# CASE NUMBER: 99-030



KY. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AS OF : 02/14/00



INDEX FOR CASE: 1999-030 CCCKY, INC. DBA CONNECT! Amend Interconnection Agreements WITH BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONNECT! FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CONNECT! AND BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

SEQ NBR	ENTRY DATE	REMARKS
0001	01/22/1999	Application.
0002		Acknowledgement letter.
M0001	02/26/1999	CREIGHTON MERSHON / BELLSOUTH-AMENDMENT FILED FOR INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
0003	04/13/1999	FINAL ORDER APPROVING NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT
M0002	11/10/1999	CREIGHTON MERSHON BELLSOUTH-AGREEMENT
0004	12/10/1999	Final Order approving the negotiated agreement.
M0003	01/14/2000	CREIGHTON MERSHON BELLSOUTH-AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION
0005	02/14/2000	FINAL ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION 211 SOWER BOULEVARD POST OFFICE BOX 615 FRANKFORT, KY. 40602 (502) 564-3940

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

RE: Case No. 1999-030 CCCKY, INC. DBA CONNECT!

I, Stephanie Bell, Secretary of the Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed attested copy of the Commission's Order in the above case was served upon the following by U.S. Mail on February 14, 2000.

See attached parties of record.

Secretary of the Commission

SB/sa Enclosure Mr. Bill Jester Vice President CCCKY, Inc. dba CONNECT! 124 W. Capital, S-250 Little Rock, AR. 72201

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#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND CONNECT!, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

CASE NO. 99-030

#### <u>ORDER</u>

On December 10, 1999, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Connect! On January 14, 2000, BellSouth and Connect! submitted to the Commission an amendment to their interconnection agreement. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act"), 47 U.S.C. Sections 251 and 252. Section 252(e) of the 1996 Act requires the parties to an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation to submit the agreement for approval to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the amendment and finds that no portion of the amendment discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the amendment is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14th day of February, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director



BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. P. O. Box 32410 Louisville, Kentucky 40232 or 502 582-8219 Fax 502 582-1573 Internet Creighton.E.Mershon@bridge.bellsouth.com Creighton E. Mershon, Sr. General Counsel – Kentucky

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. 601 West Chestnut Street, Room 407 Louisville, Kentucky 40203

January 12, 2000

Helen C. Helton Executive Director Public Service Commission 730 Schenkel Lane P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602



Re: Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Connect! pursuant to Sections 251, 252, and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 PSC 99-030

Dear Helen:

On November 10, 1999, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. filed the above-referenced Interconnection Agreement with the Commission. The Agreement was approved on December 10, 1999. Attached for filing is an Amendment to the Agreement that revises the original agreement to delete Attachment D, Applicable Discounts, and replace it in its entirety with current resale discounts. The Amendment further revises the original Agreement to include Exclusions and Limitations on Services Available for Resale.

Six copies of the Amendment and eight copies of the transmittal letter are filed. The two extra copies of the letter are provided for Amanda Hale and Becky Dotson.

Sincerely,

Creighton E. Mershon, Sr.

Attachment

cc: Bill Jester, Connect! (letter only)
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# ATTACHMENT TO TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The amendment dated 12/15/1999 to the Interconnection Agreement dated 09/15/1999 entered into by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Connect!, for all states in BellSouth's Region consists of the following:

ITEM	NO.
	PAGES
Amendment	5
TOTAL	5

# Amendment Agreement by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Connect! dated September 15, 1999

This Agreement ("the Amendment") refers to the Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") entered into by and among CCCAL, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, an Alabama corporation; CCCFL, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Florida corporation; CCCGA, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Georgia corporation; CCCKY, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Kentucky corporation; CCCLA, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Louisiana corporation; CCCMS, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Mississippi corporation; CCCNC, Inc. d/b/a Total Connect!, a North Carolina corporation; CCCSC, Inc., d/b/a Total Connect! a South Carolina corporation; and CCCTN, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Tennessee corporation, collectively Connect!, and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), a Georgia corporation, each on behalf of itself and its successors and assigns. This Amendment is made by and between Connect! and BellSouth and shall be deemed effective on the date executed by Connect! and BellSouth.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Connect! and BellSouth (individually, a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties") hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. Resale discounts displayed in Attachment "D", Applicable Discounts, to the Agreement shall be deleted in their entirety and replaced with the applicable resale discounts set forth in Exhibit A to this Amendment.

2. The Agreement shall be further amended to include Exclusion and Limitations on Services Available for Resale, as set forth in Exhibit B to this Amendment.

3. All other provisions of the Agreement dated September 15, 1999 shall remain in full force and effect.

4. Either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the Alabama Public Service Commission or other regulatory body having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Amendment, for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Connect/BellSouth Resale Discounts/Exclusions Amendment Page 1 of 5 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the date indicated below.

Connect! Signature

Bill Jester Name

Vice President \_\_\_\_\_\_ Title

9/99 10 Date

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Signature Jerry D. Hendrix Name Sr. Director - Interconnection Services Title

Date

Connect/BellSouth Resale Discounts/Exclusions Amendment Page 2 of 5

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **APPLICABLE DISCOUNTS**

The telecommunications services available for purchase by CLEC-1 for the purposes of resale to CLEC-1 end users shall be available at the following discount off of the retail rate.

STATE	RESIDENCE	BUSINESS	CSAs***
ALABAMA	16.3%	16.3%	
FLORIDA	21.83%	16.81%	
GEORGIA	20.3%	17.3%	
KENTUCKY	16.79%	15.54%	
LOUISIANA	20.72%	20.72%	9.05%
MISSISSIPPI	15.75%	15.75%	
NORTH CAROLINA	21.5%	17.6%	
SOUTH CAROLINA	14.8%	14.8%	8.98%
TENNESSEE**	16%	16%	

#### **DISCOUNT\***

\* When a CLEC provides Resale service in a cross boundary area (areas that are part of the local serving area of another state's exchange) the rates, regulations and discounts for the tariffing state will apply. Billing will be from the serving state.

\*\* In Tennessee, if a CLEC provides its own operator services and directory services, the discount shall be 21.56%. CLEC must provide written notification to BellSouth within 30 days prior to providing its own operator services and directory services to qualify for the higher discount rate of 21.56%.

\*\*\* Unless noted in this column, the discount for Business will be the applicable discount rate for CSAs.

Exhibit B Page 1 of 2

<b>T C i</b>		AL		FL		GA		КҮ		LA	
	Type of Service	Resale?	Discount?								
1.	Grandfathered Services (Note 1)	Yes	Yes								
2.	Contract Service Arrangements	Yes	Yes								
3.	Promotions - > 90 Days(Note 2)	Yes	Yes								
4.	Promotions - < 90 Days (Note 2)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
5.	Lifeline/Link Up Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Note 4	Note 4	Yes	Yes
6.	911/E911 Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
7.	N11 Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
8.	AdWatch <sup>SM</sup> Svc (See Note 6)	Yes	Yes								
9.	MemoryCall <sup>®</sup> Service	Yes	No								
10.	Mobile Services	Yes	No								
11.	Federal Subscriber Line Charges	Yes	No								
12.	Non-Recurring Charges	Yes	Yes								
13.	End User Line Charge – Number Portability	Yes	No								
14.	Public Telephone Access Service (PTAS)	Yes	Yes								

# EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR RESALE

Connect/BellSouth Resale Discounts/Exclusions Amendment Page 4 of 5

#### Exhibit B Page 2 of 2

		MS		NC			SC	TN	
	Type of Service	Resale?	Discount?	Resale?	Discount?	Resale?	Discount?	Resale?	Discount ?
1.	Grandfathered Services (Note 1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	Contract Service Arrangements	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Promotions - > 90 Days(Note 2)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Note 3
4.	Promotions - < 90 Days (Note 2)	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
5.	Lifeline/Link Up Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	911/E911 Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	N11 Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
8.	AdWatch <sup>SM</sup> Svc (See Note 6)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
9.	MemoryCall <sup>®</sup> Service	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
10.	Mobile Services	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
11.	Federal Subscriber Line Charges	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
12.	Non-Recurring Charges	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
13.	End User Line Charge – Number Portability	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
14.	Public Telephone Access Service (PTAS)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

#### **Applicable Notes:**

- 1. Grandfathered services can be resold only to existing subscribers of the grandfathered service.
- 2. Where available for resale, **promotions** will be made available only to end users who would have qualified for the promotion had it been provided by BellSouth directly.
- In Tennessee, long-term promotions (offered for more than ninety (90) days) may be obtained at one of the following rates:
   (a) the stated tariff rate, less the wholesale discount;
- (b) the promotional rate (the promotional rate offered by BellSouth will not be discounted further by the wholesale discount rate)
- 4. Lifeline/Link Up services may be offered only to those subscribers who meet the criteria that BellSouth currently applies
- to subscribers of these services as set forth in Section A3 and A4 of the BellSouth General Subscriber Services Tariff. 5. Some of BellSouth's local exchange and toll telecommunications services are not available in certain central offices and

areas.

6. AdWatch<sup>SM</sup> service is tariffed as BellSouth® AIN Virtual Number Call Detail Service.



#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION** 730 SCHENKEL LANE POST OFFICE BOX 615 FRANKFORT, KY. 40602 (502) 564-3940

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

RE: Case No. 1999-030 CCCKY, INC. DBA CONNECT!

I, Stephanie Bell, Secretary of the Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed attested copy of the Commission's Order in the above case was served upon the following by U.S. Mail on December 10, 1999.

See attached parties of record.

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SB/hv Enclosure Mr. Bill Jester Vice President CCCKY, Inc. dba CONNECT! 124 W. Capital, S-250 Little Rock, AR. 72201

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#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND CCCKY, INC. D/B/A CONNECT ! PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

CASE NO. 99-030

#### <u>ORDER</u>

On April 13, 1999, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and CCCKY, Inc. d/b/a Connect ! ("CCCKY") submitted to the Commission their negotiated agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements, and the resale of BellSouth's services. CCCKY is now adopting in its entirety the interconnection agreement between BellSouth and Intermedia Communications, Inc. dated July 1, 1996. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act"), 47 U.S.C. Sections 251 and 252. Section 252(e) of the 1996 Act requires the parties to an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation to submit the agreement for approval to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the agreement and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission notes

that the adopted agreement contains an incorrect subscriber line charge. The parties must charge the accurate subscriber line charge by operation of law.

CCCKY must comply with all relevant Commission mandates for serving in this Commonwealth.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and CCCKY is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of December, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

**Executive** Director



Creighton E. Mershon, Sr.

General Counsel – Kentucky

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November 9, 1999

Helen C. Helton Executive Director Public Service Commission 730 Schenkel Lane P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

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Box 615
Fort, KY 40602
Re: Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth
Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Connect! pursuant, to
Sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996
PSC 99-030

Dear Helen:

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, BellSouth and Connect! are submitting to the Kentucky Public Service Commission their negotiated agreement for the interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements, and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to Connect!. The Agreement was negotiated pursuant to sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Act. Connect! is adopting the Intermedia Communications, Inc. Agreement dated July 1, 1996.

Six copies of the agreement and eight copies of the transmittal letter are filed. The two extra copies of the letter are provided for Matt Rhody and Becky Dotson.

Please add the following to the service list for this matter: Creighton E. Mershon, Sr., BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., P. O. Box 32410, Louisville, KY 40232; BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., CLEC Account Team, 9th Floor, 600 N. 19th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203; and Connect!, ATTN: Mr. Bill Jester, 124 W. Capitol S-250, Little Rock, AR 72201.

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and Connect! within 90 days of its submission. The Commission may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Both parties represent that neither of these reasons exist as to the agreement they have negotiated and that the Commission should approve their agreement.

Sincerely

Creighton E. Mershon, Sr.

Enclosure

cc: Bill Jester, Connect! (letter only)

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# AGREEMENT by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Connect! to Adopt Interconnection Agreement by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Intermedia Communications, Inc. dated July 1, 1996

This Agreement, which shall become effective on the date executed by both BellSouth and Connect!, by and among CCCAL, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, an Alabama corporation; CCCFL, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Florida corporation; CCCGA, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Georgia corporation; CCCKY, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Kentucky corporation; CCCLA, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Louisiana corporation; CCCMS, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Mississippi corporation; CCCNC, Inc. d/b/a Total Connect!, a North Carolina corporation; CCCSC, Inc., d/b/a Total Connect! a South Carolina corporation; and CCCTN, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Tennessee corporation, collectively Connect!, and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), a Georgia corporation, each on behalf of itself and its successors and assigns.

