

# ORIGINAL

## AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), a Georgia corporation, and SouthEast Telephone Ltd, a Kentucky Limited Partnership ("SouthEast") and shall be deemed effective as of May 15, 1997. This agreement may refer to either BellSouth or SouthEast or both as a "party" or "parties."

## WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, BellSouth is a local exchange telecommunications company authorized to provide telecommunications services in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, SouthEast is an alternative local exchange telecommunications company ("ALEC" or "OLEC") authorized to provide or may at some future date be authorized to provide telecommunications services in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to interconnect their facilities, purchase unbundled elements, and exchange traffic for the purposes of fulfilling their obligations pursuant to sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual agreements contained herein, BellSouth and SouthEast agree as follows:

### I. Definitions

**A. Affiliate** is defined as a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "own" means to own an equity interest (or equivalent thereof) of more than 10 percent.

**B. Commission** is defined as the appropriate regulatory agency in each of BellSouth's nine state region, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

**C. Intermediary function** is defined as the delivery of local traffic from a local exchange carrier other than BellSouth; an ALEC other than SouthEast; another telecommunications company (other than SouthEast) such as a wireless telecommunications provider through the network of BellSouth or SouthEast to an end user of BellSouth or SouthEast.

**D. Local Traffic** is defined as any telephone call that originates in one exchange and terminates in either the same exchange, or a corresponding Extended Area Service ("EAS") exchange. The terms Exchange, and EAS exchanges are defined and specified in Section A3. of BellSouth's General Subscriber Service Tariff.

**E. Local Interconnection** is defined as 1) the delivery of local traffic to be terminated on each party's local network so that end users of either party have the ability to reach end users of the other party without the use of any access code or substantial delay in the processing of the call; 2) the LEC unbundled network features, functions, and capabilities set forth in this Agreement; and 3) Service Provider Number Portability sometimes referred to as temporary telephone number portability to be implemented pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

**F. Percent of Interstate Usage (PIU)** is defined as a factor to be applied to terminating access services minutes of use to obtain those minutes that should be rated as interstate access services minutes of use. The numerator includes all interstate "nonintermediary" minutes of use, including interstate minutes of use that are forwarded due to service provider number portability less any interstate minutes of use for Terminating Party Pays services, such as 800 Services. The denominator includes all "nonintermediary", local, interstate, intrastate, toll and access minutes of use adjusted for service provider number portability less all minutes attributable to terminating party pays services.

**G. Percent Local Usage (PLU)** is defined as a factor to be applied to intrastate terminating minutes of use. The numerator shall include all "nonintermediary" local minutes of use adjusted for those minutes of use that only apply local due to Service Provider Number Portability. The denominator is the total intrastate minutes of use including local, intrastate toll, and access, adjusted for Service Provider Number Portability less intrastate terminating party pays minutes of use.

**H. Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act")** means Public Law 104-104 of the United States Congress effective February 8, 1996. The Act amended the Communications Act of 1934 (47, U.S.C. Section 1 et. seq.).

**I. Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing ("MECAB")** means the document prepared by the Billing Committee of the Ordering and Billing Forum ("OBF"), which functions under the auspices of the Carrier Liaison Committee of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS") and by Bellcore as Special Report SR-BDS-000983, Containing the recommended guidelines for the billing of Exchange

Service access provided by two or more LECs and/or ALECs or by one LEC in two or more states within a single LATA.

## II. Purpose

The parties desire to enter into this Agreement consistent with all applicable federal, state and local statutes, rules and regulations in effect as of the date of its execution including, without limitation, the Act at Sections 251, 252 and 271 and to replace any and all other prior agreements, both written and oral, concerning the terms and conditions of interconnection. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the resale agreement effective between the parties as of July 1, 1996, shall remain in full force and effect until this Agreement is approved by the appropriate state commission. The access, interconnection, and resale obligations contained herein enable SouthEast to provide competing telephone exchange service and private line service within the nine state region of BellSouth.

## III. Term of the Agreement

7 A. The term of this Agreement shall be two years, beginning May 15, 1996.

B. The parties agree that by no later than December 15, 1997, they shall commence negotiations with regard to the terms, conditions and prices of local interconnection to be effective beginning May 15, 1997.

C. If, within 135 days of commencing the negotiation referred to in Section II (B) above, the parties are unable to satisfactorily negotiate new local interconnection terms, conditions and prices, either party may petition the applicable commissions to establish appropriate local interconnection arrangements pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 252. The parties agree that, in such event, they shall encourage the commissions to issue their order(s) regarding the appropriate local interconnection arrangements no later than May 15, 1997. The parties further agree that in the event any commission does not issue its order prior to July 1 or if the parties continue beyond July 1 to negotiate the local interconnection arrangements without Commission intervention, the terms, conditions and prices ultimately ordered by the Commission, or negotiated by the parties, will be effective retroactive to July 1. Until the revised local interconnection arrangements become effective, the parties shall continue to exchange traffic pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

## IV. Local Interconnection

A. The delivery of local traffic between the parties shall be reciprocal and compensation will be mutual according to the provisions of this Agreement. The parties agree that the exchange of traffic on BellSouth's EAS routes shall be considered as

local traffic and compensation for the termination of such traffic shall be pursuant to the terms of this section. EAS routes are those exchanges within an exchange's Basic Local Calling Area, as defined in Section A3 of BellSouth's General Subscriber Services Tariff.

**B.** Each party will pay the other for terminating its local traffic on the other's network the local interconnection rates as set forth in this Agreement. The charges for local interconnection are to be billed monthly and payable quarterly after appropriate adjustments pursuant to this Agreement are made. Late payment fees, not to exceed 1% per month after the due date may be assessed, if interconnection charges are not paid, within thirty (30) days of the due date of the quarterly bill.

**C.** The first six month period after the execution of this Agreement is a testing period in which the parties agree to exchange data and render billing. However, no compensation during this period will be exchanged. If, during the second six month period, the monthly net amount to be billed is less than \$40,000.00 on a state by state basis, the parties agree that no payment is due. This cap shall be reduced for each of the subsequent six month periods as follows: 2nd period--\$40,000.00; 3rd period--\$30,000.00; and 4th period--\$20,000.00. The cap shall be \$0.00 for any period after the expiration of this Agreement but prior to the execution of a new agreement.

**D.** Each party will report to the other a Percentage Local Usage ("PLU") and the application of the PLU will determine the amount of local minutes to be billed to the other party. Until such time as actual usage data is available or at the expiration of the first year after the execution of this Agreement, the parties agree to utilize a mutually acceptable surrogate for the PLU factor. For purposes of developing the PLU, each party shall consider every local call and every long distance call. Effective on the first of January, April, July and October of each year, the parties shall update their PLU.

**E.** The parties agree that there are three appropriate methods of interconnecting facilities: (1) virtual collocation where physical collocation is not practical for technical reasons or because of space limitations; (2) physical collocation; and (3) interconnection via purchase of facilities from either party by the other party. Rates and charges are as set forth in this Agreement.

**F.** The parties agree to accept and provide any of the preceding methods of interconnection. Reciprocal connectivity may be established at each and every BellSouth access tandem within the local calling area SouthEast desires to serve for interconnection to those end offices that subtend the access tandem or SouthEast may elect to interconnect directly at the end offices for interconnection to end users served by that end office. BellSouth will connect at each end office or tandem inside that local calling area. Such interconnecting facilities shall conform, at a minimum, to the telecommunications industry standard of DS-1 pursuant to BellCore Standard No. TR-NWT-00499. Signal transfer point, Signaling System 7 ("SS7") connectivity is required at each interconnection point. BellSouth will provide out-of-band signaling using

Common Channel Signaling Access Capability where technically and economically feasible, in accordance with the technical specifications set forth in the BellSouth Guidelines to Technical Publication, TR-TSV-000905. The parties agree that their facilities shall provide the necessary on-hook, off-hook answer and disconnect supervision and shall hand off calling party number ID when technically feasible. The parties further agree that in the event a party interconnects via the purchase of facilities and/or services from the other party, the appropriate intrastate access tariff, as amended from time to time will apply.

**G.** Nothing herein shall prevent SouthEast from utilizing existing collocation facilities, purchased from the interexchange tariffs, for local interconnection; provided, however, that if SouthEast orders new facilities for interconnection or rearranges any facilities presently used for its alternate access business in order to use such facilities for local interconnection hereunder and a BellSouth charge is applicable thereto, BellSouth shall only charge SouthEast the lower of the interstate or intrastate tariffed rate or promotional rate.

**H.** The parties agree to establish trunk groups from the interconnecting facilities of subsection (E) of this section such that each party provides a reciprocal of each trunk group established by the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each party may construct its network, including the interconnecting facilities, to achieve optimum cost effectiveness and network efficiency. The parties agree that either no charges will be assessed or reciprocal charges will be assessed for network to network interfaces where the parties are certified as providers of local exchange services. BellSouth's treatment of SouthEast as to said charges shall be consistent with BellSouth treatment of other local exchange carriers for the same charges.

**I.** Whenever BellSouth delivers traffic to SouthEast for termination on SouthEast's network, if BellSouth cannot determine because of the manner in which SouthEast has utilized its NXX codes whether the traffic is local or toll BellSouth will not compensate SouthEast pursuant to this section but will, instead, charge SouthEast originating intrastate network access service charges as reflected in BellSouth's intrastate Access Service Tariff. Notwithstanding the foregoing, BellSouth will make the appropriate billing adjustments if SouthEast can provide sufficient information for BellSouth to make a determination as to whether said traffic was local or toll. If BellSouth deploys an NXX code across its local calling areas in such a manner that SouthEast cannot determine whether the traffic it delivers to BellSouth is local or toll, this subsection shall apply to the parties.

**J.** If either party provides intermediary tandem switching and transport services for the other party's connection of its end user to a local end user of: (1) an ALEC other than SouthEast; (2) a local exchange telecommunications company other than BellSouth ("ICO"); or (3) another telecommunications company such as a wireless telecommunications service provider, the parties agree that compensation shall be on the basis of mutual traffic exchange. In order to perform the intermediary service, the

party performing the service must have consent from the other telecommunications carrier to deliver the traffic or the other party must have an interconnection agreement with the other telecommunications carrier. The parties agree that any billing to the ICO or other telecommunications company under this section shall be pursuant to subsection (L) of this section.

**K.** When the parties provide an access service connection between an interexchange carrier ("IXC") and each other, each party will provide their own access services to the IXC on a multi-bill, multi-tariff meet-point basis. Each party will bill its own access services rates to the IXC with the exception of the interconnection charge. The interconnection charge will be billed by the party providing the intermediary tandem function.

**L.** The parties agree to adopt MECAB as the terms and conditions for meet point billing for all traffic to which MECAB applies, including traffic terminating to ported numbers, and to employ 30 day billing periods for said arrangements. The recording party agrees to provide to the initial billing company, at no charge, the switched access detailed usage data within a reasonable time after the usage is recorded. The initial billing company will provide the switched access summary usage data to all subsequent billing companies within 10 days of rendering the initial bill to the IXC or CLEC. The parties agree that there will be technical, administrative, and implementation issues associated with achieving the intent of this subsection. As such, the parties further agree to work cooperatively toward achieving the intent of this provision within nine months of the effective date of this Agreement.

**M.** The ordering and provision of all services purchased from BellSouth by SouthEast shall be as set forth in the OLEC-to-BellSouth Ordering Guidelines (Facilities Based) as those guidelines are amended by BellSouth from time to time during the term of this Agreement.

**N.** It is recognized that SouthEast may include rural areas in the territory in which it provides service. The parties agree to conserve the use of NXX codes to the extent possible and to work cooperatively in developing an efficient NXX deployment plan.

#### **V. IntraLATA and InterLATA Toll Traffic Interconnection**

**A.** The delivery of intrastate toll traffic by a party to the other party shall be reciprocal and compensation will be mutual. For terminating its toll traffic on the other party's network, each party will pay BellSouth's intrastate terminating switched access rate, inclusive of the Interconnection Charge and the Carrier Common Line rate elements of the switched access rate. The parties agree that their terminating switched access rates may change during the term of this Agreement and that the appropriate rate shall be the rate in effect when the traffic is terminated.

**B.** For originating and terminating intrastate toll traffic, each party shall pay the other BellSouth's intrastate switched network access service rate elements on a per minute of use basis. Said rate elements shall be as set out in BellSouth's Intrastate Access Services Tariff as that Tariff is amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement. The charges will be determined by the routing of the call. If SouthEast is the BellSouth end user's presubscribed interexchange carrier or if the BellSouth end user uses SouthEast as an interexchange carrier on a 10XXX basis, BellSouth will charge SouthEast the tariff charges for originating network access services. If BellSouth is serving as the SouthEast end user's presubscribed interexchange carrier or if the SouthEast end user uses BellSouth as an interexchange carrier on a 10XXX basis, SouthEast will charge BellSouth the BellSouth tariff charges for originating network access services.

**C.** The parties agree that to the extent SouthEast provides intraLATA toll service to its customers, it may be necessary for it to interconnect to additional BellSouth access tandems that serve end office outside the local calling area.

**D.** Each party agrees to compensate the other, pursuant to the appropriate originating switched access charges, including the database query charge, for the origination of 800 traffic terminated to the other party.

**E.** Each party will provide to the other party the appropriate records necessary for billing intraLATA 800 customers. The records provided will be in a standard EMR format for a fee of \$0.013 per record.

**F.** If during the term of this Agreement, either party provides interLATA 800 services, it will compensate the other for the origination of such traffic pursuant to subsection A, above. Each party shall provide the appropriate records for billing pursuant to subsection B, above.

**G.** Should SouthEast require 800 Access Ten Digit Screening Service from BellSouth, it shall have signaling transfer points connecting directly to BellSouth's local or regional signaling transfer point for service control point database query information. SouthEast shall pay the rates set forth in this Agreement for SS7 Signaling links, ports and usage. SouthEast will not utilize switched access FGD service. 800 Access Ten Digit Screening Service is an originating service that is provided via 800 Switched Access Service trunk groups from BellSouth's SSP equipped end office or access tandem providing an IXC identification function and delivery of call to the IXC based on the dialed ten digit number. The rates and charges for said service shall be as set forth in this Agreement.

## **VI. Service Provider Number Portability**

**A.** Service Provider Number Portability (SPNP) is an interim service arrangement provided by each party to the other whereby an end user, who switches

subscription of his local exchange service from BellSouth to SouthEast, or vice versa, is permitted to retain use of his existing assigned telephone number, provided that the end user remains at the same location for his local exchange service or changes locations and service providers but stays within the same serving wire center of his existing number. SPNP services are available in two arrangements, SPNP-Remote and SPNP-DID.

**B.** SPNP services and facilities will only be provided, where technically feasible, subject to the availability of facilities and may only be furnished from properly equipped central offices. SS7 Signaling is required for the provision of SPNP services. SPNP is available from either party on either a per DS0, DS1 or DS3 basis. Charges for SPNP-DID and SPNP-DID provided on a DS1 or a DS3 basis, with applicable channelization rates are as specified in this Agreement. SPNP is available only for basic local exchange service.

**C.** SPNP is available only where SouthEast or BellSouth is currently providing, or will begin providing concurrent with provision of SPNP, basic local exchange service to the affected end user. SPNP for a particular SouthEast assigned telephone number is available only from the central office originally providing local exchange service to the end user. SPNP for a particular assigned telephone number will be disconnected when any end user, Commission, BellSouth, or SouthEast initiated activity (e.g. a change in exchange boundaries) would normally result in a telephone number change had the end user retained his initial local exchange service.

**D.** SPNP-Remote is a telecommunications service whereby a call dialed to an SPNP-Remote equipped telephone number, is automatically forwarded to an assigned seven or ten digit telephone number within the local calling area as defined in Section A3 of the BellSouth General Subscriber Service Tariff. The forwarded-to number is specified by SouthEast or BellSouth, as appropriate. Where technologically feasible, the forwarding party will provide identification of the originating telephone number, via SS7 signaling, to the receiving party. Neither party guarantees, however, identification of the originating telephone number to the SPNP-Remote end user. SPNP-Remote provides a single call path for the forwarding of no more than one simultaneous call to the receiving party's specified forwarded-to number.

