI dated February 21, 2000 ("Interconnection Agreement").

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, BTI and BellSouth hereby covenant and agree as follows:

- The Parties agree to amend the October 20, 2000 Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement to revise the USOC for the non-recurring charge (NRC) for the 2-Wire Voice Grade Loop with 2-Wire DID Port – 1st and Add'l from USACC to USAC1 as reflected below:

DESCRIPTION	USOC	AL	FL	GA	KY	LA	MS	NC	SC	TN
Combination Rates										
NRC – 2-Wire Voice Grade Loop with 2-Wire DID Port – 1st	USAC1	TBD	\$14.62	\$166.08	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$13.26	TBD	\$8.76
NRC – 2-Wire Vice Grade Loop with 2-Wire DID Port – Add'l	USAC1	TBD	\$3.73	\$140.01	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$8.39	TBD	\$5.75

- All other provisions of the Interconnection Agreement dated February 21, 2000 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect until the expiration date.
- Either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the appropriate regulatory agencies for approval subject to section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS TELECOM, INC.'S ("BTI") CERTIFICATED NAMES

Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI, Inc.") [AL]

Business Telecom, Inc. d/b/a BTI [FL]

Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI") [GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC]

Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI") [resale - TN]

Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI Telecommunications, Inc. 'BTI') [facilities - TN]