WHEREAS, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") was signed into law on February 8, 1996; and

WHEREAS, section 252(i) of the Act requires BellSouth to make available any interconnection, service, or network element provided under an agreement approved by the appropriate state regulatory body to any other requesting telecommunications carrier upon the same terms and conditions as those provided in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, Connect! has requested that BellSouth make available the interconnection agreement executed between BellSouth and Intermedia Communications, Inc. ("ICI") dated July 1, 1996 for the state(s) of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants of this Agreement, Connect! and BellSouth hereby agree as follows:

1. Connect! and BellSouth shall adopt in its entirety the ICI Interconnection Agreement dated July 1, 1996 and any and all amendments to said agreement executed and approved by the appropriate state regulatory commission as of the date of the execution of this Agreement. The ICI Interconnection Agreement and all amendments are attached hereto as Exhibit 1

> Connect!/BellSouth Adoption Agreement-ICI Page 1 of 4



and incorporated herein by this reference. The adoption of this agreement with amendment(s) consists of the following:

ITEM	NO. PAGES
Adoption Papers	340
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Attachment C-3	. 1
Attachment C-4	1
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Attachment C-7	1
Attachment C-8	1
Attachment C-9	1
Attachment C-10	1
Attachment C-11	1
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Attachment C-13 (incl. Rates & Zone office listing)	5
Attachment C-14	1
Attachment C-15	1
Attachment C-16	1
Attachment C-17	2
Attachment C-18	1
Attachment D	1
Amendment dated 02/24/97 (elim.threshhold & CAP-repl.w/PLU)	2
Amendment dated 02/24/97 (UNE Loops, x-connect, dedicated	5
transport & unbundled packet switching)	
Amendment dated 06/03/98 (MTA Interconnection & delete	3
Attachment B1 rates replacing said rates with the elemental billing	
structure at PSC ordered rates)	
Amendment dated 02/26/99 (extend term of existing agreement to 12/31/99) $i = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$	3
TOTAL	105/07

Connect!/BellSouth Adoption Agreement-ICI Page 2 of 4



2. In the event that Connect! consists of two (2) or more separate entities as set forth in the preamble to this Agreement, all such entities shall be jointly and severally liable for the obligations of Connect! under this Agreement.

3. The term of this Agreement shall be from the effective date as set forth above and shall expire as set forth in Section 1.A. of the February 16, 1999 Amendment to the ICI Interconnection Agreement.

4. Should ICI sign an amendment to its interconnection agreement replacing the existing rate elements for the End Office Interconnection/Switching, per minute of use element, for Call Transport and Termination for the states of Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi to reflect the rates for this rate element in these states as ordered by the Florida Public Service Commission in Docket Numbers 960883-TP, 960846-TP, and 960916-TP, the Louisiana Public Service Commission in Docket Numbers U-22022/22093, and by the Mississippi Public Service Commission in Docket Number 96-AD-0559, then at such time Connect! agrees to amend immediately its interconnection agreement by replacing these same rates in accordance with the above mentioned Commission orders.

5. Connect! shall accept and incorporate any amendments to the ICI Interconnection Agreement executed as a result of any final judicial, regulatory, or legislative action.

6. 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, addressed to:

#### BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

CLEC Account Team 9th Floor 600 North 19<sup>th</sup> Street Birmingham, Alabama 35203

and

General Attorney - COU Suite 4300 675 W. Peachtree St. Atlanta, GA 30375

> Connect!/BellSouth Adoption Agreement-IC1 Page 3 of 4



#### Connect!

Mr. Bill Jester 124 Capitol S-250 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Phone: 501-401-7770 Fax: 501-401-7799

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement through their authorized representatives.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Signature

Jerry D. Hendrix Name

Senior Director-ICS Marketing Title

Date

Connect!

Signature

Bill Jester Name

Vice President Title

Date

Connect!/BellSouth Adoption Agreement-ICI Page 4 of 4

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# TO AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND CONNECT!

# AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between BellSouth Telecommunications. Inc., ("BellSouth"), a Georgia corporation, and Intermedia Communications Inc., ("ICI"), a Delaware corporation and shall be deemed effective as of July 1, 1996. This agreement may refer to either BellSouth or ICI 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, ICI is an alternative local exchange telecommunications company ("ALEC" or "OLEC") authorized to provide or is intending to 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 and to replace any and all other prior agreements, both written and oral, including, without limitation, that certain Stipulation and Agreement dated December 7, 1995, applicable to the state of Florida;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual agreements contained herein, BellSouth and ICi 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 ICI; another telecommunications company such as a wireless telecommunications provider through the network of BellSouth or ICI to an end user of BellSouth or ICI.

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, including, without limitation, that certain Stipulation and Agreement dated December 7, 1995, applicable to the state of Florida concerning the terms and conditions of interconnection. The access and interconnection obligations contained herein enable ICI to provide competing telephone exchange service and private line service within the nine state region of BellSouth.

### III. Term of the Agreement

A. The term of this Agreement shall be two years, beginning July 1,, 1996.

**B.** The parties agree that by no later than July 1, 1997, they shall commence negotiations with regard to the terms, conditions and prices of local interconnection to be effective beginningJuly 1, 1998.

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 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 its order regarding the appropriate local interconnection arrangements no later thanMarch 11997. The parties further agree that in the event the Commission does not issue its order prior to July 1,1998 or if the parties continue beyondJuly 1, 1998 to negotiate the local interconnection arrangements without Commission, or negotiated by the parties, will be effective retroactive to July 1, 1998. 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 Attachment B-1, by this reference incorporated herein. The charges for local interconnection are to 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 prior to the cap being applied pursuant to subsection (D) of this section 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.

The parties agree that neither party shall be required to compensate the D. 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 on a statewide basis. This cap shall apply to the total billed local interconnection minutes of use measured by the local switching element calculated for each party and any affiliate of the party providing local exchange telecommunications services under the party's certificate of necessity issued by the Commission. 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. The calculations, including examples of the calculation of the cap between the parties will be pursuant to the procedures set out in Attachment A, incorporated herein by this reference. 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 for collocation are set forth in Attachment C-13, incorporated herein by this reference. Facilities may be purchased at rates, terms and conditions set forth in BellSouth's intrastate Switched Access (Section E6) or Special Access (Section E7)

services tariff or as contained in Attachment B-1 for local interconnection, incorporated herein by this reference.

The parties agree to accept and provide any of the preceding methods of F. interconnection. Reciprocal connectivity shall be established at each and every BellSouth access tandem within the local calling area ICI desires to serve for interconnection to those end offices that subtend the access tandem or 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 ICI from utilizing existing collocation facilities, purchased from the interexchange tariffs, for local interconnection; provided, however, that if ICI 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 ICI 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 ICI 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 ICI for termination on ICI's network, if BellSouth cannot determine because of the manner in which ICI has utilized its NXX codes whether the traffic is local or toll BellSouth will not compensate ICI pursuant to this section but will, instead, charge ICI 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 ICI 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 ICI cannot determine whether the traffic it delivers to BeilSouth 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 ICI; (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. 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 provides 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. 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 ICI 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.

# 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 appropriate charges will be determined by the routing of the call. If ICI is the BellSouth end user's presubscribed interexchange carrier or if the BellSouth end user uses ICI as an interexchange carrier on a 10XXX basis, BellSouth will charge ICI the appropriate tariff charges for originating network access services. If BellSouth is serving as the ICI end user's presubscribed interexchange carrier or if the ICI end user uses BellSouth as an interexchange carrier on a 10XXX basis, ICI will charge BellSouth the appropriate BellSouth tariff charges for originating network access services.

C. The parties agree that to the extent ICI 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 feeof \$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 ICI 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. ICI shall utilize SS7 Signaling links, ports and usage as set forth in Attachment C-7, incorporated herein by this reference. ICI 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 BellSouth's Intrastate Access Services Tariff as said tariff is amended from time to time during the term of 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 ICI, 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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, SPNP is not available when the end user's existing account has been denied or disconnected for nonpayment and an outstanding balance remains unpaid.

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. Where SPNP-DID is provided on a DS1 or a DS3 basis, applicable channelization rates as specified in Attachment C-16, incorporated herein by this reference. SPNP is available only for basic local exchange service. Section E6.8.1.H of the BellSouth intrastate Switched Access tariff, as said tariff is amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement.

C. SPNP is available only where ICI 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 ICI 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 ICI 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 ICI 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. Additional call

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 contained in Attachment B-3 for SPNP-RCF and Attachment B-4 for SPNP-DID. Both Attachments are incorporated herein by this reference.

The calling party is responsible for payment of the applicable charges for G. 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 ICI 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. ICI 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.

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.

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 ICI at the current rates as set forth in Attachment C-15, incorporated herein by this reference. 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. BellSouth will also offer, as a new service loop concentration as set forth in Attachment C-16, incorporated herein by this reference. The parties agree that loop concentration service as offered above is not an unbundled element.

B. BellSouth will offer to ICI unbundled loop channelization system service which provides the multiplexing function to convert 96 voice grade loops to DS1 level for connection with ICI's point of interface. Rates are as set forth in Attachment C-16, incorporated herein by this reference.

C. BellSouth will offer to ICI unbundled local transport from the trunk side of its switch at the rates as set forth in Attachment B-1, incorporated herein by this reference.

**D.** BellSouth will offer to ICI unbundled local switching at the rates as set forth in Attachment C-17, incorporated herein by this reference, for the unbundled exchange service port.

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

F. A Network Element obtained by one Party from the other Party under this section may be used in combination with the facilities of the requesting Party only to provide a telecommunications service, including obtaining billing and collection, transmission, and routing of the telecommunications service.

# VIII. Access To Poles, Ducts, Conduits, and Rights of Way

BellSouth agrees to provide to ICI, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 224, as amended by the Act, nondiscriminatory access to any pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way owned or controlled by BellSouth.

# IX. Access to 911/E911 Emergency Network

A. For basic 911 service, BellSouth will provide to ICI 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. ICI 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. ICI will route that call to BellSouth at the appropriate tandem or end office. When a municipality converts to E911 service, ICI shall discontinue the Basic 911 procedures and begin the E911 procedures, set forth in subsection (B), below.

B. For E911 service, ICI shall install a minimum of two dedicated trunks originating from ICI'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. ICI will provide BellSouth daily updates to the E911 database.

C. If a municipality has converted to E911 service, ICI 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, ICI 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 ICI 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 Attachment C-3, incorporated herein by this reference.

# X. Provision of Operator Services

A. The parties agree to mutually provide busy line verification and emergency interrupt services pursuant to each party's published Tariffs as the Tariffs are amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement.

**B.** BellSouth will offer to ICI Operator Call Processing Access Service; and Directory Assistance Access Services (Number Services). Rates, terms and conditions are set forth in Attachment C-8 for Operator Call Processing Access Service and Attachment C-9 for Directory Assistance Access Services. Both Attachments are incorporated herein by this reference.

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

# XI. Directory Listings

A. Subject to exection of an agreement between ICI and BellSouth's affiliate, BellSouth Advertising & Publishing Corporation, ("BAPCO"), substantially in the form set forth in Attachment C-1, (1) listings shall be included in appropriate White Pages or alphabetical directories; (2) ICI'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 ICI's subscribers.
**B.** BellSouth will include ICI's subscriber listings in BellSouth's directory assistance databases and BellSouth will not charge ICI 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 ICI a magnetic tape or computer disk containing the proper format for submitting subscriber listings. ICI 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 ICI'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 ICI'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.

## XII. 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 ICI 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. ICI 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. This service will be as set forth in Attachment C-2, incorporated herein by this reference.

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).

# XIII. Access to Signaling and Signaling Databases

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

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

C. BellSouth will enter ICI 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 ICI's end users to participate or not participate in alternate billing arrangements such as collect or third number billed calls.

D. If ICI utilizes BellSouth's 800 database for query purposes only, the rates and charges shall be as set forth in Attachment C-4, incorporated herein by this reference.

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# XIV. BellSouth's Offer of Services Available for Resale

A. The rates pursuant by which ICI 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 Attachment D, 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. ICI may resell the tariffed telecommunications services of BellSouth. 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; lifeline and linkup services; contract service arrangements; installment billing options; 911 and E911 services; interconnection services for mobile service providers; legislatively or administratively mandated specialized discounts (e.g. education institutions discount); and discounted services to meet competitive situations. BellSouth agrees that ICI 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 ICI does not constitute a joint undertaking for the furnishing of any service.