**E.** SPNP-DID service provides trunk side access to end office switches for direct inward dialing to other company's premises equipment from the telecommunications network to lines associated with the other company's switching equipment and must be provided on all trunks in a group arranged for inward service. A SPNP-DID trunk termination, provided with SS7 Signaling only, charge applies for each trunk voice grade equivalent. In addition, direct facilities are required from the end office where a ported number resides to the end office serving the ported end user customer. The rates for a switched local channel and switched dedicated transport apply as contained in Section E6 of BellSouth's intrastate Access Services tariff, as said Tariff is amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement. Transport



mileage will be calculated as the airline distance between the end office where the number is ported and the POI using the V&H coordinate method. SPNP-DID must be established with a minimum configuration of 2 channels and one unassigned telephone number per switch, per arrangement for control purposes. Transport facilities arranged for SPNP-DID may not be mixed with any other type of trunk group, with no outgoing calls placed over said facilities. SPNP-DID will be provided only where such facilities are available and where the switching equipment of the ordering party is properly equipped. Where SPNP-DID service is required from more than one wire center or from separate trunk groups within the same wire center, such service provided from each wire center or each trunk group within the same wire center shall be considered a separate service. Only customer dialed sent paid calls will be completed to the first number of a SPNP-DID number group, however there are no restrictions on calls completed to other numbers of a SPNP-DID number group. Interface group arrangements provided for terminating the switched transport at the party's terminal location are as set forth in E6.1.3.A. of BellSouth's intrastate Access Services tariff, as amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement.

**F.** SPNP services will be provided at the charges as set forth in this Agreement.

**G.** The calling party is responsible for payment of the applicable charges for sent-paid calls to the SPNP number. For collect, third-party, or other operator-assisted non-sent paid calls to the ported telephone number, BellSouth or SouthEast is responsible for the payment of charges under the same terms and conditions for which the end user would have been liable for those charges. Either party may request that the other block collect and third party non-sent paid calls to the SPNP assigned telephone number. If the party does not request blocking, the other party will provide itemized local usage data for the billing of non-sent paid calls on the monthly bill of usage charges, provided at the individual end user account level. The detail will include itemization of all billable usage. As an alternative to the itemized monthly bill, each party shall have the option of receiving this usage data on a daily basis via a data file transfer arrangement. This arrangement will utilize the existing industry uniform standard, known as EMR standards, for exchange of billing data. Files of usage data will be created daily for the optional service. Usage originated and recorded in the sending BellSouth RAO will be provided in unrated format. SouthEast usage originated elsewhere and delivered via CMDS to the sending BellSouth RAO will be provided in rated format.

**H.** Each party is responsible for obtaining authorization from the end user for the handling of the disconnection of the end user's service, the provision of new local service and the provision of SPNP services. Each party is responsible for coordinating the provision of service with the other to assure that its switch is capable of accepting SPNP ported traffic. Each party is responsible for providing equipment and facilities that are compatible with the other's service parameters, interfaces, equipment and facilities and is required to provide sufficient terminating facilities and services at the

terminating end of an SPNP call to adequately handle all traffic to that location and is solely responsible to ensure that its facilities, equipment and services do not interfere with or impair any facility, equipment, or service of the other party or any of its end users. In the event that either party determines in its sole judgment that the other party will likely impair or is impairing, or interfering with any equipment, facility or service or any of its end users, that party may either refuse to provide SPNP service or terminate SPNP to the other party. If one party refuses to provide or terminate SPNP service under the provisions of this section, that party will provide the other party written notice, by telefax, of the decision to refuse or terminate service within 24 hours. Both parties hereby covenant to negotiate, in good faith, a technically feasible SPNP plan within 48 hours of the original SPNP refusal or termination.

I. Each party is responsible for providing an appropriate intercept announcement service for any telephone numbers subscribed to SPNP services for which it is not presently providing local exchange service or terminating to an end user. Where either party chooses to disconnect or terminate any SPNP service, that party is responsible for designating the preferred standard type of announcement to be provided.

J. Each party will be the other's party's single point of contact for all repair calls on behalf of each party's end user. Each party reserves the right to contact the other party's customers, if deemed necessary, for maintenance purposes. In the event of contact of one party's customer by the other party at the premises of the customer, the contacting party will use branded drop-off cards provided and paid for by the other party. SouthEast will reimburse BellSouth for the reasonable and demonstrable costs BellSouth would otherwise incur as a result of the use of the generic leave behind material. BellSouth will notify SouthEast of material supply exhaust in sufficient time that material will always be available. BellSouth will not be liable for any error, mistake or omission, other than intentional acts or omissions or gross negligence, resulting from the requirements to distribute SouthEast's Leave Behind Material. In the alternative, SouthEast may elect to utilize the generic leave behind card provided by BellSouth. In the event of call-backs from a technical office to get further information, the operator will use SouthEast as the identifier for representation to the customer.

K. Neither party is responsible for adverse effects on any service, facility or equipment for the use of SPNP services. End-to-end transmission characteristics may vary depending on the distance and routing necessary to complete calls over SPNP facilities and the fact that another carrier is involved in the provisioning of service. Therefore, end-to-end transmission characteristics can not be specified by either party for such calls. Neither party is responsible to the other if any necessary change in protection criteria or in any of the facilities, operation, or procedures of either renders any facilities provided by the other party obsolete or renders necessary modification of the other party's equipment.

**L.** For that terminating IXC traffic ported to either party which requires use of either party's tandem switching, the tandem provider will bill the IXC tandem switching, the interconnection charge, and a portion of the transport, and the other party will bill the IXC local switching, the carrier common line and a portion of the transport. If the tandem provider is unable to provide the necessary access records to permit the other party to bill the IXCs directly for terminating access to ported numbers, then the parties agree to work cooperatively to develop a surrogate method to approximate the access minutes, and a settlement process to recover those access revenues due it as a co-provider of access services to IXCs. During the interim, while the surrogate is being developed, the tandem provider will bill the IXC full terminating switched access charges, keep the interconnection charge, tandem switching and a portion of transport, and remit the local switching, a portion of transport and CCL revenues to the other party. If a toll intraLATA call is delivered, the delivering party will pay terminating access rates to the other party. This subsection does not apply in cases where SPNP-DID is utilized for number portability.

**M.** If either party has direct connections to the IXCs for the termination of all interLATA traffic and it is only through the use of SPNP services that the tandem is being utilized and the tandem provider receives network access service revenues from the terminating IXC, the other party will bill the network access charges for the terminating facilities used for that interLATA traffic. This circumstance may also arise where an intraLATA toll call from one party's customer is sent to a number that is, in turn, forwarded through the use of SPNP services to the other party's customer. If so, terminating party will bill the other party the network access charges for the terminating facilities used for that intraLATA toll traffic.

**N.** If during the term of this Agreement, the Federal Communications Commission issues regulations pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251 to require number portability different than that provided pursuant to this subsection, the parties agree to fully comply with those regulations.

## **VII. Provision of Unbundled Elements**

**A.** BellSouth will offer an unbundled local loop to SouthEast at the current rates as set forth in this Agreement. Special construction charges, if applicable, will be as set forth in BellSouth's Intrastate Special Access Tariff as said tariff is amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement.

**B.** BellSouth will offer to SouthEast unbundled loop channelization system service which provides the multiplexing function to convert 96 voice grade loops to DS1 level for connection with SouthEast's point of interface and loop concentration service. Rates are as set forth in this Agreement.

**C.** BellSouth will offer to SouthEast unbundled local transport from the trunk side of its switch at the rates as set forth in this Agreement.

D. BellSouth will offer to SouthEast unbundled local switching at the rates as set forth in this Agreement, for the unbundled exchange service port.

E. BellSouth shall, upon request of SouthEast, and to the extent technically feasible, provide to SouthEast access to its Network Elements for the provision of an-a SouthEast telecommunications service. Any request by SouthEast for access to a BellSouth Network Element that is not already available shall be treated as a Network Element bona fide request. SouthEast agrees to pay the costs associated with the bona fide request if SouthEast cancels the request or fails to purchase the service once completed. SouthEast shall provide BellSouth access to its Network Elements as mutually agreed by the Parties or as required by a state commission or the FCC.

### **VIII. Access to 911/E911 Emergency Network**

A. For basic 911 service, BellSouth will provide to SouthEast a list consisting of each municipality in each state that subscribes to Basic 911 service. The list will also provide, if known, the E911 conversion date for each municipality and, for network routing purposes, a ten-digit directory number representing the appropriate emergency answering position for each municipality subscribing to 911. SouthEast will arrange to accept 911 calls from its end users in municipalities that subscribe to Basic 911 service and translate the 911 call to the appropriate 10-digit directory number as stated on the list provided by BellSouth. SouthEast will route that call to BellSouth at the appropriate tandem or end office. When a municipality converts to E911 service, SouthEast shall discontinue the Basic 911 procedures and begin the E911 procedures, set forth in subsection (B), below.

B. For E911 service, SouthEast shall install a minimum of two dedicated trunks originating from SouthEast's serving wire center and terminating to the appropriate E911 tandem. The dedicated trunks shall be, at minimum, DS0 level trunks configured either as a 2 wire analog interface or as part of a digital (1.544 Mb/s) interface. Either configuration shall use CAMA type signaling with multifrequency (MF) pulsing that will deliver automatic number identification (ANI) with the voice portion of the call. If the user interface is digital, MF pulses, as well as other AC signals, shall be encoded per the u-255 Law convention. SouthEast will provide BellSouth daily updates to the E911 database.

C. If a municipality has converted to E911 service, SouthEast will forward 911 calls to the appropriate E911 tandem, along with ANI, based upon the current E911 end office to tandem homing arrangement as provided by BellSouth. If the E911 tandem trunks are not available, SouthEast will alternatively route the call to a designated 7-digit local number residing in the appropriate PSAP. This call will be transported over BellSouth's interoffice network and will not carry the ANI of the calling party.

**D.** BellSouth and SouthEast agree that the practices and procedures contained in the E911 Local Exchange Carrier Guide For Facility-Based Providers, as it is amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement by BellSouth, shall determine the appropriate procedures and practices of the parties as to the provision of 911/E911 Access.

**E.** The applicable rate elements are as set forth in this Agreement.

#### **IX. Provision of Operator Services**

**A.** The parties agree to mutually provide busy line verification and emergency interrupt services at the rates set forth in this Agreement.

**B.** BellSouth will offer to SouthEast Operator Call Processing Access Service; and Directory Assistance Access Services (Number Services) at the rates set forth in this Agreement.

**C.** BellSouth will offer to SouthEast CMDS Hosting and the Non Sent Paid Report System pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in Attachments C-11 and C-12, incorporated herein by this reference.

#### **X. Directory Listings**

**A.** Subject to execution of an agreement between SouthEast and BellSouth's affiliate, BellSouth Advertising & Publishing Corporation ("BAPCO"), (1) listings shall be included in appropriate White Pages or alphabetical directories; (2) SouthEast's business subscribers' listings shall also be included in appropriate Yellow Pages, or classified directories; and (3) copies of such directories shall be delivered to SouthEast's subscribers.

**B.** BellSouth will include SouthEast's subscriber listings in BellSouth's directory assistance databases and BellSouth will not charge SouthEast to maintain the Directory Assistance database. The parties agree to cooperate with each other in formulating appropriate procedures regarding lead time, timeliness, format and content of listing information.

**C.** BellSouth will provide SouthEast a magnetic tape or computer disk containing the proper format for submitting subscriber listings. SouthEast will provide BellSouth with its directory listings and daily updates to those listings, including new, changed, and deleted listings, in an industry-accepted format.

**D.** BellSouth and BAPCO will accord SouthEast's directory listing information the same level of confidentiality which BellSouth and BAPCO accords its own directory listing information, and BellSouth shall limit access to SouthEast's customer proprietary

confidential directory information to those BellSouth or BAPCO employees who are involved in the preparation of listings.

E. Additional listings and optional listings may be provided by BellSouth at the rates set forth in the General Subscriber Services Tariff as the tariff is amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement.

#### **XI. Access to Telephone Numbers**

A. BellSouth, during any period under this Agreement in which it serves as a North American Numbering Plan administrator for its territory, shall ensure that SouthEast has nondiscriminatory access to telephone numbers for assignment to its telephone exchange service customers. It is mutually agreed that BellSouth shall provide numbering resources pursuant to the BellCore Guidelines Regarding Number Assignment and compliance with those guidelines shall constitute nondiscriminatory access to numbers. SouthEast agrees that it will complete the NXX code application in accordance with Industry Carriers Compatibility Forum, Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, ICCF 93-0729-010.

B. If during the term of this Agreement BellSouth is no longer the North American Numbering Plan administrator, the parties agree to comply with the guidelines, plan or rules adopted pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(e).

#### **XII. Access to Signaling and Signaling Databases**

A. Each party will offer to the other party use of its signaling network and signaling databases on an unbundled basis at the rates set forth in this Agreement. Signaling functionality will be available with both A-link and B-link connectivity.

B. BellSouth agrees to input the NXXs assigned to SouthEast into the Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG").

C. BellSouth will enter SouthEast line information into its Line Information Database ("LIDB") pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in Attachment C-5, incorporated herein by this reference. Entry of line information into LIDB will enable SouthEast's end users to participate or not participate in alternate billing arrangements such as collect or third number billed calls.

D. If SouthEast utilizes BellSouth's 800 database for query purposes only, the rates and charges shall be as set forth in this Agreement.

#### **XIII. BellSouth's Offer of Services Available for Resale**

A. The rates pursuant by which SouthEast is to purchase services from BellSouth for resale shall be at a discount rate off of the retail rate for the

telecommunications service. The discount rates shall be as set forth in this Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Such discount shall reflect the costs avoided by BellSouth when selling a service for wholesale purposes.

**B.** SouthEast may resell the retail telecommunications services of BellSouth provided to subscribers who are not telecommunications carriers, including any broadband exchange line or SynchroNet® service, subject to the terms, and conditions specifically set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following are not available for purchase: Grandfathered services; promotional and trial retail service offerings of ninety (90) days or less; installment billing options; legislatively or administratively mandated specialized discounts (e.g. education institutions discount); and discounted services to meet competitive situations. BellSouth agrees that SouthEast may resell the broadband exchange line or SynchroNet service as provided by BellSouth in any technically feasible manner alone or in conjunction with its own service offering.

**C.** The provision of services by BellSouth to SouthEast does not constitute a joint undertaking for the furnishing of any service.

**D.** SouthEast will be the customer of record for all services purchased from BellSouth. Except as specified herein, BellSouth will take orders from, bill and expect payment from SouthEast for all services.

**E.** SouthEast will be BellSouth's single point of contact for all services purchased pursuant to this Agreement including all ordering activities and repair calls. For all repair requests, SouthEast accepts responsibility for adhering to BellSouth's prescreening guidelines prior to referring the trouble to BellSouth. The parties envision that the parties may, in some instances, have difficulty or disagreement in determining whether the trouble is in BellSouth's network or the end user's equipment. If this situation arises, the parties agree to revisit this issue prior to assessing charges for handling troubles. The parties agree that BellSouth may contact SouthEast's customers, if in its sole discretion it deems necessary for maintenance purposes. If SouthEast customers are contacted for maintenance purposes, contacting parties for BellSouth will leave a branded drop-off card provided by SouthEast at its expense. BellSouth shall have no other contact with the end user except to the extent provided for herein.

**F.** BellSouth will continue to bill the end user for any services that the end user specifies it wishes to receive directly from BellSouth. BellSouth maintains the right to serve directly any end user within the service area of SouthEast and ALEC agrees not to interfere with the right of any end user to obtain service directly from BellSouth. BellSouth will continue to directly market its own telecommunications products and

services and in doing so may establish independent relationships with end users of SouthEast

**G.** BellSouth may provide any service or facility for which a charge is not established herein, as long as it is offered on the same terms to SouthEast for a charge not less than BellSouth's cost.

