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Mrs. Blanca S. Bayo
Director, Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
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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 FPSC Docket No. 000278-TP,

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 January 23, 2003.

Very truly yours,

Marshall M. Criser III
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Regulatory Vice President

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AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND
BUSINESS TELECOM, 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 as 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").

WHEREAS, The Parties desire to amend the Interconnection Agreement; and

WHEREAS, BellSouth and BTI have entered into good faith negotiations pursuant to the Act to renegotiate an interconnection agreement ("New Interconnection Agreement") to replace the existing Interconnection Agreement between the Parties, which expires September 30, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, BellSouth and BTI desire to extend the termination date of the 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, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. Section 2.1 Term of Agreement of the General Terms and Conditions of the Interconnection Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following Section 2.1 Term of Agreement below:

2.1 The term of this Agreement shall be from February 21, 2000, to November 30, 2002, and shall apply to the state(s) of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. If as of the expiration of this Agreement, a Subsequent Agreement (as defined in Section 2.2 below) has not been executed by the Parties, this Agreement shall continue on a month-to-month basis while a Subsequent Agreement is being negotiated. The Parties' rights and obligations with respect to this Agreement after expiration shall be as set forth in Section 2.4 below.

3. The Parties agree that all of the other provisions of the Interconnection Agreement, dated February 21, 2000, shall remain in full force and effect.

4. The Parties further agree that either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the appropriate regulatory bodies having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Amendment, for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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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 data indicated below.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

By: Elizabeth R. A. Shirovski

Title: ELIZABETH R. A. SHIROVSKI
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Date: 9/23/02

Bruce R. Bullock
Business Telecom, Inc.

By: Bruce R. Bullock

Title: VP / Associate General Counsel

Date: 9/19/02

Appendix A

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]