D. ICI 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 ICI for all services.

E. ICI 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, ICI accepts responsibility for adhering to BellSouth's prescienting

guidelines prior to referring the trouble to BellSouth. BellSouth may bill ICI for handling troubles that are found not to be in the BellSouth network. The parties agree that BellSouth may contact ICI's customers, if in its sole discretion it deems necessary for maintenance purposes. 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 ICI 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 ICI

G. In most circumstances, the current telephone number of an end user may be retained by the end user unless the end user has past due charges associated with the BellSouth account for which payment arrangements have not been made. BellSouth will not, however, make the end user's previous telephone number available to ICI until the end user's outstanding balance has been paid. Denied service means that the service of an end user provided by a local exchange telecommunications company, including BellSouth has been temporally suspended for nonpayment and subject to complete disconnection.

H. 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 ICI for a charge not less than BellSouth's cost.

I. 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.

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

- J. ICI 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 ICI is a telecommunications carrier that serves greater than 5 percent of the Nation's presubscribed access lines. ICI 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 ICI 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.
- 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. ICI 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.

K. 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.

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

**M.** Services resold under BellSouth's Tariffs and facilities and equipment provided by BellSouth shall be maintained by BellSouth. ICI 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.

**N.** BellSouth will not perform billing and collection services for ICI 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.

O. Until such time as BellSouth receives permission from the FCC to bill the End User Common Line (EUCL) charge to ICI, BellSouth will, oh an interim basis, bill ICI the charges shown below which are identical to the EUCL rates billed by BST to its end users.

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

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

- 1. Where possible, BellSouth will deny service to ICI's end user on behalf of, and at the request of, ICI. Upon restoration of the end user's service, restoral charges will apply and will be the responsibility of ICI
- 2. At the request of ICI, BellSouth will disconnect a ICI end user customer.

- 3. All requests by ICI for denial or disconnection of an end user for nonpayment must be in writing.
- 4 ICI 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 ICI 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 ICI and/or the end user against any claim, loss or damage arising from providing this information to ICI. It is the responsibility of ICI 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 ICI are as follows:
- 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 ICI 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 ICI, 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 ICI'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 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 ICI 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 ICI to receive notices of noncompliance, discontinue the provision of existing services to ICI 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 ICI's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude BellSouth's right to discontinue the provision of the services to ICI without further notice.

- 5. If payment is not received or arrangements made for payment by the date given in the written notification, ICI's services will be discontinued. Upon discontinuance of service on a ICI's account, service to ICI's end users will be denied. BellSouth will also reestablish service at the request of the end user or ICI 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 ICI to make a deposit, 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 ICI 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 ICI defaults on its account, service to ICI 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 ICI during the continuance of the deposit. Interest on a deposit shall accrue annually and, if requested, shall be annually credited to ICI by the accrual date.

## XV. Ordering of Services From BellSouth For Resale Purposes

A. The ordering and provision of services purchased from BellSouth for resale purposes by ICI 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 ICI, BellSouth will establish an accounts receivable master account for ICI.

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

D. Payment of all charges will be the responsibility of ICI. ICI shall make payment to BellSouth for all services billed. BellSouth is not responsible for payments not received by ICI from ICI's customer. BellSouth will not become involved in billing disputes that may arise between ICI 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 ICI's accounts.

F. BellSouth will bill ICI 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 ICI, the total amount billed to ICI will not include any taxes due from the end user. ICI 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, ICI 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 ICI 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 ICI 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 ICI and ICI's end user customers over resold services. If a dispute does arise that cannot be settled without the involvement of BellSouth, ICI 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 ICI to resolve the matter in as timely a manner as possible. ICI may be required to submit documentation to substantiate the claim.

**M.** ICI 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 ICI.

# XVI. 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 public notice 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 state 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.

# XVII. Disconnection of Existing End User Service

A. BellSouth will accept requests from ICI to disconnect 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 ICI to BellSouth or will accept a request from another ALEC or ICI for conversion of the Service Provider Number Portability service associated with an end user's service from ICI to the second ALEC or Reseller. BellSouth will notify ICI that such a request has been processed. BellSouth will not require end user confirmation prior to disconnecting the end user's service. ICI 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 ICI an Unauthorized Change Charge of \$19.41 per line or trunk for Residence of Business. The appropriate local nonrecurring charges to reestablish the customer's service with the appropriate local service provider will also be assessed to ICI because of the unauthorized change. These charges may be adjusted if ICI provides satisfactory proof of authorization.

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

## XVIII. 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 ICI 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.

# XIX. 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. 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.

B. For combined interstate and intrastate ICI traffic terminated by BellSouth over the same facilities, ICI 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 ICI. 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 ICI for the purposes of resale to confirm that such services are being utilized in conformity with this Agreement. ICI 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, ICI shall be notified and billing for the service will be immediately changed to conform with this Agreement. Service charges, back billing and interest may be applied.

# XX. Liability and Indemnification

A. With respect to any claim or suit by ICI, an ICI 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 ICI's terminal location, POI nor ICI'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 ICI against any claim, loss or damage arising from ICI'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 ICI's own communications; 2) Claims for patent infringement arising from ICI's acts combining or using the service furnished by BellSouth in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by ICI or ICI's customer; 3) any claim, loss, or damage claimed by a ICI customer, arising from ICI's uses of services provided by BellSouth under this Agreement; or 4) all other claims arising out of an act or omission of ICI in the course of using services provided pursuant to this Agreement.

E. BellSouth assumes no liability for the accuracy of the data provided to it by ICI and ICI agrees to indemnify and hold harmless BellSouth for any claim, action, cause of action, damage, injury whatsoever, that may result from the supply of data from ICI 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 ICI or ICI's customer from any and all claims by any person relating to ICI's or ICI'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 ICI against claims of patent infringement arising solely from the use by ICI of services offered pursuant to this Agreement and will indemnify ICI 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.

# XXI. More Favorable Provisions

A. In the event an appropriate regulatory agency or judicial body orders or directs BellSouth or ICI 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 ICI 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 ICI

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 ICI 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 in Florida until January 1, 1998 without contribution from ICI.

# XXII. Treatment of Proprietary and Confidential Information

Both parties agree that it may be necessary to provide each other during Α. 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. Both parties agree that the Information shall not be copied or reproduced in any form. Both 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.

# XXIII. 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 30 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.

## XXIV. 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.

## XXV. 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.

## XXVI. 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.

## XXVII. 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.

## XXVIII. 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 orgiven by postage prepaid mail, address to:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Rich Dender --Acct. Manager South E4E1 Colonnade Prkwy Birmingham, AL 35243 ICI--Pat Kurlin 3625 Queen Palm Drive Tampa, Florida 33619

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.

## XXIX. Entire Agreement

This Agreement and its Attachments, incorporated herein by this reference, sets forth the entire understanding and supersedes prior agreements between the parties, including, without limitation, that certain Stipulation and Agreement dated December 7, 1995, applicable to the state of Florida, 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 1596 7 : Date

Intermedia Communications Inc. Signature

CE7 Title

Date

# ATTACHMENT A

# EXAMPLE OF "5% CAP"

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# <u>Case 1:</u>

BellSouth terminates 10,000 min. to ALEC X	ALEC X bills BellSouth for 10,000 min.
ALEC X terminates 15,000 min. to BellSouth	BellSouth bills ALEC X for 10,500 min. (10,000 + 5%)
Case 2:	
BellSouth terminates 15,000 min. to ALEC X	ALEC X bills BellSouth for 10,500 min. (10,000 + 5%)
ALEC X terminates 10,000 min. to BellSouth	BellSouth bills ALEC X for 10,000 min.
Case 3:	•
BellSouth terminates zero min. to ALEC X	ALEC X bills BellSouth zero
ALEC X terminates 10,000 min. to BellSouth	BellSouth bills ALEC X zero
Case 4:	
BellSouth terminates 10,000 min. to ALEC X	ALEC X bills BellSouth zero
ALEC X terminates zero min. to BellSouth	BellSouth bills ALEC X zero
Case 5:	
BellSouth terminates 10,000 min. to ALEC X	ALEC X bills BellSouth for 10,000 min.
ALEC X terminates 10,200 min. to BellSouth	BellSouth bills ALEC X for 10,200 min. (difference is less than cap)
<u>Case 6:</u>	

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BellSouth terminates 10,200 min. to ALEC ALEC X bills BellSouth for 10,200 min. Х

BellSouth

(difference is less than cap)

ALEC X terminates 10,000 min. to BellSouth bills ALEC X for 10,000 min.

<u>Case 7:</u> BellSouth and ALEC X both terminate 10,000 min. to each other

ALEC X and BellSouth both bill each other 10,000 min.

#### 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 intereschange Carrier (IC), and Independant 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					
	Per	Applied	Monthly	Applied	Non-	Applied	PW	Applied	Monthly	Applied.	Non-	Applied
RATE ELEMENTS	MOU	Per	Recur.	Per	Recur.	Per_	MOU	Per	Recur.	Per	Recur.	Per
DS1 Local Channel	-		\$133.81	ILC	\$866.97	LC - Final	-	-	\$133.81	ilc	\$866.97	LC - Final
		. I		i	\$486.83	LC - Add				;	\$486.63	LC - Add1
DS1 Dedicated Transport	-	!	\$23.50	iper mile	-	-			\$16.75	per mile -	-	-
	{		\$90.00	fac.term	\$100.49	l fac. term.	-	-	\$59.75	fac.term;	\$100.49	fac term
DS1 Common Transport	\$0 00004	i per mile 👘	-	-	-	-	\$0.00004	per mile	-	` <b>-</b>	-	-
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Local Switching LS2 (FGD)	\$0.00755	access moul	-	-	_	-	\$0.00876	access mou	-	<b>.</b> .	-	-
Tandem Switching	\$0 00074	access mou			-	· _	\$0.00050	access mou	; –	. <b>-</b> 1	-	~
Information Surcharge	\$0.03218	100 mou	-	-	-		-		-	-	-	
andem Intermediary Charge	\$0.002	access mou	-	-	-	-	\$0.002	access mou	-	-	-	-
Composite Rate-OS1 Dedicated	\$0 00978			-			50.01028	- hil	14.00	<u></u>		
Composite Rate-OS1 Tandem Sw	\$0 00991						\$0.01056		- 37			

State(s):	Georgia						Kentucky					
	Per	Appiled	Monthly	Applied	Non-	Applied	Per	Applied	Monthly	Appiled	Non-	Applied
RATE ELEMENTS	MOU	Per	Recur.	Per	Recur.	Per	MOU	Per	Recur.	Per	Recur.	Per
DS1 Local Channel	1 -	; -	\$133.81	ILC	\$866.97	LC . Fire	-	-	\$133.81	LC	\$366.97	LC - Final
			-	i –	\$486.83	LC . Add			-	-	\$486.83	LC . Add
DS1 Dedicated Transport	-	-	\$23.50	per mile	- 1	-	-	-	\$23.50	lper mile i	<del>-</del> '	-
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DS1 Common Transport	\$0.00004	per mile	-	-	-	-	\$0.00004	per mile	-	-	-	-
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Tandem Switching	\$0.00074	access mou	-	-	-	-	\$0.00074	access mou	-	-	-	: <del>-</del>
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Composite Rate-OS1 Tandem Sw.	\$0.00991				_		\$0.00991					

"Rates are displayed at the DS1+1.544 Mbps, level. For rates and charges applicable to other errangement levels, refer to Section E6 of BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc. s Intrastate Access Tanff

"The Tandem Intermediary Charge applies only to Intermediary Traffic.

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

#### Local Interconnection Service

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-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.

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Attachment B-2

Local Interconnection Service

Service: Toll Switched Access

Description: Provides the Switched Local Channel, Switched Transport, Access Tandem Switching, local end office switching and end user termination functions necessary to complete the transmission of ALEC intrastate and interstate calls from outside the BellSouth's basic local calling area.

> Provided in the terminating direction only. Provides trunk side access to a BellSouth tandem/end office for the ALEC's use in terminating long distance communications from the ALEC to BellSouth end users.

Provided at BellSouth tandem/end office as trunk side terminating switching through the use of tandem/end office trunk equipment. The switch trunk equipment may be provided with wink start-pulsing signals and answer and disconnect supervisory signaling, or without signaling when out of band signaling is provided.

Provided with multifrequency address or out of band signaling. Ten digits of the called party number, as appropriate, will be provided by the ALEC's equipment to a BellSouth tandem/end office.

State(s): All

Rates, Terms and Conditions:

In all states, rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in Section E6 of BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc.'s Intrastate Access Service Tariffs and in Section 6 of the BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc. Interstate Access Tariff, F.C.C. No. 1.