**H.** The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment provided by any person or entity other than BellSouth shall not:

1. Interfere with or impair service over any facilities of BellSouth, its affiliates, or its connecting and concurring carriers involved in its service;
2. Cause damage to their plant;
3. Impair the privacy of any communications; or
4. Create hazards to any employees or the public.

SouthEast assumes the responsibility of notifying BellSouth regarding less than standard operations with respect to services provided by SouthEast.

**I.** SouthEast agrees that its resale of BellSouth services shall be as follows:

1. The resale of telecommunications services shall be limited to users and uses conforming to the class of service restrictions.
2. To the extent SouthEast is a telecommunications carrier that serves greater than 5 percent of the Nation's presubscribed access lines, SouthEast shall not jointly market its interLATA services with the telecommunications services purchased from BellSouth pursuant to this Agreement in any of the states covered under this Agreement. For purposes of this subsection, to jointly market means any advertisement, marketing effort or billing in which the telecommunications services purchased from BellSouth for purposes of resale to customers and interLATA services offered by SouthEast are packaged, tied, bundled, discounted or offered together in any way to the end user. Such efforts include, but are not limited to, sales referrals, resale arrangements, sales agencies or billing agreements. This subsection shall be void and of no effect for a particular state covered under this Agreement as of February 8, 1999 or on the date BellSouth is authorized to offer interLATA services in that state, whichever is earlier.



3. Hotel and Hospital PBX service are the only telecommunications services available for resale to Hotel/Motel and Hospital end users, respectively. Similarly, Access Line Service for Customer Provided Coin Telephones is the only local service available for resale to COCOTS customers. Shared Tenant Service customers can only be sold those telecommunications services available in BellSouth's A23 or A27 Shared Tenant Service Tariff, as appropriate.
4. SouthEast is prohibited from furnishing both flat and measured rate service on the same business premises to the same subscribers (end users) as stated in A2.3.2.A. of BellSouth's Tariff.
5. Resold services can only be used in the same manner as specified in BellSouth's Tariff. Resold services are subject to the same terms and conditions as are specified for such services when furnished to an individual end user of BellSouth in the appropriate section of BellSouth's Tariffs. Specific tariff features, e.g. a usage allowance per month, shall not be aggregated across multiple resold services. Resold services cannot be used to aggregate traffic from more than one end user customer except as specified in Section A23. of BellSouth's Tariff referring to Shared Tenant Service.

**J.** Telephone numbers transmitted via any resold service feature are intended solely for the use of the end user of the feature. Resale of this information is prohibited.

**K.** No patent, copyright, trademark or other proprietary right is licensed, granted or otherwise transferred by this Agreement. SouthEast is strictly prohibited from any use, including but not limited to sale, marketing or advertising, of any BellSouth name or trademark.

**L.** Services resold under BellSouth's Tariffs and facilities and equipment provided by BellSouth shall be maintained by BellSouth. SouthEast or its end users may not rearrange, move, disconnect, remove or attempt to repair any facilities owned by BellSouth, other than by connection or disconnection to any interface means used, except with the written consent of BellSouth, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**M.** BellSouth will not perform billing and collection services for SouthEast as a result of the execution of this Agreement. All requests for billing services should be referred to the appropriate entity or operational group within BellSouth.

**N.** Pursuant to 47 CFR Section 51.617, BellSouth will bill the changes shown below that are identical to the EUCL rates billed by BellSouth to its end users.

		<b>Monthly Rate</b>
1.	Residential	
	(a) Each Individual Line or Trunk	<b>\$3.50</b>
2.	Single Line Business	
	(b) Each Individual Line or Trunk	<b>\$3.50</b>
3.	Multi-line Business	
	(c) Each Individual Line or Trunk	<b>\$6.00</b>

**P.** The procedures for discontinuing end user service purchased by SouthEast for resale to an end user are as follows:

1. Where possible, BellSouth will deny service to SouthEast's end user on behalf of, and at the request of, SouthEast. Upon restoration of the end user's service, restoral charges will apply and will be the responsibility of SouthEast
2. At the request of SouthEast, BellSouth will disconnect a SouthEast end user customer.
3. All requests by SouthEast for denial or disconnection of an end user for nonpayment must be in writing.
4. SouthEast will be made solely responsible for notifying the end user of the proposed disconnection of the service.
5. BellSouth will continue to process calls made to the Annoyance Call Center and will advise SouthEast when it is determined that annoyance calls are originated from one of their end user's locations. BellSouth shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by SouthEast and/or the end user against any claim, loss or damage arising from providing this information to SouthEast. It is the responsibility of SouthEast to take the corrective action necessary with its customers who make annoying calls. Failure to do so will result in BellSouth's disconnecting the end user's service.

**Q.** The procedures for discontinuing service to SouthEast are as follows:

1. BellSouth reserves the right to suspend or terminate service for nonpayment or in the event of prohibited, unlawful or improper use of the facilities or service, abuse of the facilities, or any other violation or noncompliance by SouthEast of the rules and regulations of BellSouth's Tariffs.
  2. If payment of account is not received by the bill day in the month after the original bill day, BellSouth may provide written notice to SouthEast, that additional applications for service will be refused and that any pending orders for service will not be completed if payment is not received by the fifteenth day following the date of the notice. If BellSouth does not refuse additional applications for service on the date specified in the notice, and SouthEast's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude BellSouth's right to refuse additional applications for service without further notice.
  3. If payment of the account is not received, or other arrangements made, by the bill day in the second consecutive month, the account will be considered in Default and will be subject to denial or disconnection, or both.
  4. If SouthEast fails to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, including any payments to be made by it on the dates and times herein specified, BellSouth may, on thirty days written notice to the person designated by SouthEast to receive notices of noncompliance, discontinue the provision of existing services to SouthEast at any time thereafter. In the case of such discontinuance, all billed charges, as well as applicable termination charges, shall become due. If BellSouth does not discontinue the provision of the services involved on the date specified in the thirty days notice, and SouthEast's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude BellSouth's right to discontinue the provision of the services to SouthEast without further notice.
- If failure to comply is the result of a breach of this Agreement by BellSouth or if there is disagreement over the alleged non-compliance by SouthEast, the parties will employ the dispute resolution methods set forth in Section XXIII of this Agreement.
5. If payment is not received or arrangements made for payment by the date given in the written notification, SouthEast's services will be discontinued. Upon discontinuance of service on SouthEast's account, service to SouthEast's end users will be denied. BellSouth will also reestablish service at the request of the end user or SouthEast upon payment of the appropriate connection fee and subject to BellSouth's normal application procedures.

6. If within fifteen days after an end user's service has been denied no contact has been made in reference to restoring service, the end user's service will be disconnected.

R. BellSouth may require SouthEast to make a deposit or post a surety bond, if evidence of good credit cannot be provided, when purchasing services for resale purposes to be held by BellSouth as a guarantee of the payment of rates and charges. Any such deposit may be held during the continuance of the service and may not exceed two month's estimated billing. The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves SouthEast from the prompt payment of bills on presentation nor does it constitute a waiver or modification of the regular practices of BellSouth providing for the discontinuance of service for non-payment of any sums due BellSouth. In the event that SouthEast Defaults on its account, service to SouthEast will be terminated and any deposits held will be applied to its account. In the case of a cash deposit, interest at the rate of six percent per annum shall be paid to SouthEast during the continuance of the deposit. Interest on a deposit shall accrue annually and, if requested, shall be annually credited or refunded to SouthEast by the accrual date in a manner consistent with BellSouth's retail tariffs.

#### **XIV. Ordering of Services From BellSouth For Resale Purposes**

A. The ordering and provision of services purchased from BellSouth for resale purposes by SouthEast shall be as set forth in the OLEC-to-BellSouth Ordering Guidelines (Reseller) as those guidelines are amended by BellSouth from time to time during the term of this Agreement.

B. When the initial service is ordered by SouthEast, BellSouth will establish an accounts receivable master account for SouthEast.

C. BellSouth shall bill SouthEast on a current basis all applicable charges and credits.

D. Payment of all charges will be the responsibility of SouthEast. SouthEast shall make payment to BellSouth for all services billed. BellSouth is not responsible for payments not received by SouthEast from SouthEast's customer. BellSouth will not become involved in billing disputes that may arise between SouthEast and its customer. Payments made to BellSouth as payment on account will be credited to an accounts receivable master account and not to an end user's account.

E. BellSouth will render bills each month on established bill days for each of SouthEast's accounts.

**F.** BellSouth will bill SouthEast in advance charges for all services to be provided during the ensuing billing period except charges associated with service usage, which charges will be billed in arrears. Charges will be calculated on an individual end user account level, including, if applicable, any charges for usage or usage allowances. BellSouth will also bill all charges, including but not limited to 911 and E911 charges, telecommunications relay charges, and franchise fees, on an individual end user account level.

**G.** The payment will be due by the next bill date (i.e., same date in the following month as the bill date) and is payable in immediately available U.S. funds. Payment is considered to have been made when received by BellSouth.

If the payment due date falls on a Sunday or on a Holiday which is observed on a Monday, the payment due date shall be the first non-Holiday day following such Sunday or Holiday. If the payment due date falls on a Saturday or on a Holiday which is observed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, the payment due date shall be the last non-Holiday day preceding such Saturday or Holiday. If payment is not received by the payment due date, a late payment penalty, as set forth in I. following, shall apply.

**H.** Upon proof of tax exempt certification from SouthEast, the total amount billed to SouthEast will not include any taxes due from the end user. SouthEast will be solely responsible for the computation, tracking, reporting and payment of all federal, state and/or local jurisdiction taxes associated with the services resold to the end user.

**I.** As the customer of record, SouthEast will be responsible for, and remit to BellSouth, all charges applicable to its resold services for emergency services (E911 and 911) and Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) as well as any other charges of a similar nature.

**J.** If any portion of the payment is received by BellSouth after the payment due date as set forth preceding, or if any portion of the payment is received by BellSouth in funds that are not immediately available to BellSouth, then a late payment penalty shall be due to BellSouth. The late payment penalty shall be the portion of the payment not received by the payment due date times a late factor. The late factor shall be the lessor of:

1. The highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transaction, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment due date to and including the date that SouthEast actually makes the payment to BellSouth, or

2. 0.000590 per day, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment due date to and including the date that SouthEast actually makes the payment to BellSouth.

**K.** Any Carrier Common Line charges (CCL) associated with interexchange carrier access to the resold local exchange lines will be billed by, and due to, BellSouth.

**L.** In general, BellSouth will not become involved in disputes between SouthEast and SouthEast's end user customers over resold services. If a dispute does arise that cannot be settled without the involvement of BellSouth, SouthEast shall contact the designated Service Center for resolution. BellSouth will make every effort to assist in the resolution of the dispute and will work with SouthEast to resolve the matter in as timely a manner as possible. SouthEast may be required to submit documentation to substantiate the claim.

**M.** SouthEast is responsible for payment of all appropriate charges for completed calls, services, and equipment. If objection in writing is not received by BellSouth within twenty-nine days after the bill is rendered, the account shall be deemed correct and binding upon SouthEast.

#### **XV. Rates and Charges**

The rates and charges for access to the unbundled network elements, functions, features and capabilities contained within this Agreement are contained within Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Further, the discount for the retail services to be resold by SouthEast shall be as described in Exhibit 1.

#### **XVI. Continuing Obligations**

SouthEast hereby agrees to specifically perform its obligation set forth in this Agreement and further agrees to render reasonable assistance and cooperation to BellSouth in the performance of its duties.

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#### **XVII. Network Design and Management**

**A.** The parties agree to work cooperatively to install and maintain reliable interconnected telecommunications networks, including but not limited to, maintenance contact numbers and escalation procedures. BellSouth agrees to provide written notice to SouthEast of changes in the information necessary for the transmission and routing

of services using its local exchange facilities or networks, as well as of any other changes that would affect the interoperability of those facilities and networks.

**B.** The interconnection of all networks will be based upon accepted industry/national guidelines for transmission standards and traffic blocking criteria.

**C.** The parties will work cooperatively to apply sound network management principles by invoking appropriate network management controls, e.g., call gapping, to alleviate or prevent network congestion.

**D.** Neither party intends to charge rearrangement, reconfiguration, disconnection, termination or other non-recurring fees that may be associated with the initial reconfiguration of either party's network interconnection arrangement contained in this Agreement. However, the interconnection reconfigurations will have to be considered individually as to the application of a charge. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties do intend to charge non-recurring fees for any additions to, or added capacity to, any facility or trunk purchased.

**E.** The parties agree to provide LEC-to-LEC Common Channel Signaling (CCS) to one another, where available, in conjunction with all traffic in order to enable full interoperability of CLASS features and functions except for call return. All CCS signaling parameters will be provided, including automatic number identification (ANI), originating line information (OLI) calling party category, charge number, etc. All privacy indicators will be honored, and the parties agree to cooperate on the exchange of Transactional Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) messages to facilitate full interoperability of CCS-based features between the respective networks.

**F.** For network expansion, the parties agree to review engineering requirements on a quarterly basis and establish forecasts for trunk utilization as required by Section V of this Agreement. New trunk groups will be implemented as stated by engineering requirements for both parties.

**G.** The parties agree to provide each other with the proper call information, i.e. originated call party number and destination call party number, CIC, and OZZ, including all proper translations for routing between networks and any information necessary for billing where BellSouth provides recording capabilities. The exchange of information is required to enable each party to bill properly.

#### **XVIII. Disconnection of Existing End User Service**

**A.** BellSouth will accept requests from SouthEast to transfer the service of an existing BellSouth end user. BellSouth will accept a request directly from an end user for conversion of the end user's service from SouthEast to BellSouth or will accept a request from another ALEC or SouthEast for conversion of the Service Provider Number Portability service associated with an end user's service from SouthEast to the

second ALEC or Reseller. BellSouth will notify SouthEast within 24 hours of receipt that such a request has been received. BellSouth will not require end user confirmation prior to disconnecting the end user's service. SouthEast must, however, provide proof of authorization upon request.

**B.** If BellSouth determines that an unauthorized change in local service provider has occurred, BellSouth will reestablish service with the appropriate local service provider as requested by the end user and will assess SouthEast an Unauthorized Change Charge of \$19.41 per line or trunk for Residence or Business. The appropriate nonrecurring charges to reestablish the customer's service with the appropriate local service provider will also be assessed to SouthEast because of the unauthorized change. These charges may be adjusted if SouthEast provides satisfactory proof of authorization.

**C.** BellSouth may designate BellSouth as the preferred provider of local exchange service for its own pay telephones.

#### **XIX. Implementation of Agreement**

The parties agree that within 30 days of the execution of this Agreement they will adopt a schedule for the implementation of this Agreement. The schedule shall state with specificity, conversion, reconfiguration, ordering, testing, and full operational time frames. Both parties agree to provide the appropriate staff support to ensure effective implementation, administration of this Agreement and conversion of existing services to the appropriate rates contained in this Agreement. Any changes in billing to SouthEast shall be as of the effective date of this Agreement. The implementation schedule shall be attached to this Agreement as an addendum and specifically incorporated herein by this reference.

#### **XX. Auditing Procedures**

**A.** Upon thirty (30) days written notice, each party must provide the other the ability and opportunity to conduct an annual audit to ensure the proper billing of traffic between the parties. The parties agree to retain records of call detail for a minimum of nine months from which the PLU can be ascertained. The audit shall be accomplished during normal business hours at an office designated by the party being audited. Audit request shall not be submitted more frequently than one (1) time per calendar year. Audits shall be performed by a mutually acceptable independent auditory paid for by the party requesting the audit. The PLU shall be adjusted based upon the audit results and shall apply to the usage for the quarter the audit was completed, the usage for the quarter prior to the completion of the audit, and to the usage for the two quarters following the completion of the audit. If, as a result of an audit, either party is found to have overstated the PLU by twenty percentage points (20%) or more, that party shall reimburse the auditing party for the cost of the audit in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.



