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FROM: Sally Simmons (Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement) *SAS*
Jessica Elliott (Office of the General Counsel) *JAE 7/24*
RE: Docket No. 020372-TP - Request by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for approval of interconnection, unbundling, resale, and collocation agreement with Ernest Communications, Inc.

By letter dated April 23, 2002, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. filed a request for approval of interconnection, unbundling, resale, and collocation agreement with Ernest Communications, Inc. Under the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e), negotiated agreements must be submitted to the state commission for approval. Section 252(e)(4) requires the state to reject or approve the agreement within 90 days after submission or it shall be deemed approved. The statutory deadline for the Commission to take action on this matter was July 22, 2002.

Staff reviewed the agreement in this Docket on July 19, 2002. The agreement met the criteria outlined in Section 2.07.C.17 of the Administrative Procedures Manual. Therefore, it has gone into effect by operation of law in accordance with Section 252(e)(4) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Accordingly, with this Memorandum, the docket is hereby closed.

Allowing this agreement to go into effect should not be construed as a determination by the Commission that BellSouth has met the requirements of Section 271 of the Act.

CC: Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services (S. Moses)

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