# 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

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
Per Number Ported - Residence / 6 paths - Business / 10 paths	\$1.15 \$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	i each
Per Number Ported - Residence	<b>\$0</b> .01	each	\$1.00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each
Per Order	-	_	\$25.00	end user	-	-	\$25.00	end user
	-	-	-	location	-	•-	-	location
SPNP-010 Trunk Termination	\$13.00	trunk		trunk-init. trunk-sub.	\$15.00	trunk		trunk-init. trunk-sub.
DS1 Local Channel"	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - Finst	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First
	· _	-	\$486.83	LC . Add1	-	-	\$486.83	ILC - Addi
DS1 Dedicated Transport**	\$23.50	per mile	-	-	\$16.75	per mile	-	- 1
	\$90.00	fac. term.	\$100.49	fac. term.	\$59.75	fac. term.	5100.49	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	-	-	\$25.00	end user
	-	-		location	-	-		location
SPNP-OID Trunk Termination	\$14.00	trunk	\$165.00	trunk-init.	\$13.00	trunk	\$150.00	trunk-int.
			\$83.00	trunk-eub.			\$80.00	trunk-sub.
OS1 Local Channel**	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - Finat	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First
	-	-		LC . Add	-	-	\$486.83	LC . Add
DS1 Dedicated Transport**	\$23.50	per mile	-	-	\$23.50	per mile	-	-
	1	fac. term.	\$100.49	fac. term,	\$90.00	fac. term.	\$100.49	I 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 Tanife.

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



## Local Interconnection Service

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

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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	SO 01 :	each	\$1.00	j each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each
Per Number Ported - Residence	<b>\$0</b> .01 (	each	S1 00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	sach
Per Order	-	-	\$25.00	end user	-	·	\$25.00	end user
	-	-	-	location	-	-		location
SPNP-DID Trunk Termination	\$13.00	trunk	\$170.00	i itrunk-int.	\$13.00	trunk	\$150.00	trunk-init,
			\$86.00	trunx-sub.			<b>580 00</b>	trunk-sub
DS1 Local Channel**	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First	\$133.81	ILC	\$866.97	LC - First
	·· • 1	-	\$486.83	LC . Addi	-	-	\$486 83	LC - Addi
DS1 Dedicated Transport**	\$16.75	per mile	· _	-	\$23.50	per mile	-	-
	\$59 75	fac, term	· \$100 49	fac term	\$90.00	fac. term.	5100.49	fac term

State(s):	N.Carolina	_			S.Carolina			
	Monthly	Applied	Non-	Applied	Monthly	Applied	Non-	Applied
RATE ELEMENTS	Recurring	Per	Recurring	Per	Recurring	Per	Recurring	Per
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Per Number Ported - Residence	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	
Per Order	-	-	\$25.00	end user	-	-	s25 00	end user
	-	-	-	location	-	-		location
SPNP-DID Trunk Termination	\$13.00	trunk		trunk-init.	\$13.00	trunk		trunk-inf.
		1	\$83.00	trunk-sub.		4		trunk-sub.
DS1 Local Channel**	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First
	1		\$486.83	LC - Addi	ł	•	\$486.83	ILC - Addi
DS1 Dedicated Transport**	\$23.50	per mile	-	-	\$23.50	per mile	i –	; –
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#### Tennessee

RATE ELEMENTS	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per	Non- Recurring	Applied Per
Per Number Ported - Business	: \$0.01	each	\$1.00	eech
Per Number Ported - Residence	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each
Per Order	, <b>-</b>	-	\$25.00	end user
	-	-	-	location
SPNP-DID Trunk Termination	\$13.00	trunk		trunk-init. trunk-sub.
DS1 Local Channel**	\$133.81	ιc	\$866.97	LC - First
DS1 Dedicated Transport**		per mile	-	-
	<u>\$90.00</u>	fac. term.	5100.49	I fac, term,

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

State(s):



Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

Service: Subscriber Listing Information

Description: Subscriber primary listing information provided at no charge and in an acceptable format will be published at no charge as standard directory listings in an alphabetical directory published by or for BellSouth at no charge to each ALEC end user customer.

## State(s): All

- Rates: (1) No charge for ALEC-1 customer primary listings.
  - (2) Additional listings and optional listings may be provided by BellSouth at rates set forth in BellSouth's intrastate General Subscriber Services Tariffs.

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## EKHIBIT

# ALPHABETICAL DIRECTORY SIDE AGREEMENT

CARRIER agrees to provide to BellSouth Advertising & Publishing Corporation ("BAPCO"), through BST, at CARRIER's expense and at no charge, listing information concerning its subscribers (designating any who do not desire published listings), consisting of: customer, name, address, telephone number and all other information reasonably requested by BAPCO for BAPCO's use in publishing directories of whatever type and format and for other derivative purposes. Such information shall be provided on a schedule and in a format reasonably acceptable to BAPCO. CARRIER shall advise BAPCO promptly regarding any directory-related inquines, requests or complaints which it shall receive from CARRIER's subscribers and shall provide reasonable cooperation to BAPCO in response to or resolution of the same. CARRIER shall respond promptly regarding corrections or queries raised by BAPCO and to process listing changes requested by subscribers.

- II. BAPCO shall include one standard listing for each CARRIER subscriber per hunting group in BAPCO's appropriate local alphabetical directory as published periodically by BAPCO unless nonlisted or nonpublished status is designated by subscribers. BAPCO shall also include one standard listing for each CARRIER business subscriber per hunting group in an appropriate heading as selected by the subscriber in BAPCO's appropriate local classified directory as published periodically by BAPCO unless nonlisted or nonpublish status is designated by subscriber. Such listings shall be interfiled with the listings of other local exchange telephone company subscribers and otherwise published in the manner of such other listings according to BAPCO's generally applicable publishing policies and standards. BAPCO shall deliver such local alphabetical and classified directory to CARRIER's subscribers according to BAPCO's generally applicable policies and standards.
- III. BAPCO shall maintain full authority over its publishing schedules, policies, standards, and practices and over the scope and publishing schedules of its directories.
- IV. Each party agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other from all damages, claims, suits, losses or expenses, including without limitation costs and attorneys fees, to the extent of such party's relative fault, arising out of or resulting from any error, omission or act of such party hereunder. CARRIER agrees to limit its liability and that of BAPCO by contract with CARRIER's subscribers or by tariff to no more than the cost of service for any errors or

omissions in any listings published hereunder for CARRIER subscribers. Each party shall notify in writing the other promptly of any claimed error or omission affecting this paragraph and of any claim or suit arising hereunder or relating to this Agreement and shall provide reasonable and timely cooperation in its resolution of the same. Without waiver of any rights hereunder, the indemnified party may at its expense undertake its own defense in any such claim or suit.

- SAPCO's liability to CARRIER for any errors or omissions in directories or for any default otherwise arising hereunder shall be limited to One Dollar (\$1) for any error or omission in any subscriber listing in any directory published by BAPCO.
- VI. This Side Agreement shall be subject to the term and cancellation provisions of the agreement to which it is appended ("the Agreement"), except that BAPCO shall have the right to terminate this Side Agreement upon sixty days prior written notice given at any time following the initial term of the Agreement.
- VII. A separate Agreement may be entered into between BAPCO and CARRIER concerning Yellow Pages, or classified directories, directory delivery, CallGuide pages, and other directory related issues.

BAPCO:	CARRIER:
BY:	BY:
NAME:	NAME:
TITLE:	TITLE:
DATE:	DATE:

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## AGREEMENT

<u>RECITALS</u>. BAPCO is the publisher of alphabetical and classified directories for certain communities in the southeastern region of the U.S (the "Directories"). CARRIER provides, or intends to provide, local exchange telephone service in communities in which BAPCO publishes Directories. BAPCO and CARRIER hereby establish the terms by which BAPCO will include listings of CARRIER subscribers in such Directories and by which BAPCO will provide such Directories to CARRIER subscribers.

2. <u>CARRIER OBLIGATIONS</u>. CARRIER agrees as follows:

(a) CARRIER shall provide to BAPCO, or its designee, at CARRIER's expense and at no charge, listing information concerning its subscribers (designating any who do not desire published listings), consisting of customer name, address, telephone number and all other information reasonably requested by BAPCO as set forth on Exhibit A for BAPCO's use in publishing Directories of whatever type and format and for other derivative purposes. Such subscriber listing information shall be provided in the format and on the schedule set forth in said Exhibit, or as otherwise mutually agreed between the parties from time to time.

(b) CARRIER shall also provide directory delivery information to BAPCO as set forth in Exhibit A for all subscribers.

(c) CARRIER shall advise BAPCO promptly of any directory-related inquiries, requests or complaints which it may receive from CARRIER subscribers and shall provide reasonable cooperation to BAPCO in response to or resolution of the same.

(d) CARRIER shall respond promptly regarding corrections or queries raised by BAPCO to process listing changes requested by subscribers.

3. BAPCO OBLIGATIONS. BAPCO agrees as follows:

(a) BAPCO shall include one standard listing for each CARRIER subscriber per hunting group in BAPCO's appropriate local alphabetical Directory as published periodically by BAPCO unless nonlisted or nonpublished status is designated by subscribers. Such listings shall be interfiled with the listings of other local exchange telephone company subscribers and otherwise published in the manner of such other listings according to BAPCO's generally applicable publishing policies and standards. (b) BAPCO shall publish additional listings, foreign listings and other alphabencal Directory listings of CARRIER subscribers upon their request consistent with BAPCO's generally applicable policies in BAPCO's alphabetical Directories at BAPCO's prevailing rates, terms and conditions.

5) BAPCO will distribute its regularly published alphabetical and classified Directories to local CARRIER subscribers in accordance with BAPCO's prevailing practices, including delivery following Directory publication and upon establishment of new CARRIER service, if a current Directory for that geographic area has not previously been provided. Such deliveries may include separate advertising materials accompanying the Directories.

(d) BAPCO will include CARRIER information in the customer guide pages of its alphabetical Directories for communities where CARRIER provides local exchange telephone service at the time of publication in accordance with BAPCO's prevailing standards for the same. CARRIER will provide information requested by BAPCO for such purpose on a timely basis.

(e) BAPCO shall make available at no charge to CARRIER or its subscribers one listing for CARRIER business customers per hunting group in one appropriate heading in BAPCO's appropriate local classified directory as published periodically by BAPCO. Such listings shall be published according to BAPCO's generally applicable publishing policies and standards.

(f) BAPCO agrees to solicit, accept and publish directory advertising from business subscribers for CARRIER in communities for which BAPCO publishes classified Directories in the same manner and upon substantially the same terms as it solicits, accepts and publishes advertising from advertisers who are not CARRIER subscribers.

4. <u>PUBLISHING POLICIES</u>. BAPCO shall maintain full authority over its publishing schedules, policies, standards, and practices and over the scope and publishing schedules of its Directories.

## 5. LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY.

(a) BAPCO's liability to CARRIER for any errors or omissions in directories or for any default otherwise arising hereunder shall be limited to One Dollar (\$1) for errors or omissions in any subscriber listing in any directory published by BAPCO.

(b) Each party agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other from all damages, claims, suits, losses or expenses, including without limitation costs and attorneys fees, to the extent of such party's relative fault, arising-out of or resulting from any error, omission or act of such party hereunder. CARRIER agrees to limit its liability and that of BAPCO by contract with CARRIER's subscribers or by tariff to no more than the cost of service for any errors or omissions in any listings published hereunder for CARRIER subscribers. Each party shall notify in writing the other promptly of any claimed error or omission affecting this paragraph and of any claim or suit ansing nereunder or relating to this Agreement and shall provide reasonable and timely cooperation in its resolution of the same. Without waiver of any rights hereunder, the indemnified party may at its expense undertake its own defense in any such claim or suit.

5 <u>TERM</u>. This Agreement shall be effective on the date of the last signature hereto for a term of two (2) years and shall relate to Directories published by BAPCO during such period. Thereafter, it shall continue in effect unless terminated by either party upon sixty days prior written notice.

ASSIGNMENT. This Agreement shall be binding upon any successors or assigns of the parties during its Term.

8. <u>RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES</u>. This Agreement does not create any joint senture, partnership or employment relationship between the parties or their employees, and the relationship between the parties shall be that of an independent contractor. There shall be no intended third party beneficiaries to this Agreement.

## 9 NONDISCLOSURE.

(a) During the term of this Agreement it may be necessary for the parties to provide each other with certain information ("Information") considered to be private or proprietary. The recipient shall protect such Information from distribution, disclosure or dissemination to anyone except its employees or contractors with a need to know such information in conjunction herewith, except as otherwise authorized in writing. All such Information shall be in writing or other tangible form and clearly marked with a confidential or proprietary legend. Information conveyed orally shall be designated as proprietary or confidential at the time or such oral conveyance and shall be reduced to writing within forty-five (45) days.

(b) The parties will not have an obligation to protect any portion of Information which: (1) is made publicly available lawfully by a nonparty to this Agreement; (2) is lawfully obtained from any source other than the providing party; (3) is previously known without an obligation to keep it confidential; (4) is released by the providing party in writing; or (5) commencing two (2) years after the termination date of this Agreement if such Information is not a trade secret under applicable law.