**B.** For combined interstate and intrastate SouthEast traffic terminated by BellSouth over the same facilities, SouthEast shall provide a projected Percentage Interstate Usage ("PIU") as defined herein to BellSouth. All jurisdictional report requirements, rules and regulations for Interexchange Carriers specified in E2.3.14 of BellSouth's Intrastate Access Services Tariff will apply to SouthEast. After interstate and intrastate traffic percentages have been determined by use of PIU procedures, the PLU factor will be used for application and billing of local interconnection and intrastate toll access charges.

**C.** BellSouth reserves the right to periodically audit services purchased by SouthEast for the purposes of resale to confirm that such services are being utilized in conformity with this Agreement. SouthEast agrees to make any and all records available to BellSouth or its auditors on a timely basis. BellSouth shall bear the cost of said audit that shall not occur more than once in a calendar year. If the audit determines that the services are being utilized in violation of this Agreement, SouthEast shall be notified and billing for the service will be immediately changed to conform with this Agreement. Service charges, back billing and interest calculated consistent with XIV (J) may be applied.

## **XXI. Liability and Indemnification**

**A.** With respect to any claim or suit by SouthEast, a SouthEast customer or by any other person or entity, other than for willful misconduct, for damages associated with any of the services provided by BellSouth pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise, including but not limited to the installation, provision, preemption, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration of service, and subject to the provisions of B. through G. following, BellSouth's liability shall not exceed an amount equal to the proportionate charge for the service provided pursuant to this Agreement for the period during which the service was affected.

**B.** BellSouth shall not be liable for any act or omission of any other telecommunications company providing a portion of a service, nor shall BellSouth hold liable any other telecommunications company providing a portion of a service for any act or omission of BellSouth.

**C.** BellSouth is not liable for damages to SouthEast's terminal location, POI nor SouthEast's customer's premises resulting from the furnishing of a service, including but not limited to the installation and removal of equipment and associated wiring, unless the damage is caused by BellSouth's gross negligence.

**D.** BellSouth shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by SouthEast against any claim, loss or damage arising from SouthEast's use of services provided by BellSouth under this Agreement, involving: 1) Claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright arising from SouthEast's own communications; 2) Claims for patent infringement arising from SouthEast's acts combining or using the

service furnished by BellSouth in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by SouthEast or SouthEast's customer; 3) any claim, loss, or damage claimed by a SouthEast customer, arising from SouthEast's uses of services provided by BellSouth under this Agreement; or 4) all other claims arising out of an act or omission of SouthEast in the course of using services provided pursuant to this Agreement, except in cases where the claim is the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of BellSouth.

**E.** BellSouth assumes no liability for the inaccurate data provided to it by SouthEast and SouthEast agrees to indemnify and hold harmless BellSouth for any claim, action, cause of action, damage, injury whatsoever, that may result from the supply of inaccurate data from SouthEast to BellSouth in conjunction with the provision of any service provided pursuant to this Agreement.

**F.** BellSouth does not guarantee or make any warranty with respect to its services when used in an explosive atmosphere. BellSouth shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by SouthEast or SouthEast's customer from any and all claims by any person relating to SouthEast's or SouthEast's customer's use of services so provided.

**G.** No license under patents (other than the limited license to use) is granted by BellSouth or shall be implied or arise by estoppel, with respect to any service offered pursuant to this Agreement. BellSouth will defend SouthEast against claims of patent infringement arising solely from the use by SouthEast of services offered pursuant to this Agreement and will indemnify SouthEast for any damages awarded based solely on such claims.

**H.** BellSouth's failure to provide or maintain services offered pursuant to this Agreement shall be excused by labor difficulties, governmental orders, civil commotion, criminal actions taken against BellSouth, acts of God and other circumstances beyond BellSouth's reasonable control.

**I.** This obligations of the Parties contained within this section shall survive the expiration of this Agreement.

## **XXII. More Favorable Provisions**

**A.** In the event an appropriate regulatory agency or judicial body orders or directs BellSouth or SouthEast to provide any substantive portion of this Agreement in a way different than that provided for herein, including but not limited to BellSouth's provision of broadband exchange line services, the parties agree to implement said order so that the parties can incorporate the order on the same day that the order becomes effective. The parties agree that such action shall take place only after all administrative and judicial remedies have been exhausted. The party pursuing any administrative or judicial remedy agrees to apply the regulatory or judicial order

retroactively to the date that the order was initially entered and apply simple interest at a rate based on the thirty day commercial paper rate for high grade, unsecured notes sold through dealers by major corporations in multiples of \$1,000.00 as regularly published in the Wall Street Journal. The preceding sentence shall survive the expiration of this Agreement.

**B.** In the event BellSouth executes an interconnection, unbundling and resale agreement with any other local exchange carrier, the parties agree that SouthEast shall be eligible to supersede this Agreement with the identical rates, terms and conditions contained in the BellSouth agreement with the other local exchange carrier. If SouthEast chooses to adopt another agreement in its entirety, the parties agree that the effective day shall be the date the agreement is approved by the Commission.

**C.** In the event BellSouth files and receives approval for a tariff offering to provide any substantive service of this Agreement in a way different than that provided for herein, the parties agree that SouthEast shall be eligible for subscription to said service at the rates, terms and conditions contained in the tariff. The parties agree that such eligibility shall be as of the effective date of the tariff.

**D.** The Parties acknowledge that BellSouth will guarantee the provision of universal service as the carrier-of-last-resort throughout its territory until January 1, 1998 without contribution from SouthEast.

### **XXIII. Treatment of Proprietary and Confidential Information**

**A.** Both parties agree that it may be necessary to provide each other during the term of this Agreement with certain confidential information, including trade secret information, including but not limited to, technical and business plans, technical information, proposals, specifications, drawings, procedures, customer account data, call detail records and like information (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Information"). Both parties agree that all Information shall be in writing or other tangible form and clearly marked with a confidential, private or proprietary legend and that the Information will be returned to the owner within a reasonable time. The parties agree to receive such Information and not disclose such Information. Both parties agree to protect the Information received from distribution, disclosure or dissemination to anyone except employees of the parties with a need to know such Information and which employees agree to be bound by the terms of this Section. Both parties will use the same standard of care to protect Information received as they would use to protect their own confidential and proprietary Information.

**B.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, both parties agree that there will be no obligation to protect any portion of the Information that is either: 1) made publicly available by the owner of the Information or lawfully disclosed by a nonparty to this Agreement; 2) lawfully obtained from any source other than the owner of the

Information; or 3) previously known to the receiving party without an obligation to keep it confidential.

#### **XXIV. Resolution of Disputes**

Except as otherwise stated in this Agreement, the parties agree that if any dispute arises as to the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement or as to the proper implementation of this Agreement, the parties will initially refer the issue to the individuals in each company that negotiated the Agreement. If the issue is not resolved within 20 days, the parties will employ a nationally recognized mediation firm to assist in the resolution of the disagreement. If mediation does not produce resolution within 20 days, either party may petition the Commission for a resolution of the dispute. However, each party reserves any rights it may have to seek judicial review of any ruling made by the Commission concerning this Agreement.

#### **XXV. Limitation of Use**

The parties agree that this Agreement shall not be proffered by either party in another jurisdiction as evidence of any concession or as a waiver of any position taken by the other party in that jurisdiction or for any other purpose.

#### **XXVI. Waivers**

Any failure by either party to insist upon the strict performance by the other party of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement, and each party, notwithstanding such failure, shall have the right thereafter to insist upon the specific performance of any and all of the provisions of this Agreement.

#### **XXVII. Governing Law**

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of Georgia, without regard to its conflict of laws principles.

#### **XXVIII. Venue**

The parties shall resolve any disputes at law in relation to the provisions of this Agreement in the appropriate courts in the state in which the dispute occurred.

#### **XXIX. Arm's Length Negotiations**

This Agreement was executed after arm's length negotiations between the undersigned parties and reflects the conclusion of the undersigned that this Agreement is in the best interests of all parties.

**XXX. Notices**

**A.** Every notice, consent, approval, or other communications required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person or given by postage prepaid mail, address to:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
Acct. Manager  
South E4E1 Colonnade Prkwy  
Birmingham, AL 35243

SouthEast  
P.O. Box 1001  
Pikeville, KY 41502  
(606) 432-3000 ~~Full Time Mo.~~

or at such other address as the intended recipient previously shall have designated by written notice to the other party.

**B.** Where specifically required, notices shall be by certified or registered mail. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, notice by mail shall be effective on the date it is officially recorded as delivered by return receipt or equivalent, and in the absence of such record of delivery, it shall be presumed to have been delivered the fifth day, or next business day after the fifth day, after it was deposited in the mails.

**XXXI. Entire Agreement**

This Agreement and its Attachments, incorporated herein by this reference, sets forth the entire understanding and supersedes prior agreements between the parties relating to the subject matter contained herein and merges all prior discussions between them, and neither party shall be bound by any definition, condition, provision, representation, warranty, covenant or promise other than as expressly stated in this Agreement or as is contemporaneously or subsequently set forth in writing and executed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the party to be bound thereby.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Signature 

Title Director

Date May 15, 1997

SouthEast Telephone,

Signature 

Title President of General Partner

Date May 15, 1997

## EXHIBIT 1

## APPLICABLE DISCOUNTS

The telecommunications services available for purchase by SouthEast for the purposes of resale to SouthEast end users shall be available at the following discount off of the retail rate.

STATE	DISCOUNT	
	RESIDENCE	BUSINESS
ALABAMA	17%	17%
FLORIDA	21.83%	16.81%
GEORGIA	20.3%*	17.3%*
KENTUCKY	16.79%	15.54%
LOUISIANA	20.72%	20.72%
MISSISSIPPI	15.75%	15.75%
NORTH CAROLINA	21.5%	17.6%
SOUTH CAROLINA	14.8%	14.8%
TENNESSEE*	16%	16%

\* The Wholesale Discount is set as a percentage off the tariffed rates. If SouthEast provides its own operator services and directory assistance services in Tennessee, the discount shall be 21.56%. These rates are effective as of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's Order in Tennessee Docket No. 90-01331 dated January 17, 1997.

Attachment B-1  
Local Interconnection Service

Service: Local Interconnection\*

Description: Provides for the use of BellSouth Switching and transport facilities and common subscriber plant for connecting calls between an ALEC's Point of Interface (POI) and a BellSouth end user.

It can also be used to connect calls between an ALEC and an Interexchange Carrier (IC), and Independent Exchange Telephone Company (ICO), or a Mobile Service Service Provider (MSP), or between two ALECs.

It is furnished on a per-trunk basis. Trunks are differentiated by traffic type and directionality. There are two major traffic types: (1) Local and (2) Intermediary. Local represents traffic from the ALEC's POI to a BellSouth tandem or end office and Intermediary represents traffic originated or terminated by an ALEC which is interconnected with an IC, ICO, MSP or another ALEC.

Rates and charges will be applied as indicated below.

State(s):		Alabama						Florida					
RATE ELEMENTS		Per MOU	Applied Per	Monthly Recur.	Applied Per	Non- Recur.	Applied Per	Per MOU	Applied Per	Monthly Recur.	Applied Per	Non- Recur.	Applied Per
DS1 Local Channel		-	-	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First	-	-	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First
DS1 Dedicated Transport		-	-	\$23.50 per mile	-	-	-	-	-	\$16.75 per mile	-	-	-
DS1 Common Transport		\$0.00004 per mile	-	\$90.00 fac. term.	-	\$100.49 fac. term.	-	\$0.00004 per mile	-	\$59.75 fac. term.	-	\$100.49 fac. term.	-
Local Switching LS2 (FGD)		\$0.00036 fac. term.	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00036 fac. term.	-	-	-	-	-
Tandem Switching		\$0.00755 access mou	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00876 access mou	-	-	-	-	-
Information Surcharge		\$0.00074 access mou	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00050 access mou	-	-	-	-	-
Tandem Intermediary Charge**		\$0.03218 100 mou	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		\$0.002 access mou	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.002 access mou	-	-	-	-	-
Composite Rate-DS1 Dedicated		\$0.00978	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.01028	-	-	-	-	-
Composite Rate-DS1 Tandem Sw.		\$0.00991	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.01056	-	-	-	-	-

State(s):		Georgia						Kentucky					
RATE ELEMENTS		Per MOU	Applied Per	Monthly Recur.	Applied Per	Non- Recur.	Applied Per	Per MOU	Applied Per	Monthly Recur.	Applied Per	Non- Recur.	Applied Per
DS1 Local Channel		-	-	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First	-	-	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First
DS1 Dedicated Transport		-	-	\$23.50 per mile	-	\$486.83	LC - Add'l	-	-	\$23.50 per mile	-	\$486.83	LC - Add'l
DS1 Common Transport		\$0.00004 per mile	-	\$90.00 fac. term.	-	\$100.49 fac. term.	-	\$0.00004 per mile	-	\$90.00 fac. term.	-	\$100.49 fac. term.	-
Local Switching LS2 (FGD)		\$0.00036 fac. term.	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00036 fac. term.	-	-	-	-	-
Tandem Switching		\$0.00787 access mou	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00756 access mou	-	-	-	-	-
Information Surcharge		\$0.00074 access mou	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00074 access mou	-	-	-	-	-
Tandem Intermediary Charge**		-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.03218 Prem/100 mou	-	-	-	-	-
		\$0.002 access mou	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.01448 Trans/100 mou	-	-	-	-	-
Composite Rate-DS1 Dedicated		\$0.00978	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00978	-	-	-	-	-
Composite Rate-DS1 Tandem Sw.		\$0.00991	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00991	-	-	-	-	-

\*Rates are displayed at the DS1-1.544 Mbps. level. For rates and charges applicable to other arrangement levels, refer to Section E6 of BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc.'s Intrastate Access Tariff

\*\*The Tandem Intermediary Charge applies only to Intermediary Traffic.

-DS1 Local Channel: denotes a DS1 dedicated transport facility between the ALEC's serving wire center and the ALEC's POI, also called an Entrance Facility. This element will apply when associated with services ordered by an ALEC which utilizes a BellSouth facilities. This element is not required when an ALEC is collocated.

-DS1 Dedicated Transport: provides transmission and facility termination. The facility termination applies for each DS1 Interoffice Channel terminated. Can be used between ALEC's serving wire center to the end users and office or from the ALEC's serving wire center to the tandem.

-Common Transport: Composed of Common Transport facilities as determined by BellSouth and permits the transmission of calls terminated by BellSouth

-Access Tandem Switching: provides function of switching traffic from or to the Access Tandem from or to the end office switch(es). The Access Tandem Switching charge is assessed on all terminating minutes of use switched at the access tandem.

-Compensation Credit (CAP): BellSouth and the ALECs will not be required to compensate each other for more than 105% of the total billed local interconnection minutes of use of the party with the lower total billed local interconnection minutes of use in the same month.