(c) Each party will make copies of the information only as necessary for its use under the terms hereof, and each such copy will be marked with the same proprietary notices as appear on the originals. Each party agrees to use the information solely in support of this Agreement and for no other purpose.

10. EORCE MAJEURE. Neither party shall be responsible to the other for any delay or failure to perform hereunder to the extent caused by fire, flood, explosion, war, surke,

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not, embargo, governmental requirements, civic or military authority, act of God, or other similar cause beyond its reasonable control. Each party shall use best efforts to notify the other promptly of any such delay or failure and snall provide reasonable cooperation to ameliorate the effects thereof.

11. <u>PUBLICITY</u>. Neither party shall disclose the terms of this Agreement nor use the trade names or trademarks of the other without the prior express written consent of the other.

## 12. <u>REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTICES.</u>

(a) Each party shall name one or more representatives for contacts between the parties which shall be authorized to act on its behalf. Such representatives may be changed from time to time upon written notice to the other party.

(b) Notices required by law or under this Agreement shall be given in writing by hand delivery, certified or registered mail, or by facsimile followed by certified or registered mail, addressed to the named representatives of the parties with copies to:

If to BAPCO:

Director-LEC/BST Interface BellSouth Advertising & Publishing Corporation Room 270 59 Executive Park South Atlanta, GA 30329

With Copy to:

Associate General Counsel BellSouth Advertising & Publishing Corporation Room 430 59 Executive Park South Atlanta, GA 30329

If to CARRIER:

13. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>. This Agreement represents the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any previous oral or written communications, representations, inderstandings, or agreements with respect thereto. It may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. All prior and contemporaneous written or oral agreements, representations, warranties, statements, negotiations, and for understandings by and between the parties, whether express or implied, are superseded, and there are no representations or warranties, either oral or written, express or implied, not herein contained. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the state of Georgia.

N WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives in one or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, on the dates set forth below.

BELLSOUTH ADVERTISING & PUBLISHING CORPORATION	CARRIER:
By:	Ву:
Title:	Title:
Date:	Date:

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# EXHIBIT A

- CARRIER Listing Information, Format, Schedule for Provision
- CARRIER Delivery Information, Format, Schedule for Provision

Attachment C-2

Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

Service: Access to Numbers

Description: For that period of time in which BellSouth serves as North American Numbering Plan administrator for the states in the BellSouth region, BellSouth will assist ALECs applying for NXX codes for their use in providing local exchange services.

State(s): All

Rates: No Charge

## 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.
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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 1996, is entered into by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BST"), a Georgia corporation, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. ("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

#### IL 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. Toil 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.

#### IIL 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 toil 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 linebased 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 surborized 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 (PDN) are a security code assigned by BST.

Determine whether the Local Exchange Company has identified the billing (**č**) 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

#### VIL 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.

### VTIL 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.

#### DL 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 mansactions 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, NC.

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Date:	
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# THE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY

By:		 
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# 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.

Rate Elements	Description	Monthly	Non- Recurring
LIDB Common Transport	Provides for transport of the customer's query from	\$0.00030 :	-
	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.		
	associated with a LEC line stored in the Belisouth LIDB.		
LIDB Validation	Provides for query of data resident in BellSouth's LIDB.	\$0.03800	-
	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 LIDE	3	i
	Validation rate per query.		
Originating Point Code	Provides for the establishment or change of a	_	\$91.00
Establishment or Change	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.		
CCS7 Signaling Connections	Rates, terms and conditions for CCS7 Signaling		
cost signaling connections	Connections are as set forth in Section E6.8 of		
	BellSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s Intrastate Access Services Tariff.		

State(s): All

### 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.

Rate Elements	Monthly Rate	Recurring Rate	Non- Recurring	Applied Per
CCS7 Signaling Connection 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 Kpbs facility
CCS7 Signaling Termination Provides a customer dedicated point of interface at the BellSouth STP for each of the customer's SS7 connections.	\$355.00	-	-	STP Port
CCS7 Signaling Usage <sup>*</sup> Refers to the messages traversing the BellSouth signaling network for call set-up and non call set-up purposes.	-	\$0.000023 \$0.000050	-	Call Set Up Msg TCAP Msg.
CCS7 Signaling Usage Surrogate"	\$395.00	-	-	56 Kpbs 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.

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#### 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.

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State(s)	Recurring	Applied Per
All	\$1.17	Per Work Minute
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
All	\$0.15	Per Attempt
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# Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

# Service: Directory Assistance Access Service (Number Services)

Description: See below

Rate Elements	Description	State/a)	Monthly
Directory Assistance Call	Cotional service provided to an Access subscriber of BeilSouth s	State(s)	Rate
Completion Access Service	.DA Access Service.	~	\$0.25 (per call attempt
	Given a listed telephone number at the request of an Access		
	subscriber's end user. BeilSouth 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		
	intertal trunk facility directly to the terminating end office that serves		
	the designated number. An Automatic Message Account (AMA)		
	record that includes conversation time, orginating, terminating, and	:	
	billing number details is made for each call completion attempt. This	1	
	record is in addition to the record made for the DA transaction.		i
Call Completion Access	This charge will be applicable per call attempt and is in	Alabama	\$0.06
Termination Charge	addition to the DACC Access Service charge listed above.	Flonda	\$0.06
		Georgia	\$0.06
		Kentucky	\$0.08
		Louisiana	\$0.06
		Mississippi	\$0.06
		N.Carolina	\$0.08
	•	S.Carolina	\$0.08
		Tennessee	so.12
Number Services Intercept	Number Services Intercept Access refers calls from disconnected	Ali	\$0.30
Access Service	numbers to the proper number or numbers.		: (per intercept
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	A separate dedicated intercept trunk facility to the Number Services	1	
	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 retheve the referral number.	•	
	The referral number is provided to the calling perty by a mechanized		
	audio announcement. The subscribing Access customer must		
	provide the updates to the intercept database to support the service.		1
Directory Assistance	Rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in E9.1.7 for	i	
Service Call	Georgia and as set forth in E9.5.3 for AL, FL, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN of		
	BelSouth 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		1
	BeilSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s Intrastate Access.Service Tariff.	1	
Directory Assistance	Rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in E9.1.7 for	1	
Interconnection	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	Rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in A38.1 of		
Database Service	BellSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s General Subscriber Service Tarif	ł.	
Direct Access to DA Service	Rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in Section 9.3 o		ł
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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.

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	e Elements Description		
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	
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#### 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 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

Attachment D

# 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. <u>Cantralized Message Distribution System</u> is the BelCore administered national system, based in Kansas City, Missouri, used to exchange Exchange Message Record (EMR) formatied data among host companies.
  - B. <u>Compensation</u> is the amount of money due from BeilSouth to the ALEC or from the ALEC to BeilSouth for services and/or facilities provided under this Agreement.
  - C. <u>Exchange Message Record</u> 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. <u>Message Distribution</u> 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. <u>Non-Sent Paid Report System (NSPRS)</u> is the system that calculates ICS amounts due from one company to another in the state of Florida.

G. Example Accounting Office (RAO) Status Concerns 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 BeilSouth will be in accordance with the methods and practices regularly adopted and applied by BeilSouth to its own operations during the term of this Agreement, including such revisions as may be made from time to time by BeilSouth.
- 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 8 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 canceling the Exhibits then in effect.

# SECTION & TERM OF AGREEMENT

3.01 This agreement is effective \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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	day of	19 <b>96.</b>
WITNESS:	THE ALEC	
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WITNESS:	BELLSOUTH TELEC	ommunications,inc
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# 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 BeilSouth will receive messages from the ALEC that are to be processed by BeilSouth, another LEC/ALEC in the BeilSouth region or a LEC outside the BeilSouth 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.

- 2.05 All data received from the ALEC that is to be placed on the CMDS network for distribution outside the BeilSouth region will be nandled in accordance with the agreement(s) which may be in effect between BeilSouth and its connecting contractor (currently BeilCore).
- 2.06 BeilSouth 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 beck-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 (50) 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.
- In the event that data to be exchanged between the two parties should 2.11 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 (BeilSouth 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 BeilSouth on data received from the ALEC, the entire pack containing the affected data will not be processed by BeilSouth. BeilSouth will notify the ALEC of the error condition. The ALEC will correct the error(s) and will resend the entire pack to BeilSouth for processing. In the event that an out-of-sequence condition occurs on subsequent packs, the ALEC will resend these packs to BeilSouth after the pack containing the error has been successfully reprocessed by BeilSouth.
- 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:

Rate Per Message \$0.004

3.02 For data transmission associated with message distribution service, BeilSouth shall receive the following as compensation:

Rate Per Message \$0.001

- 3.03 Cata 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 associated with the use of the dial circuit by the ALEC will be the responsibility of 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 modern, will be negotiated on a case by case basis between the parties.
- 3.04 All equipment, including moderns and software, that is required on the ALEC end for the purpose of data transmission will be the responsibility of the ALEC.

Exhibe 8

# 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 BeilSouth customer,
  - 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) administered by BellCore.
  - another company utilizing the non-conterminous 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) Avistion Radiotelephone Service radio link charges as set forth in the FCC's Avistion Radiotelephone Service tariff.
  - 3) Public Land Mobile Radiotelephone Transient-Unit Non-Tol Service changes 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) BeilSouth,
  - another company within the BellSouth region (excluding Florida) associated with the exchange of message data with BellSouth (excluding CIID and 891 messages).
  - 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:

		Pate Per message
•)	Calls criginated and billed in Florida or criginated and billed in North Carolina	30 06 <b>68</b>
	Calls originated in any of the states within BellSouth region and billed in that same state	30.05
2)	Calls originated in a state within BellSouth's region and billed in another state or originated in another state within BellSouth's region	\$0.C <b>5</b>
3)	Calls originated in a state within BellSouth's region and billed outside the conterminous United States	30.16

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.

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.

STATE	th Zone A Offices -	OFFICE	EX=Exempt from Physical 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				
	l	Pinecastle	ORLDFLPC				
		Pinehills	ORLDFLPH				
	West Palm Beach	Annex (Main Annex)	WPBHFLAN				

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GA	Athens	Athens	ATHNGAMA	
	Atlanta	Courtland St	ATLNGACS	
	:	Peachtree Pl	ATLNGAPP	
•		Buckhead	ATLNGABU	
		East Point	ATLNGAEP	
		Toco Hills	ATLNGATH	
		Sandy Springs	ATLNGASS	
	Lilburn	Lilbum	LLBNGAMA	
•	Smytha	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	ΕX
		Westport Rd	LSVLKYWE	ΕX
		Beechmont	LSVLKYBE	
		Bardstown Road	LSVLKYBR	EΣ
		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	Сагу	Central	NARYNCCE	
	Chapel Hill	Rosemary	CPHLNCRO	
	Charlotte	Caldwell	CHRLNCCA	
		South Boulevard	CHRLNCB0	

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		Denta	CHRLNCDE
		Erwin	CHRLNCER
	•.	Lake Point	CHRLNCLP
		Reid	CHRLNCRE EX
		Sharon Amity	CHRLNCSH
		University	CHRLNCUN EX
	Greensboro	Eugene St	GNBONCEU
	Raleigh	Morgan	RLGHNCMO
	1	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 & Toll	NSVLTNMT
		Airport	NSVLTNAP
		Brentwood	NSVLTNBW
		Crieve Hall	NSVLTNCH
		Donelson	NSVLTNDO
		Inglewood	NSVLTNIN
		Sharondale	NSVLTNST
	- <u> </u>	University	NSVLTNUN

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## Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

Service: Poles, Ducts, Conduits and Rights of Way

State(s): All

Rates, terms and conditions: This service will be provided via a Standard License Agreement.