Attachment B-1  
Local Interconnection Service

Service: Local Interconnection\* (Cont'd)

State(s):		Louisiana						Mississippi					
RATE ELEMENTS	Per MOU	Applied Per	Monthly Recur.	Applied Per	Non-Recur.	Applied Per		Per MOU	Applied Per	Monthly Recur.	Applied Per	Non-Recur.	Applied Per
DS1 Local Channel	-	-	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First		-	-	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First
					\$486.83	LC - Add'l						\$486.83	LC - Add'l
DS1 Dedicated Transport	-	-	\$16.75 per mile	-	-	-		-	-	\$23.50 per mile	-	-	-
			\$59.75 fac. term.	\$100.49	fac. term.					\$90.00 fac. term.	\$100.49	fac. term.	
DS1 Common Transport	\$0.00004	per mile	-	-	-	-		\$0.00004	per mile	-	-	-	-
	\$0.00036	fac. term.	-	-	-	-		\$0.00036	fac. term.	-	-	-	-
Local Switching LS2 (FGD)	\$0.00869	access mou	-	-	-	-		\$0.00787	access mou	-	-	-	-
Tandem Switching	\$0.00050	access mou	-	-	-	-		\$0.00074	access mou	-	-	-	-
Information Surcharge	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Tandem Intermediary Charge**	\$0.002	access mou	-	-	-	-		\$0.002	access mou	-	-	-	-
Composite Rate-DS1 Dedicated	\$0.01021							\$0.00978					
Composite Rate-DS1 Tandem Sw	\$0.01049							\$0.00991					

State(s):		N.Carolina						S.Carolina					
RATE ELEMENTS	Per MOU	Applied Per	Monthly Recur.	Applied Per	Non-Recur.	Applied Per		Per MOU	Applied Per	Monthly Recur.	Applied Per	Non-Recur.	Applied Per
DS1 Local Channel	-	-	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First		-	-	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First
					\$486.83	LC - Add'l						\$486.83	LC - Add'l
DS1 Dedicated Transport	-	-	\$23.50 per mile	-	-	-		-	-	\$23.50 per mile	-	-	-
			\$90.00 fac. term.	\$100.49	fac. term.					\$90.00 fac. term.	\$100.49	fac. term.	
DS1 Common Transport	\$0.00004	per mile	-	-	-	-		\$0.00004	per mile	-	-	-	-
	\$0.00036	fac. term.	-	-	-	-		\$0.00036	fac. term.	-	-	-	-
Local Switching LS2 (FGD)	\$0.01140	access mou	-	-	-	-		\$0.01096	access mou	-	-	-	-
Tandem Switching	\$0.00074	access mou	-	-	-	-		\$0.00074	access mou	-	-	-	-
Information Surcharge	-	-	-	-	-	-		\$0.03741	100 mou	-	-	-	-
Tandem Intermediary Charge**	\$0.002	access mou	-	-	-	-		\$0.002	access mou	-	-	-	-
Composite Rate-DS1 Dedicated	\$0.01331							\$0.01323					
Composite Rate-DS1 Tandem Sw	\$0.01344							\$0.01336					

State(s):		Tennessee					
RATE ELEMENTS	Per mou	Applied Per	Monthly Recur.	Applied Per	Non-Recur.	Applied Per	
DS1 Local Channel	-	-	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First	
					\$486.83	LC - Add'l	
DS1 Dedicated Transport	-	-	\$23.50 per mile	-	-	-	
			\$90.00 fac. term.	\$100.49	fac. term.		
DS1 Common Transport	\$0.00004	per mile	-	-	-	-	
	\$0.00036	fac. term.	-	-	-	-	
Local Switching LS2 (FGD)	\$0.01750	access mou	-	-	-	-	
Tandem Switching	\$0.00074	access mou	-	-	-	-	
Information Surcharge	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tandem Intermediary Charge**	\$0.002	access mou	-	-	-	-	
Composite Rate-DS1 Dedicated	\$0.01941						
Composite Rate-DS1 Tandem Sw	\$0.01954						

\*Rates are displayed at the DS1-1.544 Mbps. level. For rates and charges applicable to other arrangement levels, refer to Section E6 of BellSouth Telecommunication's. No Intra-State Access Tariff.

\*\*The Tandem Intermediary Charge applies only to intermediary traffic.

-DS1 Local Channel: Denotes a DS1 dedicated transport facility between the ALEC's serving wire center and the ALEC's POX, also called an Entrance Facility. This element will apply when associated with services ordered by an ALEC which utilizes a BellSouth facilities. This element is not required when an ALEC is collocated.

-DS1 Dedicated Transport: provides transmission and facility termination. The facility termination applies for each DS1 Interoffice Channel terminated. Can be used from the ALEC's serving wire center to the end users end office or from the ALEC's serving wire center to the tandem.

-Common Transport: Composed of Common Transport facilities as determined by BellSouth and permits the transmission of calls terminated by BellSouth.

-Access Tandem Switching: provides function of switching traffic from or to the Access Tandem from or to the end office switch(es). The Access Tandem Switching charge is assessed on all terminating minutes of use switched at the access tandem.

-Compensation Credit (CAP): BellSouth and the ALECs will not be required to compensate each other for more than 105% of the total billed local interconnection minutes of use of the party with the lower total billed local interconnection minutes of use in the same month.

## Attachment B-3

### Local Interconnection Service

#### Service: Service Provider Number Portability-Remote

**Description:** Service Provider Number Portability (SPNP) is an interim service arrangement provided by BellSouth to ALECs whereby an end user, who switches subscription to local exchange service from BellSouth to an ALEC, is permitted to retain use of the existing BellSouth assigned telephone number provided that the end user remains at the same location.

SPNP-Remote is a telecommunications service whereby a call dialed to an SPNP-Remote equipped telephone number, assigned by BellSouth, is automatically forwarded to an ALEC assigned seven or ten digit telephone number within BellSouth's basic local calling area as defined in Section A3 of BellSouth's General Subscriber Service Tariff. The forwarded-to number is specified by the ALEC.

SPNP-Remote provides a single call path for the forwarding of no more than one simultaneous call to the ALEC specified forwarded-to number. Additional call paths for the forwarding of multiple simultaneous calls are available on a per path basis, and are in addition to the rate for SPNP-Remote service.

**State(s):** ALL

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
Per Number Ported		
- Residence / 6 paths	\$1.15	-
- Business / 10 paths	\$2.25	-
Each Additional Path	\$0.50	-
Per Order, per end user location	-	None

## Attachment B-4

## Local Interconnection Service

Service: Service Provider Number Portability-Direct Inward Dialed (DID)\*

Description: Service Provider Number Portability (SPNP) is an interim service arrangement provided by BellSouth to ALECs whereby an end user, who switches subscription to local exchange service from BellSouth to an ALEC is permitted to retain use of the existing BellSouth assigned telephone number provided that the end user remains at the same location.

SPNP-DID provides trunk side access to BellSouth end office switched for direct inward dialing to ALEC premises from the telecommunications network directly to lines associated with ALEC switching equipment.

SPNP-DID will be available on either a DSO, DS1 or DS3 basis.

SPNP-DID Trunk Termination will only be provided with SS7 Signaling at rates set forth in E6 of BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc.'s Intrastate Access Tariffs.

Direct facilities are required from the BellSouth end office where a ported number resides to the ALEC end office serving the ALEC end user.

State(s):	Alabama				Florida			
RATE ELEMENTS	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per	Non- Recurring	Applied Per	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per	Non- Recurring	Applied Per
Per Number Ported - Business	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each
Per Number Ported - Residence	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each
Per Order	-	-	\$25.00	end user location	-	-	\$25.00	end user location
SPNP-DID Trunk Termination	\$13.00	trunk	\$160.00 \$80.00	trunk-init. trunk-sub.	\$15.00	trunk	\$170.00 \$86.00	trunk-init. trunk-sub.
DS1 Local Channel**	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97 \$486.83	LC - First LC - Add'l	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97 \$486.83	LC - First LC - Add'l
DS1 Dedicated Transport**	\$23.50 \$90.00	per mile fac. term.	- \$100.49	- fac. term.	\$16.75 \$59.75	per mile fac. term.	- \$100.49	- fac. term.

State(s):	Georgia				Kentucky			
RATE ELEMENTS	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per	Non- Recurring	Applied Per	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per	Non- Recurring	Applied Per
Per Number Ported - Business	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each
Per Number Ported - Residence	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each
Per Order	-	-	\$25.00	end user location	-	-	\$25.00	end user location
SPNP-DID Trunk Termination	\$14.00	trunk	\$165.00 \$83.00	trunk-init. trunk-sub.	\$13.00	trunk	\$150.00 \$80.00	trunk-init. trunk-sub.
DS1 Local Channel**	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97 \$486.83	LC - First LC - Add'l	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97 \$486.83	LC - First LC - Add'l
DS1 Dedicated Transport**	\$23.50 \$90.00	per mile fac. term.	- \$100.49	- fac. term.	\$23.50 \$90.00	per mile fac. term.	- \$100.49	- fac. term.

\* Rates are displayed at the DS1-1.544 Mbps. level. For rates and charges applicable to other arrangement levels, refer to Section E6 of BellSouth's Intrastate Access Tariffs.

\*\*May not be required if the ALEC is collocated at the ported number end office.

## Attachment B-4

## Local Interconnection Service

Service: Service Provider Number Portability-Direct Inward Dialed (DID)\* (Cont'd)

State(s): Louisiana					Mississippi			
RATE ELEMENTS	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per	Non- Recurring	Applied Per	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per	Non- Recurring	Applied Per
Per Number Ported - Business	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each
Per Number Ported - Residence	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each
Per Order	-	-	\$25.00	end user location	-	-	\$25.00	end user location
SPNP-DID Trunk Termination	\$13.00	trunk	\$170.00	trunk-init. \$86.00 trunk-sub.	\$13.00	trunk	\$150.00	trunk-init. \$80.00 trunk-sub.
DS1 Local Channel**	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First \$486.83 LC - Add'l	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First \$486.83 LC - Add'l
DS1 Dedicated Transport**	\$16.75	per mile	-	-	\$23.50	per mile	-	-
	\$59.75	fac. term.	\$100.49	fac. term.	\$90.00	fac. term.	\$100.49	fac. term.

State(s): N.Carolina					S.Carolina			
RATE ELEMENTS	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per	Non- Recurring	Applied Per	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per	Non- Recurring	Applied Per
Per Number Ported - Business	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each
Per Number Ported - Residence	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each
Per Order	-	-	\$25.00	end user location	-	-	\$25.00	end user location
SPNP-DID Trunk Termination	\$13.00	trunk	\$160.00	trunk-init. \$83.00 trunk-sub.	\$13.00	trunk	\$164.00	trunk-init. \$81.00 trunk-sub.
DS1 Local Channel**	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First \$486.83 LC - Add'l	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First \$486.83 LC - Add'l
DS1 Dedicated Transport**	\$23.50	per mile	-	-	\$23.50	per mile	-	-
	\$90.00	fac. term.	\$100.49	fac. term.	\$90.00	fac. term.	\$100.49	fac. term.

State(s): Tennessee				
RATE ELEMENTS	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per	Non- Recurring	Applied Per
Per Number Ported - Business	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each
Per Number Ported - Residence	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each
Per Order	-	-	\$25.00	end user location
SPNP-DID Trunk Termination	\$13.00	trunk	\$164.00	trunk-init. \$83.00 trunk-sub.
DS1 Local Channel**	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First \$486.83 LC - Add'l
DS1 Dedicated Transport**	\$23.50	per mile	-	-
	\$90.00	fac. term.	\$100.49	fac. term.

\*Rates are displayed at the DS1-1.544 Mbps. level. For rates and charges applicable to other arrangement levels, refer to Section E6 of BellSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s Intrastate Access Tariff.

\*\*May not be required if the ALEC is collocated at the ported number end office.

**Attachment C-3**

**Unbundled Products and Services and New Services**

**Service: Access to 911 Service**

**Description: Provides a universal, easy-to-remember number which is recognized nationally as the appropriate number to call in an emergency.**

**Additionally, ALEC-1 must provide a minimum of two dedicated trunk groups originating from ALEC-1's serving wire center and terminating to the appropriate 911 tandem. These facilities, consisting of a Switched Local Channel from ALEC-1's point of interface to it's serving wire center and Switched Dedicated Transport to the 911 tandem, may be purchased from BellSouth at the Switched Dedicated Transport rates set forth in Section E6 of BellSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s Intrastate Access Service Tariffs.**

**State(s): All**

**Rates: Will be billed to appropriate municipality.**

**Attachment C-4**

**Unbundled Products and Services and New Services**

**Service: 800 Database**

**Description: Provides for utilization of the BellSouth 800 Service Control Points for obtaining 800 Service routing information.**

**800 Database service is provided using a common nationwide 800 Database. The BellSouth network components utilized in the provision of this service are the Service Switching Point (SSP), the Common Channel Signaling Seven Network, the Signal Transfer Point (STP), and the Service Control Point (SCP). Additionally, the Service Management System functions nationally as the central point for the administration of all 800 numbers and downloads 800 number information to BellSouth's SCPs.**

**ALEC's with STPs will be able to connect directly to BellSouth local or regional STP for obtaining 800 database routing information from BellSouth's SCP and will not be required to order FGD or TSBSA Technical Option 3 Service. For this connection the ALECs may utilize Signaling System Seven Terminations interconnected in Birmingham, AL and Atlanta, GA with BellSouth's local or regional STP.**

**State(s): All**

**Rates, Terms and Conditions:**

**In all states, the 800 Database rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in Sections E2, E5, E6 and E13 of BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc.'s Intrastate Access Service Tariffs.**

## **Attachment C-5**

### **Unbundled Products and Services and New Services**

#### **Service: Line Information Database (LIDB)- Storage Agreement**

**Description:** The LIDB Storage Agreement provides the terms and conditions for inclusion in BellSouth's LIDB of billing number information associated with BellSouth exchange lines used for Local Exchange Companies' resale of local exchange service or Service Provider Number Portability arrangements requested Local Exchange Companies' on behalf of the Local Exchange company's end user. BellSouth will store in it's database, the relevant billing number information and will provide responses to on-line, call-by-call queries to this information for purposes of Billed Number Screening, Calling Card Validation and Fraud Control.

Each time an ALECs data is used BellSouth will compensate that ALEC at a rate of 40% of BellSouth's LIDB Validation rate per query as displayed in Attachment C-6 following.

**State(s):** All

**Rates:** No Charge

**LINE INFORMATION DATA BASE (LIDB)  
STORAGE AGREEMENT  
FOR RESOLD LOCAL EXCHANGE LINES OR  
SERVICE PROVIDER NUMBER PORTABILITY ARRANGEMENTS**

This agreement, effective as of May 15, 1998, is entered into by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BST"), a Georgia corporation, and Southeast Telephone Company ("Local Exchange Company").

WHEREAS, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements and obligations set forth below, the parties hereby agree as follows:

**I. SCOPE**

This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions for inclusion in BST's Line Information Data Base (LIDB) of billing number information associated with BST exchange lines used for Local Exchange Company's resale of local exchange service or Service Provider Number Portability (SPNP) arrangements requested by Local Exchange Company on behalf of Local Exchange Company's end user. BST will store in its data base the relevant billing number information, and BST will provide responses to on-line, call-by-call queries to this information for purposes specified below.

LIDB is accessed for:

- Billed Number Screening
- Calling Card Validation for Calling Cards issued by BellSouth
- Fraud Control



## **II. DEFINITIONS**

- 2.01. **Billing number** - a number used by BST for the purpose of identifying an account liable for charges. This number may be a line or a special billing number.
- 2.02. **Line number** - a ten digit number assigned by BST that identifies a telephone line associated with a resold local exchange service, or with a SPNP arrangement.
- 2.03. **Special billing number** - a ten digit number that identifies a billing account established by BST in connection with a resold local exchange service or with a SPNP arrangement.
- 2.04. **Calling Card number** - a billing number plus PIN number assigned by BST.
- 2.05. **PIN number** - a four digit security code assigned by BST which is added to a billing number to compose a fourteen digit calling card number.
- 2.06. **Toll billing exception indicator** - associated with a billing number to indicate that it is considered invalid for billing of collect calls or third number calls or both, by the Local Exchange Company.
- 2.07. **Billed Number Screening** - refers to the activity of determining whether a toll billing exception indicator is present for a particular billing number.
- 2.08. **Calling Card Validation** - refers to the activity of determining whether a particular calling card number exists as stated or otherwise provided by a caller.
- 2.09. **Billing number information** - information about billing number or Calling Card number as assigned by BST and toll billing exception indicator provided to BST by the Local Exchange Company.