#### 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		
	Monthly J	Nonrecurring	Charges	Monthly	Nonrecurring	Charges	Monthly	Nonrecurring	Charges
Rate Elements		First	Add'l		First	Add'i	·	First	Addi
Unbundled Exchange									
Access Loop	\$25.00	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$17.00	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$140.00	<b>54</b> 5 00
Unbundled Exchange		ĺ							
Access IOC		1							:
- 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/4
- 9 - 25 Miles	\$2.00	N/A	N/A	\$1.60	N/A	N/A	\$2.00	N/A	N/#
- Over 25 Miles	\$1.95	N/A	N/A	\$1.55	N/A	Ň/A	\$1.95	N/A	N//
		1	1					1	

State(s):	Kentucky			Louisiana				Mississippi			
	Monthly	Nonrecurring	Charges	Monthly	Nonrecurring	Charges	Monthly	Nonrecurring	Charges		
Rate Elements		First	Add'l		First	Add1		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//		
- 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		
		1			1 1						

N.Carolina			S.Carolina			Tennessee			
Monthly		g Charges Add'l	Monthly	Nonrecurrin First	g Charges Add 1	Monthly	Nonrecurring	Charges Add'l	
\$30.03	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$140.00	\$45.00	
\$11.85	\$71.87	N/A	\$\$50.00	\$97.00	N/A	\$30.00	\$96.00	N//	
			\$2.05	N/A	N/A	\$2.05	i N/A	N/A	
		•			N/A	\$2.00	i N/A	N//	
	1	N/A	\$1.95	N/A	N/A	\$1.95	N/A	N//	
	Monthly \$30.03 \$11.85 \$2.15 \$2.15	Monthly Nonrecurrin First \$30.03 \$140.00 \$11.85 \$71.87 \$2.15 N/A \$2.15 N/A	Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges       First     Add1       \$30.03     \$140.00     \$45.00       \$11.85     \$71.87     N/A       \$2.15     N/A     N/A       \$2.15     N/A     N/A	Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges     Monthly       First     Add'l       \$30.03     \$140.00     \$45.00     \$25.00       \$11.85     \$71.87     N/A     \$50.00       \$2.15     N/A     N/A     \$2.05       \$2.15     N/A     N/A     \$2.00	Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges     Monthly     Nonrecurring First       First     Add'l     First     First       \$30.03     \$140.00     \$45.00     \$25.00     \$140.00       \$11.85     \$71.87     N/A     \$50.00     \$97.00       \$2.15     N/A     N/A     \$2.05     N/A       \$2.15     N/A     N/A     \$2.00     N/A	Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges     Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges       First     Add'l     First     Add'l       \$30.03     \$140.00     \$45.00     \$25.00     \$140.00     \$45.00       \$11.85     \$71.87     N/A     \$50.00     \$97.00     N/A       \$21.5     N/A     N/A     \$2.05     N/A     N/A       \$2.15     N/A     N/A     \$2.00     N/A     N/A	Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges     Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges     Monthly       First     Add'l     First     Add'l     First     Add'l       \$30.03     \$140.00     \$45.00     \$25.00     \$140.00     \$45.00     \$25.00       \$11.85     \$71.87     N/A     \$50.00     \$97.00     N/A     \$30.00       \$21.15     N/A     N/A     \$2.05     N/A     N/A     \$2.05       \$21.15     N/A     N/A     \$2.00     N/A     N/A     \$2.00	Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges     Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges     Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges       \$30.03     \$140.00     \$45.00     \$25.00     \$140.00     \$45.00	

#### 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			
	Monthly	Nonrecurring	Charge	Monthly	Nonrecurrin	g Charge	Monthly	Nonrecurring	Charge	
Rate Elements	Rate	First	Add1	Rate	First	Add1	Rate	First	Addi	
Unbundled Loop										
Channelization System						1				
(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),		j						<u>:</u>		
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	ł	
	Monthly	Nonrecurring	Charge	Monthly	Nonrecurrin	g Charge	Monthly	Nonrecurring	Charge
Rate Elements	Rate	First	Addi	Rate	First	Add1	Rate	First	Addl
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						1			
plug-in equipment),									
1 per circuit	\$1.60	\$8.00	sa.co	\$1.60	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$1 70	\$6 00	S6 00

State(s):	N.Carolina			S.Carolina			Tennessee		
	Monthly	Nonrecurrin	g Charge	Monthly	Nonrecurrin	g Charge	Monthly	Nonrecurring	-
Rate Elements	Rate	First	Add1	Rate	First	Add1	Rate	<u>  First  </u>	Add1
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		1 [							
plug-in equipment).		1 1							
1 per circuit	\$1 65	57.00	\$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 combinded 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
Monthly			Monthly		Monthly	
Residence Port	\$2.50	}	Residence Port	\$2.00	Residence Port	\$2.25
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		h			
Usage-Mileage Bands			Usage-(STS)	1	Usage-(STS)	ſ
A (0 miles)	\$0.02	lnit min.	- init. min. //	\$0.0275		SO 02
	\$0.01	Add'i min.	add'l mix.	\$0.0125	- per minute or	
B(1-10 miles)	\$0.04	Init min.			fraction thereof	58.6
$\prec$ 1	\$0.02	Add'l min.				1
C (11-16 miles)	\$0.06	Init min.		Į	·	}
	\$0.04	Add1 min.				
Dy17-22 miles & existing LCA described						
-n A3.6 greater than 22 mi.)	\$0.10	Init min.				
	\$0.07	Add'I min.				1
ξ (23-30 miles)	\$0.10	Init min.				
	\$0.10	Add'1 min.			1	
F (31-40 miles)	\$0.10	Init, min.				1
	\$0.10	Add1 min.				
G (Special Band)*	\$0.10	Int min.				1
	\$0,10	Add'l min.	ľ			1

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\* In addition to the local calling described in A3 of BellSouth's General Subscriber Service Tariff, if any wre 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)

Rate Elements	Rate	Per	Rate Elements	Rate	Per
Monthly	i		Monthly		
Residence Port	\$3.50		Residence Port	\$2.501	
Business Port	\$10.001		Business Port	\$7.001	
PBX Trunk Port	\$10.00		PBX Trunk Port	\$7.001	
Rotary Service	\$3.50		Rotary Service	\$3.501	
Usage-Mileage Bands	1		Usage-Mileage Bands	1	
A (0 miles)	\$0.04	Ing.Min.	O (O miles)	\$0.02 Int. Mu	n.
	\$0.02 !	Add'l min.		\$0.01 Add1 r	
β (1-10 mi <b>les)</b>	\$0.04	Int.Min. /	()-10 miles)	- \$0,04 (Int.Mi	n.
	\$0.02	Add'l min		\$0.02 [Add] r	- TSIM.
C(Greater than 10 miles Limited LCA)	\$0.06	Int.Min.	B (11-16 miles)	50.06 innt. Mi	n.
	\$0.04	Add'l min.		\$0.04 (Add1 r	nia
0 (1-10 miles beyond Limited LCA)	\$0.04 /	nd.Min.	Cv(17-22 miles)	SO, 10 Unit. Mil	n.
× :	\$0.02	Add'l min.	M ·	\$0.07 Add1 r	THR.
(11-16 miles beyond Limited LCA)	\$0.06	nrt Min.	0 23 - 30 miles Basic LCA and Intra	- SO. 14 Inn. Mi	n.
	\$0.04	Add'l min.	Pansh Expanded LCA)	SO. 10 Addl r	THO.
(17-22 miles beyond Limited LCA)	\$0.09	nrt.Min.		SO, 10 Add1 r	THO.
	\$0.07	Add"1 min.	C(Greater than 30 miles Basic LCA and	SO.14 Ind.Min	n.
(23-30 miles beyond Limited LCA)	so.og i	nd.Min.	Kintra Parish Expanded LCA)	SO. 14 Inc. Mi	R.
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Business Port	\$7.50		Business Port	\$6.00	Business Port	\$10.50
PBX Trunk Port	\$7.50	1	PBX Trunk Port	\$8.00	PBX Trunk Port	\$10.50
Rotary Service	\$3.75		Rotary Service	\$1.50	Rotary Service	F \$3.00
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Business Port	\$10.00	
PBX Trunk Port	\$10.00	
Rotary Service	\$8.50	
Usage - Mile Bands		
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B)17-30 miles)	\$0.05	
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# Attachment C-18

Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

Service: Local Calling Area Boundary Guide

Description: Provided to ALECs to assist in deployment of numbers on their network to conform with BellSouth existing local calling area geographics.

State: All

Rate(s): No Charge

#### ATTACHMENT "D"

#### APPLICABLE DISCOUNTS

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

	DISCO	DUNT
STATE	RESIDENCE	BUSINESS
ALABAMA	10%	10%
FLORIDA	18%	12%
GEORGIA	20.3%*	17.3%*
KENTUCKY	10%	8%
LOUISIANA	11%	10%
MISSISSIPPI	9%	8%
NORTH CAROLINA	12%	9%
SOUTH CAROLINA	10%	9%
TENNESSEE	11%	9%

\*The Georgia discount is subject to change as a result of final resolution of the order of the Georgia Public Service Commission, issued June 12, 1996:

Discounts will not apply to: Unbundled port service; nonrecurring charges; federal or state subscriber line charges; inside wire maintenance plans; pass-through charges (e.g. N11 end user charges); and taxes

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#### AMENDMENT

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#### INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. DATED JULY 1, 1996

Pursuant to this Agreement (the "Amendment"), Intermedia Communications, Inc., ("ICI") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated July 1, 1996 ("Interconnection Agreement").

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ICI and BellSouth hereby covenant and agree as follows:

#### Eliminations and Insertions

1. The Parties agree to eliminate and strike out of the Interconnection Agreement all of paragraphs IV(C) and IV(D) on page 4, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraphs:

C. Left Blank Intentionally

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 the 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.

2. The Parties further agree to eliminate and strike out of the Interconnection Agreement all of the language of Attachment A, leaving Attachment A blank intentionally.

3. The Parties agree that all of the other provisions of the Interconnection Agreement, dated July 1, 1996, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the date indicated below.

INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Bv: DATE



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#### AMENDMENT

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#### INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS INC. AND BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. DATED JULY 1, 1996

Pursuant to this Agreement (the "Amendment"), Intermedia Communications Inc. ("I"") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated July 1, 1996 ("Interconnection Agreement").

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ICI and BellSouth hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The Parties agree that BellSouth will, upon request, provide and ICI will accept and pay for (1) loops, (2) loop cross-connections (3) dedicated transport and (4) unbundled packet switching in accordance with the schedule of prices set forth in Attachment C-2 to this Amendment which is incorporated herein by reference, in and for the states reflected on Attachment C-2.

2. The Parties agree that the prices reflected herein shall be "trued-op" (up or down) based on final prices either determined by further agreement or by final order (including any appeals) of the relevant public service commission or other body having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Amendment, which final order meets the criteria contained in paragraph 4 hereof. The "true-up" will consist of comparing the actual volumes and demand for each item, together with the price associated with such item by this Amendment, which final prices determined for each item. Each party shall keep its own records upon which a "true-up" can be based and any final payment from one party to the other shall be in an amount agreed upon by the Parties based on such records. In the event of any disagreement as between the records or the Parties regarding the amount of such "true-up," the Parties agree that the body having jurisdiction over the matter for the affected states shall be called upon to resolve such differences or that they will submit the matter to commercial arbitration in accordance with the terms contained in Article XXIII of the Interconnection Agreement.

4. Any final order that forms the basis of a "true-up" under this Amendment shall meet the following criteria:

(a) It shall be in a proceeding to which ICI and BellSouth are entitled to be full parties to the proceeding.

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It shall apply the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (b) including but not limited to, Section 252(d)(1) and all effective implementing rules and regulations; provided that said Act and such regulations are in effect at the time of the final order.

It shall include as an issue the geographic deaveraging of unbundled (c) cloment rates, which deaveraged rates, if any are required by said final order, shall form the basis of any "true-up."

The Parties agree that all of the other provisions of the Interconnection 5. Agreement, dated July 1, 1996, shall remain in full force and effect. Nothing in this Amendment shall in any way limit ICI's ability to select substitute rates for local loops, loop cross connects, or dedicated transport pursuant to the terms of Aricle XXI of the Interconnection Agreement relating to "most favorable" treatment.

The Parties further agree that either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit 6. this Amendment to the approptriate state public service commission or other regulatory body having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Amendment, for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective duly suthorized representatives on the date indicated below.

INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS INC.

DATE: 2-24-11

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#### ATTACHMENT C-2

# Interim UDL-W Rates

STATE	RECURRING	NON-RECURRING		
SIAIP		1 <b>8T</b>	ADD'L	
AT 45 43 /4	\$27.00	\$475.00	\$325.00	
ALABAMA	\$30.50	\$510.00	\$350.00	
FLORIDA	\$25,50	\$525.00	\$375.00	
GEORGIA	\$36.00	\$550.00	\$375.00	
KENTUCKY	\$34.00	\$500.00	\$350.00	
LOUISIANA	\$24.50	\$475.00	\$325.00	
MISSISSIPPI		\$525.00	\$350.00	
N. CAROLINA	\$24.00	\$525.00	\$350.00	
S. CAROLINA	\$27.50	the second se	\$350.00	
S. CAROLINA TENNESSEE	\$25.00	\$500.00		

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These rates are for a 4-wire Unbundled Digitial Loop capable of 56kbps or 64kbps data traffic. The loop extends from the Network Interface Device (NID) at the customer's premises to the Main Distribution Frame (MDF) at that customer's contral office.