### **III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES**

3.01. BST will include billing number information associated with resold exchange lines or SPNP arrangements in its LIDB. The Local Exchange Company will request any toll billing exceptions via the Local Service Request (LSR) form used to order resold exchange lines, or the SPNP service request form used to order SPNP arrangements.

3.02. Under normal operating conditions, BST shall include the billing number information in its LIDB upon completion of the service order establishing either the resold local exchange service or the SPNP arrangement, provided that BST shall not be held responsible for any delay or failure in performance to the extent such delay or failure is caused by circumstances or conditions beyond BST's reasonable control. BST will store in its LIDB an unlimited volume of the working telephone numbers associated with either the resold local exchange lines or the SPNP arrangements. For resold local exchange lines or for SPNP arrangements, BST will issue line-based calling cards only in the name of Local Exchange Company. BST will not issue line-based calling cards in the name of Local Exchange Company's individual end users. In the event that Local Exchange Company wants to include calling card numbers assigned by the Local Exchange Company in the BST LIDB, a separate agreement is required.

3.03. BST will provide responses to on-line, call-by-call queries to the stored information for the specific purposes listed in the next paragraph.

3.04. BST is authorized to use the billing number information to perform the following functions for authorized users on an on-line basis:

(a) Validate a 14 digit Calling Card number where the first 10 digits are a line number or special billing number assigned by BST, and where the last four digits (PIN) are a security code assigned by BST.

(b) Determine whether the Local Exchange Company has identified the billing number as one which should not be billed for collect or third number calls, or both.

3.05. BST will provide seven days per week, 24-hours per day, fraud control and detection services. These services include, but are not limited to, such features as sorting Calling Card Fraud detection according to domestic or international calls in order to assist the pinpointing of possible theft or fraudulent use of Calling Card numbers; monitoring bill-to-third number and collect calls made to numbers in BST's LIDB, provided such information is included in the LIDB query, and establishing Account Specific Thresholds, at BST's sole discretion, when necessary. Local Exchange Company understands and agrees BST will administer all data stored in the LIDB, including the data provided by Local Exchange Company pursuant to this Agreement, in the same manner as BST's data for BST's end user customers. BST shall not be responsible to Local Exchange Company for any lost revenue which may result from BST's administration of the LIDB pursuant to its established practices and procedures as they exist and as they may be changed by BST in its sole discretion from time to time.

3.06. Local Exchange Company understands that BST currently has in effect numerous billing and collection agreements with various interexchange carriers and billing clearing houses. Local Exchange Company further understands that these billing and collection customers of BST query BST's LIDB to determine whether to accept various billing options from end users. Additionally, Local Exchange Company understands that presently BST has no method to

differentiate between BST's own billing and line data in the LIDB and such data which it includes in the LIDB on Local Exchange Company's behalf pursuant to this Agreement. Therefore, until such time as BST can and does implement in its LIDB and its supporting systems the means to differentiate Local Exchange Company's data from BST's data and the parties to this Agreement execute appropriate amendments hereto, the following terms and conditions shall apply:

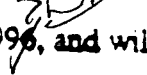
- (a) The Local Exchange Company agrees that it will accept responsibility for telecommunications services billed by BST for its billing and collection customers for Local Exchange Customer's end user accounts which are resident in LIDB pursuant to this Agreement. Local Exchange Company authorizes BST to place such charges on Local Exchange Company's bill from BST and agrees that it shall pay all such charges. Charges for which Local Exchange Company hereby takes responsibility include, but are not limited to, collect and third number calls.
- (b) Charges for such services shall appear on a separate BST bill page identified with the name of the entity for which BST is billing the charge.
- (c) Local Exchange Company shall have the responsibility to render a billing statement to its end users for these charges, but Local Exchange Company's obligation to pay BST for the charges billed shall be independent of whether Local Exchange Company is able or not to collect from Local Exchange Company's end users.
- (d) BST shall not become involved in any disputes between Local Exchange Company and the entities for which BST performs billing and collection. BellSouth will not issue adjustments for charges billed on behalf of an entity to Local Exchange Company. It shall

be the responsibility of the Local Exchange Company and the other entity to negotiate and arrange for any appropriate adjustments.

#### IV. COMPLIANCE

Unless expressly authorized in writing by the Local Exchange Company, all billing number information provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be used for no purposes other than those set forth in this Agreement.

#### V. TERMS

This Agreement will be effective as of May 15, 1996, and will continue in effect for one year, and thereafter may be continued until terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. 

#### VI. FEES FOR SERVICE AND TAXES

6.01. The Local Exchange Company will not be charged a fee for storage services provided by BST to the Local Exchange Company, as described in Section I of this Agreement.

6.02. Sales, use and all other taxes (excluding taxes on BST's income) determine by BST or any taxing authority to be due to any federal, state or local taxing jurisdiction with respect to the provision of the service set forth herein will be paid by the Local Exchange Company. The Local Exchange Company shall have the right to have BST contest with the imposing jurisdiction, at the Local Exchange Company's expense, any such taxes that the Local Exchange Company deems are improperly levied.

#### VII. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent not prohibited by law, each party will indemnify the other and hold the other harmless against any loss, cost, claim, injury, or liability relating to or arising out of

negligence or willful misconduct by the indemnifying party or its agents or contractors in connection with the indemnifying party's provision of services, provided, however, that any indemnity for any loss, cost, claim, injury or liability arising out of or relating to errors or omissions in the provision of services under this Agreement shall be limited as otherwise specified in this Agreement. The indemnifying party under this Section agrees to defend any suit brought against the other party for any such loss, cost, claim, injury or liability. The indemnified party agrees to notify the other party promptly, in writing, of any written claims, lawsuits, or demands for which the other party is responsible under this Section and to cooperate in every reasonable way to facilitate defense or settlement of claims. The indemnifying party shall not be liable under this Section for settlement by the indemnified party of any claim, lawsuit, or demand unless the defense of the claim, lawsuit, or demand has been tendered to it in writing and the indemnifying party has unreasonably failed to assume such defense.

#### **VIII. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

Neither party shall be liable to the other party for any lost profits or revenues or for any indirect, incidental or consequential damages incurred by the other party arising from this Agreement or the services performed or not performed hereunder, regardless of the cause of such loss or damage.

## **IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

9.01. It is understood and agreed to by the parties that BST may provide similar services to other companies.

9.02. All terms, conditions and operations under this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with, and subject to, all applicable local, state or federal legal and regulatory tariffs, rulings, and other requirements of the federal courts, the U. S. Department of Justice and state and federal regulatory agencies. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to cause either party to violate any such legal or regulatory requirement and either party's obligation to perform shall be subject to all such requirements.

9.03. The Local Exchange Company agrees to submit to BST all advertising, sales promotion, press releases, and other publicity matters relating to this Agreement wherein BST's corporate or trade names, logos, trademarks or service marks or those of BST's affiliated companies are mentioned or language from which the connection of said names or trademarks therewith may be inferred or implied; and the Local Exchange Company further agrees not to publish or use advertising, sales promotions, press releases, or publicity matters without BST's prior written approval.

9.04. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Local Exchange Company and BST which supersedes all prior agreements or contracts, oral or written representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, proposals and undertakings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

9.05. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, if any part of this Agreement is held or construed to be invalid or unenforceable, the validity of any other Section of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect to the extent permissible or appropriate in furtherance of the intent of this Agreement.

9.06. Neither party shall be held liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Agreement for any cause beyond its control and without its fault or negligence, such as acts of God, acts of civil or military authority, government regulations, embargoes, epidemics, war, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, floods, strikes, power blackouts, volcanic action, other major environmental disturbances, unusually severe weather conditions, inability to secure products or services of other persons or transportation facilities, or acts or omissions of transportation common carriers.

9.07. This Agreement shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State of Georgia, and the construction, interpretation and performance of this Agreement and all transactions hereunder shall be governed by the domestic law of such State.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by  
their fully authorized officers.

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: [Signature]  
Title: Director  
Date: May 15, 1997  
Address: 3459 BellSouth Center  
675 West Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta Georgia 30325

THE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY

By: [Signature]  
Title: PRESIDENT OF General Partner  
Date: May 15, 1997  
Address: PO BOX 1001  
Peachtree, KY 41502

## Attachment C-6

### Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

**Service:** Line Information Database Access Service (LIDB) - Validation

**Description:** Provides a customer the ability to receive validation of billing information through query of data stored in BellSouth's LIDB data base. See below for additional information.

**State(s):** All

Rate Elements	Description	Monthly	Non-Recurring
LIDB Common Transport	Provides for transport of the customer's query from the LIDB Location (RSTP) to the data base (SCP). This charge will apply each time the customer requests and receives validation of a BellSouth calling card or requests and receives the status of a billed number associated with a LEC line stored in the BellSouth LIDB.	\$0.00030	-
LIDB Validation	Provides for query of data resident in BellSouth's LIDB. This rate will apply each time a customer requests and receives validation of LEC calling card or requests and receives the status of a billed number associated with a LEC line stored in BellSouth's LIDB.  As set forth in Attachment C-5 (LIDB Storage Agreement), preceding, each time an ALEC data is used, BellSouth will compensate that ALEC at a rate of 40% of BellSouth's LIDB Validation rate per query.	\$0.03800	-
Originating Point Code Establishment or Change	Provides for the establishment or change of a customer requested Originating Point Code. This charge will apply each time the customer establishes or changes a point code destination identifying one of his locations or a location of one of his end users.	-	\$91.00
CCS7 Signaling Connections	Rates, terms and conditions for CCS7 Signaling Connections are as set forth in Section E6.8 of BellSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s Intrastate Access Services Tariff.		

## Attachment C-7

## Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

Service: Signaling

Description: Provides for connection to and utilization of BellSouth's Signaling System 7 network for both call setup and non-call setup purposes.

State(s): All

Rate Elements	Monthly Rate	Recurring Rate	Non-Recurring	Applied Per
<b>CCS7 Signaling Connection</b> - Provides a two-way digital 56 Kbps dedicated facility connecting a customer's signaling point of interface in a LATA to a BellSouth STP. Each customer's connection requires either a pair or a quad of signaling connections.	\$155.00	-	\$510.00	56 Kbps facility
<b>CCS7 Signaling Termination</b> - Provides a customer dedicated point of interface at the BellSouth STP for each of the customer's SS7 connections.	\$355.00	-	-	STP Port
<b>CCS7 Signaling Usage*</b> - Refers to the messages traversing the BellSouth signaling network for call set-up and non call set-up purposes.	-	\$0.000023	-	Call Set Up Msg.
	-	\$0.000050	-	TCAP Msg.
<b>CCS7 Signaling Usage Surrogate*</b>	\$395.00	-	-	56 Kbps facility
*Where signaling usage measurement and billing capability exists, CCS7 Signaling Usage will be billed on a per message basis. Where measurement capability does not exist, CCS7 Signaling Usage Surrogate will be billed on a per 56 Kbps facility basis.				

## Attachment C-8

### Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

#### Service: Operator Call Processing Access Service

**Description:** Provides Operator and Automated call handling. This includes processing and verification of alternate billing information for collect, calling card, and billing to a third number. Operator Call Processing Access Service also provides customized call branding; dialing instructions; and other operator assistance the customer may desire.

Rate Elements	State(s)	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per
Operator Provided Call Handling	All	\$1.17	Per Work Minute
<b>Call Completion Access Termination Charge</b> This charge will be applicable per call attempt and is in addition to the Operator Provided Call Handling charge listed above.	Alabama	\$0.06	Per Call Attempt
	Florida	\$0.06	Per Call Attempt
	Georgia	\$0.06	Per Call Attempt
	Kentucky	\$0.06	Per Call Attempt
	Louisiana	\$0.06	Per Call Attempt
	Mississippi	\$0.06	Per Call Attempt
	N.Carolina	\$0.08	Per Call Attempt
	S.Carolina	\$0.08	Per Call Attempt
	Tennessee	\$0.12	Per Call Attempt
Fully Automated Call Handling	All	\$0.15	Per Attempt
<b>Operator Services Transport</b> Operator Services transport rates, terms and conditions are as set forth in E6 of BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc.'s Intrastate Access Service Tariff.			

## Attachment C-9

## Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

Service: Directory Assistance Access Service (Number Services)

Description: See below

Rate Elements	Description	State(s)	Monthly Rate
Directory Assistance Call Completion Access Service	Optional service provided to an Access subscriber of BellSouth's DA Access Service.  Given a listed telephone number at the request of an Access subscriber's end user, BellSouth will provide or attempt to provide from the DA Operator System, call completion to the number requested.  All local and intralata call completion attempts are routed over an intertoll trunk facility directly to the terminating end office that serves the designated number. An Automatic Message Account (AMA) record that includes conversation time, originating, terminating, and billing number details is made for each call completion attempt. This record is in addition to the record made for the DA transaction.	All	\$0.25 (per call attempt)
Call Completion Access Termination Charge	This charge will be applicable per call attempt and is in addition to the DACC Access Service charge listed above.	Alabama Florida Georgia Kentucky Louisiana Mississippi N. Carolina S. Carolina Tennessee	\$0.06 \$0.06 \$0.06 \$0.06 \$0.06 \$0.06 \$0.08 \$0.08 \$0.12
Number Services Intercept Access Service	Number Services Intercept Access refers calls from disconnected numbers to the proper number or numbers.  A separate dedicated intercept trunk facility to the Number Services switch for intercept calls is required. Standard trunk signaling is used to send the intercepted number to the Number Services switch and a database hook-up is performed to retrieve the referral number. The referral number is provided to the calling party by a mechanized audio announcement. The subscribing Access customer must provide the updates to the intercept database to support the service.	All	\$0.30 (per intercept query)
Directory Assistance Service Call	Rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in E9.1.7 for Georgia and as set forth in E9.5.3 for AL, FL, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN of BellSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s Intrastate Access Service Tariff.		
Directory Transport	Rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in E9.1.7 for Georgia and as set forth in E9.5.3 for AL, FL, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN of BellSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s Intrastate Access Service Tariff.		
Directory Assistance Interconnection	Rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in E9.1.7 for Georgia and as set forth in E9.5.3 for AL, FL, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN of BellSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s Intrastate Access Service Tariff.		
Directory Assistance Database Service	Rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in A38.1 of BellSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s General Subscriber Service Tariff.		
Direct Access to DA Service	Rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in Section 9.3 of BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc.'s Interstate Access Service Tariff F.C.C. No.1		

**Attachment C-10**

**Unbundled Products and Services and New Services**

**Service: Busy Line Verification and Emergency Interrupt**

**Description: BellSouth will provide Inward Operator Service for Busy Line Verification and Verification and Emergency Interrupt.**

**State(s): All**

**Rates, Terms and Conditions: In all states, rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in Section E18 of BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc.'s Intrastate Access Service Tariff.**

## Attachment C-11

### Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

**Service:** Centralized Message Distribution System - Hosting (CMDS-Hosting)

**Description:** CMDS-Hosting is the Bellcore administered national system used to exchange Exchange Message Record (EMR) formatted message data among host companies.

All intraLATA and local messages originated and billed in the BellSouth Region involving BellSouth CMDS hosted companies will be processed through the Non-Send Paid Report System described in Attachment C-12 following.

**State(s):** All

Rate Elements	Description	Monthly
Message Distribution	Message Distribution is routing determination and subsequent delivery of message data from one company to another. Also included is the interface function with CMDS, where appropriate. This charge is applied on a per message basis.	\$0.004
Data Transmission	This charge is applied on a per message basis.	\$0.001

Attachment C-12

Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

Service: Non-Sent Paid Report System (NSPRS)

Description: NSPRS includes: 1) a mechanized report system that provides to the BellSouth CMDS hosted companies within the BellSouth Region information regarding Non-Sent Paid message and revenue occurring on calls originated and billed within the BellSouth region; 2) distribution of Bellcore produced Credit Card and Third Number System (CATS) reports and administration of associated elements; 3) distribution of Bellcore produced non-conterminous CATS reports and administration of associated settlements.

State(s): All

Rate Elements	Billing and Collections Fee Retained by Billing Co.	Applied Per
NSPRS - intrastate FL and NC	\$0.066	message
NSPRS - intrastate all other BellSouth states	\$0.05	message
NSPRS - CATS	\$0.05	message
NSPRS - non-conterminous	\$0.16	message



Contract Provisions for RAO Hosting and NSPRS

SECTION 1. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

- 1.01 This Agreement shall apply to the services of Revenue Accounting Office (RAO) Hosting and the Non-Sent Paid Report System (NSPRS) as provided by BellSouth to the ALEC. The terms and conditions for the provisions of these services are outlined in the Exhibits to this Agreement.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.01 A. Centralized Message Distribution System is the BellCore administered national system, based in Kansas City, Missouri, used to exchange Exchange Message Record (EMR) formatted data among host companies.
- B. Compensation is the amount of money due from BellSouth to the ALEC or from the ALEC to BellSouth for services and/or facilities provided under this Agreement.
- C. Exchange Message Record is the nationally administered standard format for the exchange of data among Exchange Carriers within the telecommunications industry.
- D. Intercompany Settlements (ICS) is the revenue associated with charges billed by a company other than the company in whose service area such charges were incurred. ICS on a national level includes third number and credit card calls. ICS within the BellSouth region includes third number, credit card and collect calls.
- E. Message Distribution is routing determination and subsequent delivery of message data from one company to another. Also included is the interface function with CMDS, where appropriate.
- F. Non-Sent Paid Report System (NSPRS) is the system that calculates ICS amounts due from one company to another in the state of Florida.

- G. Revenue Accounting Office (RAO) Status Company is a local exchange company/alternate local exchange company that has been assigned a unique RAO code. Message data exchanged among RAO status companies is grouped (i.e. packed) according to From/To/Bill RAO combinations.

### **SECTION 3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES**

- 3.01 RAO Hosting and NSPRS services provided to the ALEC by BellSouth will be in accordance with the methods and practices regularly adopted and applied by BellSouth to its own operations during the term of this Agreement, including such revisions as may be made from time to time by BellSouth.
- 3.02 The ALEC shall furnish all relevant information required by BellSouth for the provision of RAO Hosting and NSPRS.

### **SECTION 4. COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS**

- 4.01 Applicable compensation amounts will be billed by BellSouth to the ALEC on a monthly basis in arrears. Amounts due from one party to the other (excluding adjustments) are payable within thirty (30) days of receipt of the billing statement.

### **SECTION 5. ASSOCIATED EXHIBITS**

- 5.01 Listed below are the exhibits associated with this Agreement.

Exhibit A      Message Distribution Service (RAO Hosting)

Exhibit B      Intercompany Settlements (NSPRS)

- 5.02 From time to time by written agreement of the parties, new Exhibits may be substituted for the attached Exhibits, superseding and cancelling the Exhibits then in effect.

## SECTION 6. TERM OF AGREEMENT

6.01 This agreement is effective May 15, 1997 and will continue in force until terminated, with or without cause, by thirty (30) days prior notice in writing from either party to the other. This Agreement may be amended from time to time upon written agreement of the parties.

Executed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1997.

WITNESS:

Barbara Smith

THE ALEC

Donald May  
(title)  
PRESIDENT or GENERAL PARTNER

WITNESS:

[Signature]

BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC

[Signature]  
(title)  
Director

## **Exhibit A**

### **SECTION 1. SCOPE OF EXHIBIT**

**1.01** This exhibit specifies the terms and conditions, including compensation, under which BellSouth shall provide message distribution service to the ALEC. As described herein, message distribution service includes the following:

- 1) Message Forwarding to Intraregion LEC/ALEC** - function of receiving an ALEC message and forwarding the message to another LEC/ALEC in the BellSouth region.
- 2) Message Forwarding to CMDS** - function of receiving an ALEC message and forwarding that message on to CMDS.
- 3) Message Forwarding from CMDS** - function of receiving a message from CMDS and forwarding that message to the ALEC.

### **SECTION 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES**

- 2.01** An ALEC that is CMDS hosted by BellSouth must have its own unique RAO code. Requests for establishment of RAO status where BellSouth is the selected CMDS interfacing host, require written notification from the ALEC to BellSouth at least six (6) weeks prior to the proposed effective date. The proposed effective date will be mutually agreed upon between the parties with consideration given to time necessary for the completion of required BellCore functions. BellSouth will request the assignment of an RAO code from its connecting contractor, currently BellCore, on behalf of the ALEC and will coordinate all associated conversion activities.
- 2.02** BellSouth will receive messages from the ALEC that are to be processed by BellSouth, another LEC/ALEC in the BellSouth region or a LEC outside the BellSouth region.
- 2.03** BellSouth will perform invoice sequence checking, standard EMR format editing, and balancing of message data with the EMR trailer record counts on all data received from the ALEC.
- 2.04** All data received from the ALEC that is to be processed or billed by another LEC/ALEC within the BellSouth region will be distributed to that LEC/ALEC in accordance with the agreement(s) which may be in effect between BellSouth and the involved LEC/ALEC.

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- 2.05 All data received from the ALEC that is to be placed on the CMDS network for distribution outside the BellSouth region will be handled in accordance with the agreement(s) which may be in effect between BellSouth and its connecting contractor (currently BellCore).
  - 2.06 BellSouth will receive messages from the CMDS network that are destined to be processed by the ALEC and will forward them to the ALEC on a daily basis.
  - 2.07 Transmission of message data between BellSouth and the ALEC will be via electronic data transmission.
  - 2.08 All messages and related data exchanged between BellSouth and the ALEC will be formatted in accordance with accepted industry standards for EMR formatted records and packed between appropriate EMR header and trailer records, also in accordance with accepted industry standards.
  - 2.09 The ALEC will ensure that the recorded message detail necessary to recreate files provided to BellSouth will be maintained for back-up purposes for a period of three (3) calendar months beyond the related message dates.
  - 2.10 Should it become necessary for the ALEC to send data to BellSouth more than sixty (60) days past the message date(s), that ALEC will notify BellSouth in advance of the transmission of the data. If there will be impacts outside the BellSouth region, BellSouth will work with its connecting contractor and the ALEC to notify all affected parties.
  - 2.11 In the event that data to be exchanged between the two parties should become lost or destroyed, both parties will work together to determine the source of the problem. Once the cause of the problem has been jointly determined and the responsible party (BellSouth or the ALEC) identified and agreed to, the company responsible for creating the data (BellSouth or the ALEC) will make every effort to have the affected data restored and retransmitted. If the data cannot be retrieved, the responsible party will be liable to the other party for any resulting lost revenue. Lost revenue may be a combination of revenues that could not be billed to the end users and associated access revenues. Both parties will work together to estimate the revenue amount based upon historical data through a method mutually agreed upon. The resulting estimated revenue loss will be paid by the responsible party to the other party within three (3) calendar months of the date of problem resolution, or as mutually agreed upon by the parties.

- 2.12 Should an error be detected by the EMR format edits performed by BellSouth on data received from the ALEC, the entire pack containing the affected data will not be processed by BellSouth. BellSouth will notify the ALEC of the error condition. The ALEC will correct the error(s) and will resend the entire pack to BellSouth for processing. In the event that an out-of-sequence condition occurs on subsequent packs, the ALEC will resend these packs to BellSouth after the pack containing the error has been successfully reprocessed by BellSouth.
- 2.13 In association with message distribution service, BellSouth will provide the ALEC with associated intercompany settlements reports (national and regional) as appropriate.
- 2.14 In no case shall either party be liable to the other for any direct or consequential damages incurred as a result of the obligations set out in this agreement.

### **SECTION 3. COMPENSATION**

- 3.01 For message distribution service provided by BellSouth for the ALEC, BellSouth shall receive the following as compensation:

<b>Rate Per Message</b>	<b>\$0.004</b>
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- 3.02 For data transmission associated with message distribution service, BellSouth shall receive the following as compensation:

<b>Rate Per Message</b>	<b>\$0.001</b>
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- 3.03 Data circuits (private line or dial-up) will be required between BellSouth and the ALEC for the purpose of data transmission. Where a dedicated line is required, the ALEC will be responsible for ordering the circuit, overseeing its installation and coordinating the installation with BellSouth. The ALEC will also be responsible for any charges associated with this line. Equipment required on the BellSouth end to attach the line to the mainframe computer and to transmit successfully ongoing will be negotiated on a case by case basis. Where a dial-up facility is required, dial circuits will be installed in the BellSouth data center by BellSouth and the associated charges assessed to the ALEC. Additionally, all message toll charges associated with the use of the dial circuit by the ALEC will be the responsibility of the ALEC. Associated equipment on the BellSouth end, including a modem, will be negotiated on a case by case basis between the parties.**
- 3.04 All equipment, including modems and software, that is required on the ALEC end for the purpose of data transmission will be the responsibility of the ALEC.**

## **SECTION 1. SCOPE OF EXHIBIT**

- 1.01 This Exhibit specifies the terms and conditions, including compensation, under which BellSouth and the ALEC will compensate each other for Intercompany Settlements (ICS) messages.

## **SECTION 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES**

- 2.01 BellSouth will remit to the ALEC the revenue, less a billing charge, for IntraLATA ICS messages, Local ICS messages, and charges for other services when related messages and/or services are provided by the ALEC and billed to:
- 1) a BellSouth customer,
  - 2) another company within the BellSouth region (excluding Florida) associated with the exchange of message data with BellSouth (excluding CIID and 891 messages),
  - 3) another company within the contiguous United States that utilizes CMDS directly or indirectly and settles with BellSouth directly or indirectly through the Credit Card and Third Number Settlement System (CATS) administered by BellCore,
  - 4) another company utilizing the non-contiguous RAO codes associated with AT&T's Transport and Tracking Intercompany System settlements with BellSouth.
- 2.02 These other services include, but are not limited to:
- 1) Maritime Mobile Radiotelephone Services radio link charges as set forth in the FCC's Maritime Mobile Radiotelephone Services tariff.
  - 2) Aviation Radiotelephone Service radio link charges as set forth in the FCC's Aviation Radiotelephone Service tariff.
  - 3) Public Land Mobile Radiotelephone Transient-Unit Non-Toll Service charges as approved by the authorized state regulatory commission (or municipal regulatory authority).



- 4) **Non-Toll Service Charges** billed to a calling card or to a third number as filed with and approved by the authorized state regulatory commission (or municipal regulatory authority).
- 5) **Directory Assistance Call Charges** to a calling card or to a third number as approved by the authorized regulatory commission.

**2.03** The ALEC will bill, collect and remit to BellSouth the charges for intraLATA and/or local ICS messages and other services as described above where such messages and/or services are provided by:

- 1) **BellSouth,**
- 2) **another company within the BellSouth region (excluding Florida) associated with the exchange of message data with BellSouth (excluding CIID and 891 messages),**
- 3) **another company within the conterminous United States that utilizes CMDS directly or indirectly and settles with BellSouth directly or indirectly through the Credit Card and Third Number Settlement System (CATS).**

**2.04** For ICS revenues involving the ALEC and other non-BellSouth LECs/ALECs within the state, BellSouth will provide the ALEC with monthly reports summarizing the ICS revenues for messages that originated with the ALEC and were billed by each of the other Florida LECs/ALECs and those messages that originated with each of the other Florida LECs/ALECs and were billed by the ALEC.

### **SECTION 3. COMPENSATION**

**3.01 The following compensation shall be retained by the billing company for the billing of ICS messages and services:**

	<u><b>Rate Per message</b></u>
1) Calls originated and billed in Florida or originated and billed in North Carolina	\$0.0668
Calls originated in any of the states within BellSouth region and billed in that same state	\$0.05
2) Calls originated in a state within BellSouth's region and billed in another state or originated in another state and billed in a state within BellSouth's region	\$0.05
3) Calls originated in a state within BellSouth's region and billed outside the conterminous United States	\$0.18

**Attachment C-13**

**Unbundled Products and Services and New Services**

**Service: Virtual Collocation**

**Description:** Virtual Expanded Interconnection Service (VEIS) provides for location interconnection in collocator-provided/BellSouth leased fiber optic facilities to BellSouth's switched and special access services, and local interconnection facilities.

**State(s): All**

**Rates, Terms and Conditions:** In all states, the rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in Section 20 of BellSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s Interstate Access Service Tariff, F.C.C. No. 1.

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**Service: Physical Collocation**

**Description:** Per FCC - (10/19/92 FCC Order, para 39)  
Physical Collocation is whereby "the interconnection party pays for LEC central office space in which to locate the equipment necessary to terminate its transmission links, and has physical access to the LEC central office to install, maintain, and repair this equipment."

**State(s): All**

**Rates, Terms and Conditions:** Rates as attached

## Rates for Physical Interconnection

Rate Element	Application/Description	Type of Charge	Rate
Application Fee	Applies per arrangement per location	Nonrecurring	Tariff Rates (Same as Virtual)
Space Preparation Fee	Applies for survey and design of space, covers shared building modification costs	Nonrecurring	ICB - See Note 1 Will not be less than \$1800 - not to exceed \$8500 unless HVAC or power plant upgrade. If so, rates to be ICB.
Space Construction Fee	Covers materials and construction of optional cage in 100 square foot increments	Nonrecurring	\$29,744.00 See Note 2
Cable Installation Fee	Applies per entrance cable	Nonrecurring	Tariff Rates (Same as Virtual)
Floor Space	Per square foot, for Zone A and Zone B offices respectively	Monthly Recurring	\$7.50 / \$6.75 - See Note 3
Power	Per ampere based on manufacturer's specifications	Monthly Recurring	\$5.14 per ampere
Cable Support Structure	Applies per entrance cable	Monthly Recurring	\$13.35 per cable
POT Bay	Optional Point of Termination bay; rate is per DS1/DS3 cross-connect respectively	Monthly Recurring	\$1.20 / \$5.00 See Note 4
Cross-Connects	Per DS1/DS3 respectively	Monthly Recurring	\$8.00 / \$72.48
Security Escort	First and additional half hour increments, per tariff rate in Basic time (B), Overtime (O) and Premium time (P)	As Required	\$41.00 / \$25.00 B \$48.00 / \$30.00 O \$55.00 / \$35.00 P

- Note 1: Will be determined at the time of the application based on building and space modification requirements for shared space at the requested CO
- Note 2: Applies only to collocators who wish to purchase a steel-gauge cage enclosure. Carriers may also pay \$330.00 per square foot for the first 100 square feet and \$242.00 for each additional 100 square feet in the same CO in lieu of space preparation and construction fees. This option does not apply where HVAC, power plant or both upgrade is required.
- Note 3: See attached list for Zone A offices as of May 1996. This list will be amended monthly.
- Note 4: Applies when collocator does not supply their own POT bay.