These rates do not include any other Unbundled Network Element (UNE) or any cross-connects to such UNEs or collocation space.

# Additional Loop Rates

STATE		2-WIRE BDN 4 Monthly NR Me		81 DIGITAL NR
FLORIDA	\$40.00	\$306.00 / 1st \$283.00 / Add1	\$20.00	\$540.00 / 1m \$465.00 / Add"1
GEORGIA	\$27.20	\$25.80	\$117.00	8665.00 / 1st \$315.00 / Add"1
N. CAROLINA	\$27.30	\$33.00	\$238.00	\$637.92 / 1st 6494.19 / Add'1

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# Dedicated Transport - DS1 Level

	Monthly	NR
STATE	\$1.60 - per m	ile \$100.49
FLORIDA	\$59.75 - fac. t	
GEORGIA	\$105.12 - per li	1
(HORONA	\$0.00 - fac. t	
NORTH CAROLINA	\$23.00 - per 1	
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# Interim Cross-Connect Rates

	ASTOP	NALOG	4-WIRE	ANALOG	
STATE	Monthly	2-WIRE ANALOG		NR	
	\$.30	\$15.40	\$.50	\$18.40	
LABAMA		\$15.20	3.50	\$15.20	
LOBIDA	\$.30	\$12.60	\$.50	\$12.60	
EORGIA	\$.30	\$16,00	\$.50	\$16.00	
ENTUCKY	\$.30	\$20.80	\$.50	\$20.90	
OUISIANA	\$,30		\$.50	\$13.00	
<b>MSSISSIPPI</b>	\$.30	\$13.00	\$.50	\$11.60	
N. CAROLINA	\$.30	\$11.60		\$8.00	
S. CAROLINA	\$.30	\$6.00	<u>\$.50</u>	\$19.20	
TENNESSEE	\$.30	\$19.20	\$.50	313.00	



ATTACHMENT C-2

# Unbundled Packet Switching UNE Proxy Pricing

Until cost studies are completed, BST will use the following rates on an interim basis.

The following rates will apply for Frame Ratey UNEs in Florida.

	No	Recurring	Recurring
User Network Interface - 58 KD	<b>C4</b>	<b>\$30</b> 0	\$ 62
User Network Interface - 84 KD		300	70
User Network Interface - 1.535		410	294
User Network Interface - 44.21	0 Mbps	1,050	2,428
Network Network Interface - 56	Khos	300	62
Network Network Interface - 64	Kons	300	70
Network Network Interface - 1.	S36 Mbos	410	294
Network Network Interface - 44	.210 Mbps	1,050	2,426
Data Link Connection Identified	r	25	1.50
Committed Information Rate	C Bpc	0	0
	1-32 Kbos	Ō	Ť.
	33-66 Kbps	0	12
	57-84 Kbps	Ō	13
	65-128 Kbps	0	18
	129-256 Kbps	Ó	24
	257-384 Kbps	0	28
	545-612 Kbps	0	24 28 52 56
	513-768 Kbps	C	36
	700 Cops-1.556 Mb		55
	1.537-4 Mbps	0	129
	5-10 Mbps	Ō	180
	11-18 Mbps	Õ	226
	17- <b>34 Mops</b>	ŏ	250
	35-44.210 Mbps	ŏ	370

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#### AMENDMENT TO MASTER INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. and BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. DATED JULY 1, 1996

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Pursuant to this Agreement (the "Amendment"), Intermedia Communications, Inc. ("ICI") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" hereby agree to amend that certain Master Interconnection Agreement between the Parties effective July 1, 1996 ("Interconnection Agreement").

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ICI and BellSouth hereby covenant and agree as follows:

- 1. The Parties agree that BellSouth will, upon request, provide, and ICI will accept and pay for, Multiple Tandem Access, otherwise referred to as Single Point of Interconnection, as defined in 2. following:
- 2. This arrangement provides for ordering interconnection to a single access tandem, or, at a minimum, less than all access tandems within the LATA for ICI's terminating local and intraLATA toll traffic and BellSouth's terminating local and intraLATA toll traffic along with transit traffic to and from other ALECs, Interexchange Carriers, Independent Companies and Wireless Carriers. This arrangement can be ordered in one way trunks and/or two way trunks or Super Group. One restriction to this arrangement is that all of ICI's NXXs must be associated with these access tandems; otherwise, ICI must interconnect to each tandem where an NXX is "homed" for transit traffic switched to and from an Interexchange Carrier.
- 3. The Parties agree to bill Local traffic at the elemental rates specified in Attachment A.
- 4. This amendment will result in reciprocal compensation being paid between the Parties based on the elemental rates specified in Attachment A.
- 5. The Parties agree that all of the other provisions of the Interconnection Agreement, dated July 1, 1996, shall remain in full force and effect.
- 6. The Parties further agree that either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the respective state regulatory authorities for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the date indicated below.

Intermedia Communications, Inc.

Sign

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Name SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT SALES AND MARKETING Title

6/3/98

Date

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Signature

Jerry D. Hendrix Name

Director-Interconnection Services

Title 98 Date

In effect 6/3/98 forward.

#### ATTACHMENT A

Multiple Tandem Access shall be available according to the following rates for local usage:

- 1. Each Party's local usage will be determined by the application of its reported Percent Local Usage ("PLU") to its intrastate terminating minutes of use as set forth in Paragraph 1.D. in ICI's February 24, 1997, Amendment to its Interconnection Agreement.
- 2. The Parties agree to bill Local traffic at the elemental rates specified below:

ELEMENT	AL	FL	GA	KY	LA
Local Switching					
End Office Switching, per MOU	\$0.0017	\$0.0175	\$0.0016333	\$0.002562	\$0.0021
End Office Switching, add'l MOU <sup>(1)</sup>	NA	\$0.005	NA	NA	NA
End Office Interoffice Trunk Port - Shared, MOU	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$0.0002
Tandem Switching, per MOU	\$0.0015	\$0.00029	\$0.0006757	\$0.001096	\$0.0008
Tandem Interoffice Trunk Port - Shared	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$0.0003
Tandem Intermediary Charge, per MOU <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0.0015	NA	NA	\$0.0010 <del>96</del>	NA
Local Transport					
Shared, per mile, per MOU	\$0.00004	\$0.000012-	\$0.00008	\$0.0000049	\$0.000083
Facility Termination, per MOU	\$0.00036	\$0.0005·	\$0.0004152	\$0.000426	\$0.00047
ELEMENT	MS	NC	SC	TN	
Local Switching					
End Office Switching, per MOU	\$0.00221	\$0.0040	\$0.00221	\$0.0019	
End Office Switching, add'l MOU <sup>(1)</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA	
End Office Interoffice Trunk Port - Shared, MOU	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Tandem Switching, per MOU	\$0.003172	\$0.0015	\$0.003172	\$0.000676	
Tandem Interoffice Trunk Port - Shared	NA	NA -	NA	NA	
Tandem Intermediary Charge, per MOU <sup>(2)</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Local Transport					
Shared, per mile, per MOU	\$0.000012	\$0.00004	\$0.000012	\$0.00004	
Facility Termination, per MOU	\$0.00036	\$0.00036	\$0.00036	\$0.00036	

(1) This rate element is for use in those states with a different rate for additional minutes of use.

(2) This charge is applicable only to intermediary traffic and is applied in addition to applicable switching and/or interconnection charges.

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#### AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. DATED JULY 1, 1996

Pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"), Intermedia Communications, Inc. ("Intermedia ") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated July 1, 1996, ("Interconnection Agreement") and the following amendments: Amendment dated February 24, 1997 regarding reciprocal compensation; Amendment dated February 24, 1997 regarding Unbundled Network Elements and Packet Switching; and Amendment dated June 3, 1998 regarding Multiple Tandem Access.

WHEREAS, Intermedia and BellSouth had agreed to settle the arbitration proceedings concerning their replacement interconnection agreements currently pending in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee by the following amendment to the existing contract; and

WHEREAS, BellSouth agrees to extend the existing agreements in all nine states, including this amendment, with all rates, terms and conditions, in its entirety in exchange for Intermedia's withdrawal of the arbitration petition; and

WHEREAS, the parties acknowledge that their agreement to extend the interconnection agreements is dependent upon all of the rates, terms and conditions in the interconnection agreements in their entirety, as each is interdependent upon the others;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged. Intermedia and BellSouth hereby covenant and agree as follows:

- 1. The Parties agree to delete Section III. in its entirety and replace the section with the following:
  - A. The term of this Agreement shall begin July 1, 1996, and continue until December 31, 1999.

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- B. The Parties agree that by no later than one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of this Agreement, they shall commence negotiations with regard to the terms, conditions and prices of resale and/or local interconnection to be effective beginning on the expiration date of this Agreement ("Subsequent Agreement"). The Parties further agree that any such Subsequent Agreement shall be for a term of no less than two (2) years unless the Parties agree otherwise.
- C. If, within one hundred and thirty-five (135) days of commencing the negotiation referred to in Section 2.2, above, the Parties are unable to satisfactorily negotiate new resale and/or local interconnection terms, conditions and prices, either Party may petition the Commission to establish appropriate local interconnection and/or resale arrangements pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 252. The Parties agree that, in such event, they shall encourage the Commission to issue its order regarding the appropriate local interconnection and/or resale arrangements no later than the expiration date of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that in the event the Commission does not issue its order prior to the expiration date of this Agreement, or if the Parties continue beyond the expiration date of this Agreement to negotiate the local interconnection and/or resale arrangements without Commission intervention, the terms, conditions and prices ultimately ordered by the Commission, or negotiated by the Parties, or pursuant to section 252(i) of the Act adopted by Intermedia, will be effective retroactive to the day following the expiration date of this Agreement. Until the Subsequent Agreement becomes effective, the Parties shall continue to exchange traffic pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- D. BellSouth has agreed to the extension of the agreement only as a whole and not as to the individual rates, terms and conditions contained within the Agreement.

2. The Parties further agree that either or both of the Parties are authorized to submit this Amendment to the respective state regulatory authorities for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to the executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the date indicated below.

Intermedia Communications, Inc.

Signature

Heather Burnett Gold Name

<u>VP – Regulatory & External Affairs</u> Title

Date

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Signature Jerry D. Hendrix

Name

Director - Interconnection Services Title

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#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND CCCKY, INC. D/B/A CONNECT! PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

CASE NO. 99-030

#### <u>ORDER</u>

On February 26, 1999, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and CCCKY, Inc. d/b/a Connect! ("Connect!") submitted to the Commission their negotiated agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements, and the resale of BellSouth's services. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act"), 47 U.S.C. Sections 251 and 252. Section 252(e) of the 1996 Act requires the parties to an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation to submit the agreement for approval to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the agreement and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Connect! must comply with all relevant Commission mandates for serving in this Commonwealth.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. The negotiated agreement between BellSouth and Connect! is approved.

2. Connect! shall file a tariff for local service prior to providing local service giving 30 days' notice to the Commission and shall comply with all Commission regulations and orders as directed.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of April, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

**Executive Director** 

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PUBLIC SERVICE Creighton E. Wershon, Sr. OMANSHON General Counsel – Kentucky

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. P.O. Box 32410 Louisville, Kentucky 40232 or

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. 601 West Chestnut Street, Room 407 Louisville, Kentucky 40203 Fax 502 582-1573 Internet Creighton.E.Mershon@bridge.bellsouth.com

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February 24, 1999

Helen C. Helton Executive Director Public Service Commission 730 Schenkel Lane P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

Re: Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Connect! pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Helen:

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, BellSouth and Connect! are submitting to the Kentucky Public Service Commission their negotiated agreement for the interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements, and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to Connect!. The Agreement was negotiated pursuant to sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Act. Connect! is adopting the ALEC, Inc. Interconnection Agreement.

Six copies of the agreement and eight copies of the transmittal letter are filed. The two extra copies of the letter are provided for Matt Rhody and Becky Dotson.

Please add the following to the service list for this matter: Creighton E. Mershon, Sr., BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., P. O. Box 32410, Louisville, KY 40232; BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., CLEC Account Team, 9th Floor, 600 N. 19th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203; and Connect!, ATTN: Mr. Bill Jester, 124 W. Capitol S-250, Little Rock, AR 72201.

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and Connect! within 90 days of its submission. The Commission may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Both parties represent that neither of these reasons exist as to the agreement they have negotiated and that the Commission should approve their agreement.

Sincerely, Mershon, Sr.