**BellSouth Zone A Offices - as of May 1996**

EX=Exempt from Physical

STATE	CITY	OFFICE	CLLI / STATUS
AL	Birmingham	Main & Toll	BRHMALMA EX
	Montgomery	Main & Toll	MTGMALMT
	Mobile	Azalea	MOBLALAZ
FL	Boca Raton	Boca Teeca	BCRTFLBT
	Fort Lauderdale	Main Relief	FTLDFLMR
		Cypress	FTLDFLCY
		Plantation	FTLDFLPL
	Jacksonville Beach	Main	JCBHFLMA
	Jacksonville	Arlington	JCVLFLAR
		Beachwood	JCVLFLBW
		Clay Street	JCVLFLCL
		Southpoint	JCVLFLJT EX
		Normandy	JCVLFLNO
		Riverside	JCVLFLRV
		San Jose	JCVLFLSJ EX
		San Marco	JCVLFLSM
		Westconnett	JCVLFLWC
		Mandarin Avenues	MNDRFLAV EX
		Mandarin Loretto	MNDRFLLO
	Lake Mary	Lake Mary	LKMRFLMA EX
	Miami	Grande	MIAMFLGR
		Palmetto	MIAMFLPL
		Alhambra	MIAMFLAE
		Bayshore	MIAMFLBA
		Metro	MIAMFLME
	Melbourne	Main	MLBRFLMA
	Orlando	Magnolia	ORLDFLMA
		Azalea Park	ORLDFLAP
		Sand Lake	ORLDFLSL
		Pinecastle	ORLDFLPC
		Pinehills	ORLDFLPH
	West Palm Beach	Annex (Main Annex)	WPBHFLAN

GA	Athens	Athens	ATHNGAMA	
	Atlanta	Courtland St	ATLNGACS	
		Peachtree Pl	ATLNGAPP	
		Buckhead	ATLNGABU	
		East Point	ATLNGAEP	
		Toco Hills	ATLNGATH	
		Sandy Springs	ATLNGASS	
	Lilburn	Lilburn	LLBNGAMA	
	Smyrna	Power Ferry	SMYRGAPF	
		Smyrna Main	SMYRGAMA	
	Tucker	Tucker Main	TUKRGAMA	EX
	Roswell	Roswell Main	RSWLGAMA	
	Norcross	Norcross Main	NRCRGAMA	
	Marietta	Marietta Main	MRRTGAMA	
	Dunwoody	Dunwoody Main	DNWDGAMA	
	Alpharetta	Alpharetta Main	ALPRGAMA	
	Columbus	Columbus Main	CLMBGAMT	
KY	Louisville	Armory Place	LSVLKYAP	EX
		Westport Rd	LSVLKYWE	EX
		Beechmont	LSVLKYBE	
		Bardstown Road	LSVLKYBR	EX
		Fern Creeek	LSVLKYFC	
		JTown	LSVLKYJT	
		Mathews	LSVLKYSM	
		Third Street	LSVLKYTS	
LA	New Orleans	Main	NWORLAMA	
	Baton Rouge	Main	BTRGLAMA	
MS	Hattiesburg	Hattiesburg Main	HTBGMSMA	
	Jackson	Cap Pearl	JCSNMSCP	
	Vicksburg	Vicksburg	VCBGMSMA	
NC	Cary	Central	NARYNCCE	
	Chapel Hill	Rosemary	CPHLNCRO	
	Charlotte	Caldwell	CHRLNCCA	
		South Boulevard	CHRLNCB0	

		Derita	CHRLNCDE	
		Erwin	CHRLNCER	
		Lake Point	CHRLNCLP	
		Reid	CHRLNCRE	EX
		Sharon Amity	CHRLNC SH	
		University	CHRLNCUN	EX
	Greensboro	Eugene St	GNBONCEU	
	Raleigh	Morgan	RLGHNCMO	
		New Hope	RLGHNCHO	
	Salisbury	Main	SLBRNCMA	
	Winston Salem	Fifth Street	WNSLNCFI	
	Ashville	O'Henry	AHVLNCOH	
SC	Charleston	Dial & Toll	CHTNSCDT	
	Columbia	Senate St	CLMASCSN	EX
		At. Andrews	CLMASCSA	
	Greenville	D&T	GNVLSCDT	
		Woodruff Road	GNVLSCWR	EX
	Spartenburg	Main	SPBGSCMA	
TN	Knoxvill	Main	KNVLTNMA	
	Memphis	Bartlett	MMPHTNBA	
		Chickasaw	MMPHTNCT	
		Eastland	MMPHTNEL	
		Germantown	MMPHTNGT	
		Main	MMPHTNMA	EX
		Oakville	MMPHTNOA	
		Southland	MMPHTNSL	
	Nashville	Main & Tol	NSVLTNMT	
		Airport	NSVLTNAP	
		Brentwood	NSVLTNBW	
		Crieve Hall	NSVLTNCH	
		Donelson	NSVLTNDO	
		Inglewood	NSVLTNIN	
		Sharondale	NSVLTNST	
		University	NSVLTNUN	

## Attachment C-15

## Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

## Service: Unbundled Exchange Access Loop

Description: Provides the connection from the serving central office to a subscriber's premises. It is engineered to meet the same parameters as a residence or business exchange access line.

Information relative to multiplexing of the Unbundled Exchange Access Loop is described in Attachment C-16 following.

State(s):	Alabama			Florida			Georgia		
Rate Elements	Monthly	Nonrecurring Charges First	Add'l	Monthly	Nonrecurring Charges First	Add'l	Monthly	Nonrecurring Charges First	Add'l
Unbundled Exchange Access Loop	\$25.00	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$17.00	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$140.00	\$45.00
Unbundled Exchange Access IOC									
- Fixed	\$30.00	\$97.00	N/A	\$28.50	\$87.00	N/A	\$32.00	\$105.00	N/A
- 1 - 8 Miles	\$2.05	N/A	N/A	\$1.65	N/A	N/A	\$2.05	N/A	N/A
- 9 - 25 Miles	\$2.00	N/A	N/A	\$1.60	N/A	N/A	\$2.00	N/A	N/A
- Over 25 Miles	\$1.95	N/A	N/A	\$1.55	N/A	N/A	\$1.95	N/A	N/A

State(s):	Kentucky			Louisiana			Mississippi		
Rate Elements	Monthly	Nonrecurring Charges First	Add'l	Monthly	Nonrecurring Charges First	Add'l	Monthly	Nonrecurring Charges First	Add'l
Unbundled Exchange Access Loop	\$25.00	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$18.50	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$140.00	\$45.00
Unbundled Exchange Access IOC									
- Fixed	\$30.00	\$93.00	N/A	\$30.00	\$100.00	N/A	\$30.00	\$96.00	N/A
- 1 - 8 Miles	\$2.05	N/A	N/A	\$2.05	N/A	N/A	\$2.05	N/A	N/A
- 9 - 25 Miles	\$2.00	N/A	N/A	\$2.00	N/A	N/A	\$2.00	N/A	N/A
- Over 25 Miles	\$1.95	N/A	N/A	\$1.95	N/A	N/A	\$1.95	N/A	N/A

State(s):	N.Carolina			S.Carolina			Tennessee		
Rate Elements	Monthly	Nonrecurring Charges First	Add'l	Monthly	Nonrecurring Charges First	Add'l	Monthly	Nonrecurring Charges First	Add'l
Unbundled Exchange Access Loop	\$30.03	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$140.00	\$45.00
Unbundled Exchange Access IOC									
- Fixed	\$11.85	\$71.87	N/A	\$50.00	\$97.00	N/A	\$30.00	\$96.00	N/A
- 1 - 8 Miles	\$2.15	N/A	N/A	\$2.05	N/A	N/A	\$2.05	N/A	N/A
- 9 - 25 Miles	\$2.15	N/A	N/A	\$2.00	N/A	N/A	\$2.00	N/A	N/A
- Over 25 Miles	\$2.15	N/A	N/A	\$1.95	N/A	N/A	\$1.95	N/A	N/A



## Attachment C-16

## Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

## Service: Channelization System for Unbundled Exchange Access Loops

**Description:** This new rate element provides the multiplexing function for Unbundled Exchange Access Loops. It can convert up to 96 voice grade loops to DS1 level for connection with the ALEC's point of interface. The multiplexing can be done on a concentrated basis (delivers at 2 DS1 level to customer premise) or on a non-concentrated basis (delivers at 4 DS1 level to customer premise) at the option of the customer.

In addition to the following rates elements, 1.544 Mbps local channel and/or interoffice channel facilities may be required as set forth in E7 of BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc.'s Intrastate Access Service Tariff for non-collocated ALECs.

State(s)	Alabama			Florida			Georgia		
Rate Elements	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring First	Charge Add'l	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring First	Charge Add'l	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring First	Charge Add'l
Unbundled Loop Channelization System (DS1 to VG), Per System	\$575.00	\$525.00	N/A	\$555.00	\$490.00	N/A	\$555.00	\$490.00	N/A
Central Office Channel Interface (circuit specific plug-in equipment), 1 per circuit	\$1.70	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$1.70	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$1.70	\$7.00	\$7.00

State(s)	Kentucky			Louisiana			Mississippi		
Rate Elements	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring First	Charge Add'l	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring First	Charge Add'l	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring First	Charge Add'l
Unbundled Loop Channelization System (DS1 to VG), Per System	\$540.00	\$495.00	N/A	\$530.00	\$510.00	N/A	\$560.00	\$450.00	N/A
Central Office Channel Interface (circuit specific plug-in equipment), 1 per circuit	\$1.60	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$1.60	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$1.70	\$6.00	\$6.00

State(s):	N.Carolina			S.Carolina			Tennessee		
Rate Elements	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring First	Charge Add'l	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring First	Charge Add'l	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring First	Charge Add'l
Unbundled Loop Channelization System (DS1 to VG), Per System	\$545.00	\$475.00	N/A	\$520.00	\$480.00	N/A	\$530.00	\$520.00	N/A
Central Office Channel Interface (circuit specific plug-in equipment), 1 per circuit	\$1.65	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$1.60	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$1.60	\$8.00	\$8.00

## Attachment C-17

### Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

#### Service: Unbundled Exchange Ports

**Description:** An exchange port is the capability derived from the central office switch hardware and software required to permit end users to transmit or receive information over BellSouth's public switched network. It provides service enabling and network features and functionality such as translations, a telephone number, switching, announcements, supervision and touch-tone capability.

In addition, a BellSouth provided port with outgoing network access also provides access to other services such as operator services, long distance service, etc. It may also be combined with other services available in BellSouth's Intrastate Access Service Tariffs as technically feasible.

When an Unbundled Port is connected to BellSouth provided collocated loops, cross-connection rate elements are required as set forth in Section 20 of BellSouth Telecommunications's, Inc.'s Interstate Access Tariff, FCC No.1.

Alabama			Florida		Georgia	
Rate Elements	Rate	Per	Rate Elements	Rate	Rate Elements	Rate
<b>Monthly</b>			<b>Monthly</b>		<b>Monthly</b>	
Residence Port	\$2.50		Residence Port	\$2.00	Residence Port	\$2.28
Business Port	\$7.00		Business Port	\$4.50	Business Port	\$4.60
PBX Trunk Port	\$7.00		PBX Trunk Port	\$7.50	PBX Trunk Port	\$7.37
Rotary Service	\$2.00		Rotary Service	\$2.00	Rotary Service	\$2.77
Primary Rate ISDN NAS	\$20.00					
<b>Usage-Mileage Bands</b>			<b>Usage-(STS)</b>		<b>Usage-(STS)</b>	
A (0 miles)	\$0.02	Init.min.	- init. min.	\$0.0275	-setup per call	\$0.02
	\$0.01	Add'l min.	- add'l min.	\$0.0125	- per minute or fraction thereof	\$0.02
B (1-10 miles)	\$0.04	Init.min.				
	\$0.02	Add'l min.				
C (11-16 miles)	\$0.06	Init.min.				
	\$0.04	Add'l min.				
D (17-22 miles & existing LCA described in A3 & greater than 22 mi.)	\$0.10	Init.min.				
	\$0.07	Add'l min.				
E (23-30 miles)	\$0.10	Init.min.				
	\$0.10	Add'l min.				
F (31-40 miles)	\$0.10	Init.min.				
	\$0.10	Add'l min.				
G (Special Band)*	\$0.10	Init.min.				
	\$0.10	Add'l min.				

\* In addition to the local calling described in A3 of BellSouth's General Subscriber Service Tariff, if any wire center in an exchange is located within 40 miles of any wire center in the originating exchange, local calling will be provided from the entire originating exchange to the entire terminating exchange. The usage charges for Band G are applicable for distances greater than 40 miles.

## Attachment C-17

## Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

## Service: Unbundled Exchange Ports (Cont'd)

Kentucky			Louisiana		
Rate Elements	Rate	Per	Rate Elements	Rate	Per
Monthly			Monthly		
Residence Port	\$3.50		Residence Port	\$2.50	
Business Port	\$10.00		Business Port	\$7.00	
PBX Trunk Port	\$10.00		PBX Trunk Port	\$7.00	
Rotary Service	\$3.50		Rotary Service	\$3.50	
Usage-Mileage Bands			Usage-Mileage Bands		
A (0 miles)	\$0.04	Init.Min.	A (0 miles)	\$0.02	Init.Min.
		\$0.02 Add'l min.			\$0.01 Add'l min.
B (1-10 miles)	\$0.04	Init.Min.	A (1-10 miles)	\$0.04	Init.Min.
		\$0.02 Add'l min.			\$0.02 Add'l min.
C (Greater than 10 miles Limited LCA)	\$0.06	Init.Min.	B (11-16 miles)	\$0.06	Init.Min.
		\$0.04 Add'l min.			\$0.04 Add'l min.
D (1-10 miles beyond Limited LCA)	\$0.04	Init.Min.	C (17-22 miles)	\$0.10	Init.Min.
		\$0.02 Add'l min.			\$0.07 Add'l min.
E (11-16 miles beyond Limited LCA)	\$0.06	Init.Min.	D (23 - 30 miles Basic LCA and Intra Parish Expanded LCA)	\$0.14	Init.Min.
		\$0.04 Add'l min.			\$0.10 Add'l min.
F (17-22 miles beyond Limited LCA)	\$0.09	Init.Min.	E (Greater than 30 miles Basic LCA and Intra Parish Expanded LCA)	\$0.14	Init.Min.
		\$0.07 Add'l min.			\$0.14
G (23-30 miles beyond Limited LCA)	\$0.09	Init.Min.	F (23 - 30 miles Inter-Parish Expanded LCA)	\$0.14	Init.Min.
		\$0.07 Add'l min.			\$0.10 Add'l min.
H (31-40 miles beyond Limited LCA)	\$0.09	Init.Min.	G (31 - 40 miles Inter-Parish Expanded LCA)	\$0.14	Init.Min.
		\$0.07 Add'l min.			\$0.14 Add'l min.
I (Greater than 40 miles beyond Limited LCA)	\$0.09	Init.Min.	G (Greater than 40 miles Inter-Parish)	\$0.14	Init.Min.
		\$0.07 Add'l min.			\$0.14 Add'l min.

Mississippi			N.Carolina			S.Carolina		
Rate Elements	Rates	Per	Rate Elements	Rates		Rate Elements	Rates	
Monthly			Monthly			Monthly		
Residence Port	\$3.75		Residence Port	\$2.00		Residence Port	\$4.00	
Business Port	\$7.50		Business Port	\$8.00		Business Port	\$10.50	
PBX Trunk Port	\$7.50		PBX Trunk Port	\$8.00		PBX Trunk Port	\$10.50	
Rotary Service	\$3.75		Rotary Service	\$1.50		Rotary Service	\$3.00	
Usage - Mile Bands			Usage - (STS)			Usage - (STS)		
A (0 miles)	\$0.02	Init.min.	- Init.min.	\$0.05		- Basic Svc.Area	\$0.02	
		\$0.01 Add'l min.	- Add'l min.	\$0.02		- Expanded Svc.Area	\$0.12	
B (1-10 miles)	\$0.04	Init.min.						
C (11-16 miles, existing LCA described in A3.6 greater than 16 miles, and calls to county seat greater than 16 miles)	\$0.02	Add'l min.						
		\$0.06 Init.min.						
D (17-30 miles)	\$0.04	Add'l min.						
		\$0.08 Init.min.						
E (31-55 miles Biloxi LATA)	\$0.07	Add'l min.						
		\$0.09 Init.min.						
F (31-55 miles Jackson LATA)	\$0.07	Add'l min.						
		\$0.12 Init.min.						
G (56-85 miles Biloxi LATA)	\$0.10	Add'l min.						
		\$0.18 Init.min.						
		\$0.14 Add'l min.						

## Tennessee

Rate Elements	Rates	Per
Monthly		
Residence Port	\$4.00	
Business Port	\$10.00	
PBX Trunk Port	\$10.00	
Rotary Service	\$8.50	
Usage - Mile Bands		
A (0-16 miles)	\$0.02	mou
B (17-30 miles)	\$0.05	mou
C >30 miles	\$0.10	mou