Enclosure

cc: Bill Jester, Connect! (letter only)

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#### Agreement by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Connect! to Adopt Interconnection Agreement by and Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and ALEC, Inc. dated June 15, 1997

This Agreement, which shall become effective as of the 12th day of February, 1999, is entered into by and between CCCAL, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, an Alabama corporation; CCCFL, Inc., d/b/a Connect!, a Florida corporation; CCCGA, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Georgia corporation; CCCKY, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Kentucky corporation; CCCLA, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Louisiana corporation; CCCMS, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Mississippi corporation; CCCNC, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a North Carolina corporation; CCCSC, Inc. d/b/a Total Connect!, a South Carolina corporation; and CCCTN, Inc. d/b/a Connect!, a Tennessee corporation, collectively "Connect!", and each on behalf of itself and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), a Georgia corporation, having an office at 675 W. Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia, 30375, on behalf of itself and its successors and assigns.

WHEREAS, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") was signed into law on February 8, 1996; and

WHEREAS, section 252(i) of the Act requires BellSouth to make available any interconnection, service, or network element provided under an agreement approved by the appropriate state regulatory body to any other requesting telecommunications carrier upon the same terms and conditions as those provided in the agreement in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, Connect! has requested that BellSouth make available the interconnection agreement in its entirety executed between BellSouth and ALEC, Inc. dated June 15, 1997 for the state(s) of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants of this Agreement, Connect! and BellSouth hereby agree as follows:

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Connect!/BellSouth Agreement to Adopt ALEC, Inc. Agreement 1. Connect! and BellSouth shall adopt in its entirety the ALEC, Inc. Interconnection Agreement dated June 15, 1997 and any and all amendments to said agreement executed and approved by the appropriate state regulatory commission as of the date of the execution of this Agreement. The ALEC, Inc. Interconnection Agreement and all amendments are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by this reference.

2. The term of this Agreement shall be from the effective date as set forth above and shall expire as set forth in section III of the ALEC, Inc. Interconnection Agreement. For the purposes of determining the expiration date of this Agreement pursuant to section III of the ALEC, Inc. Interconnection Agreement, the effective date shall be June 15, 1997.

3. Connect! shall accept and incorporate any amendments to the ALEC, Inc. Interconnection Agreement executed as a result of any final judicial, regulatory, or legislative action.

4. 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.**

CLEC Account Team 9th Floor 600 North 19<sup>th</sup> Street Birmingham, Alabama 35203

and

General Attorney - COU Suite 4300 675 W. Peachtree St. Atlanta, GA 30375

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Mr. Bill Jester 124 W. Capitol S-250 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 Phone: 501-401-7770 Fax: 501-401-7799

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement through their authorized representatives.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Signature

Jerry D. Hendrix Name Printed

Director-Interconnection Services Title

2/16/99 Date

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Signature

Bill Jester Name Printed

Vice President

Title

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Date

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## Exhibit 1

## Agreement by and Between

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Connect!

to adopt Interconnection Agreement between

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and ALEC, Inc.

Dated June 15, 1997

# AGREEMENT COPY of

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), a Georgia corporation, and ALEC, Inc., a Kentucky corporation and shall be deemed effective as of June 15, 1997. This agreement may refer to either BellSouth or ALEC, Inc. 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, ALEC, Inc. is an alternative local exchange telecommunications company ("ALEC") 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 specifically for the purposes of fulfilling their obligations pursuant to sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; and

**NOW THEREFORE,** in consideration of the mutual agreements contained herein, BellSouth and ALEC, Inc. 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, Edited 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 ALEC, Inc.; another telecommunications company such as a wireless telecommunications provider through the network of BellSouth or ALEC, Inc. to an end user of BellSouth or ALEC, Inc.

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**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 agree that the rates, terms and conditions contained within this Agreement, including all Attachments, comply and conform with each parties' obligations under sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Act. The access and interconnection obligations contained herein enable ALEC, Inc. to provide competing telephone exchange service to residential and business subscribers within the territory of BellSouth. The parties agree that ALEC, Inc. will not be considered to have any state within BellSouth's region until such time as it has ordered interconnection facilities for the purposes of providing business and/or residential local exchange service to customers. At that time, this Agreement may be amended to include the other state or states. The term of this Agreement shall remain as set forth in Section III(A) even for any such additional states. To the extent the items in 47 U.S.C. § 271(c)(2)(B) are contained within this Agreement, the parties agree that with the execution of this Agreement, BellSouth has met the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 271(c)(2)(B).

#### III. Term of the Agreement

A. The term of this Agreement shall be two years, beginning June 15, 1997.

**B.** The parties agree that by no later than June 15, 1998, they shall commence negotiations with regard to the terms, conditions and prices of local interconnection to be effective beginning June 15, 1999.

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 Commission to establish appropriate local interconnection arrangements pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 252. The parties agree that, in such event, they shall encourage the Commission to issue its order regarding the appropriate local interconnection arrangements no later than March 15, 1997. The parties further agree that in the event the Commission does not issue its order prior to June 15, 1999or if the parties continue beyond Juned 15, 1999 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 June 15, 1999. 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 (47 U.S.C. §251(c)(2), §252(d)(1),(2), §271(c)(2)(B)(i))

A. The parties intend that the interconnection of their equipment, facilities and networks pursuant to this section complies with the requirements of sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Act.

**B.** 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.

C. Each party will pay the other for terminating its local traffic on the other's network the local interconnection rates as set forth in Attachment B-1, by this reference incorporated herein. The charges for local interconnection are to billed monthly and payable quarterly after appropriate adjustments pursuant to this Agreement are made.

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 for collocation are set forth in Attachment C-13, incorporated herein by this reference. Facilities may be purchased at rates, terms and conditions set forth in BellSouth's intrastate Switched Access (Section E6) or Special Access (Section E7) services tariff or as contained in Attachment B-1 for local interconnection, incorporated herein by this reference.

F. The parties agree to accept and provide any of the preceding methods of interconnection. Reciprocal connectivity shall be established at each and every BellSouth access tandem within the local calling area ALEC, Inc. desires to serve for interconnection to those end offices that subtend the access tandem. In addition, ALEC, Inc. 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 the 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

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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. 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.

H. Whenever BellSouth delivers traffic to ALEC, Inc. for termination on ALEC, Inc.'s network, if BellSouth cannot determine, because of the manner in which ALEC, Inc. has utilized its NXX codes, whether the traffic is local or toll BellSouth will not compensate ALEC, Inc. pursuant to this section but will, instead, charge ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. cannot determine whether the traffic it delivers to BellSouth is local or toll, this subsection shall apply to the parties.

I. 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 ALEC, Inc.; (2) a local exchange telecommunications company other than BellSouth ("ICO"); or (3) another telecommunications company such as a wireless telecommunications service provider, the party performing the intermediary function will bill a \$.002 per minute charge over and above the local interconnection rates set out in this section. The parties agree that any billing to the ICO or other telecommunications company under this section shall be pursuant to subsection (K) of this section.

J. When the parties provides 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.

K. The parties agree to adopt MECAB as the terms and conditions formeet 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. 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.

L. The ordering and provision of all services purchased from BellSouth by ALEC, Inc. 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.

#### 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 appropriate charges will be determined by the routing of the call.

If ALEC, Inc. is the BellSouth end user's presubscribed interexchange carrier or if the BellSouth end user uses ALEC, Inc. as an interexchange carrier on a 10XXX basis, BellSouth will charge ALEC, Inc. the appropriate tariff charges for originating network access services. If BellSouth is serving as the ALEC, Inc. end user's presubscribed interexchange carrier or if the ALEC, Inc. end user uses BellSouth as an interexchange carrier on a 10XXX basis, ALEC, Inc. will charge BellSouth the appropriate BellSouth tariff charges for originating network access services.

C. The parties agree that to the extent ALEC, Inc. provides intraLATA toll service to its customers or for connection to Interexchange Carriers, interconnection to BellSouth access tandems that serve end offices outside the local calling area is required.

**D.** BellSouth agrees to compensate ALEC, Inc., pursuant to ALEC, Inc.'s published originating switched access charges, including the database query charge, for the origination of 800 traffic terminated to BellSouth.

E. ALEC, Inc. will provide to BellSouth the appropriate records necessary for BellSouth to bill BellSouth's intraLATA 800 customers. The records provided by ALEC, Inc. will be in a standard EMR format for a fee, paid by BellSouth to ALEC, Inc., of \$0.013 per record.

F. If ALEC, Inc. provides 800 services to its end users during the term of this Agreement, it agrees to compensate BellSouth, pursuant to BellSouth's originating switched access charges, including the database query charge, for the origination of 800 traffic terminated to ALEC, Inc. BellSouth agrees to provide ALEC, Inc. the appropriate records for ALEC, Inc. to bill its 800 customers. The records provided will be in standard EMR format for a fee, to be paid by ALEC, Inc. to BellSouth, of \$0.013 per record.

G. If during the term of this Agreement, BellSouth is permitted to provide interLATA 800 services, BellSouth will compensate ALEC, Inc. for the origination of such traffic pursuant to subsection A, above. ALEC, Inc. shall provide the appropriate records for billing pursuant to subsection B, above.

H. Should ALEC, Inc. 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. ALEC, Inc. shall utilize SS7 Signaling links, ports and usage as set forth in Attachment C-7, incorporated herein by this reference. ALEC, Inc. 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 snall be as set forth in BellSouth's Intrastate Access Services Tariff as said tariff is amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement.

# VI. Service Provider Number Portability (47 U.S.C. $\S251(b)(2)$ and $\S271(c)(2)(B)(xi)$ )

A. The parties intend that the number portability provided pursuant to this section to comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252, and 271 of the Act.

B. 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 ALEC, Inc., 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. C. 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. Where SPNP-DID is provided on a DS1 or a DS3 basis, applicable channelization rates as specified in Section E6.8.1.H of the BellSouth intrastate Switched Access tariff, as said tariff is amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement., will apply. SPNP is available only for basic local exchange service.

D. SPNP is available only where ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. 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.

E. 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 ALEC, Inc. 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. 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.

F. 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<sub>2</sub> 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.

**G.** SPNP services will be provided at the charges contained in Attachment B-3 for SPNP-RCF and Attachment B-4 for SPNP-DID. Both Attachments are incorporated herein by this reference.

Η. 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 ALEC. Inc. 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. ALEC, Inc. usage originated elsewhere and delivered via CMDS to the sending BellSouth RAO will be provided in rated format.

I. 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.

J. 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.

K. 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.

L. 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.

For that terminating IXC traffic ported to ALEC, Inc. which requires use of M. BellSouth tandem switching, BellSouth will bill the IXC tandem switching, the interconnection charge, and a portion of the transport, and ALEC, Inc. will bill the IXC local switching, the carrier common line and a portion of the transport. If BellSouth is unable to provide the necessary access records to permit ALEC, Inc. 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 with BellSouth to recover those access revenues due it as a coprovider of access services to IXCs. During the interim, while the surrogate is being developed, BellSouth 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 ALEC, Inc.. If a BellSouth toll intraLATA call is delivered to ALEC, Inc., BellSouth will pay terminating access rates. This subsection does not apply in cases where SPNP-DID is utilized for ramber portability.

N. If ALEC, Inc. 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 BellSouth tandem is being utilized and BellSouth receives network access service revenues from

the terminating IXC, ALEC, Inc. will bill BellSouth the network access charges for the terminating facilities used for that interLATA traffic. This circumstance may also arise where an intraLATA toll call from a BellSouth customer is sent to a BellSouth number that is, in turn, forwarded through the use of SPNP services to ALEC, Inc.'s customer. If so, ALEC, Inc. will bill BellSouth the network access charges for the terminating facilities used for that intraLATA toll traffic.

O. 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 (47 U.S.C. $\S251(c)(3)$ , $\S252(d)$ and $\S271(x)(2)(B)(ii)$ )

A. The parties intend that BellSouth's offer of unbundled network elements to ALEC, Inc. pursuant to this section shall comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Act.

**B.** BellSouth will offer an unbundled local loop to ALEC, Inc. at the rates as set forth in Attachment C-15, incorporated herein by this reference. 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. BellSouth will also offer, as a new service loop concentration as set forth in Attachment C-16, incorporated herein by this reference. The parties agree that loop concentration service is not an unbundled element.

C. BellSouth will offer to ALEC, Inc. unbundled loop channelization system service which provides the multiplexing function to convert 96 voice grade loops to DS1 level for connection with ALEC, Inc.'s point of interface. Rates are as set forth in Attachment C-16, incorporated herein by this reference.

**D.** BellSouth will offer to ALEC, Inc. unbundled local transport from the trunk side of its switch at the rates as set forth in Attachment B-1, incorporated herein by this reference.

E. BellSouth will offer to ALEC, Inc. unbundled local switching at the rates as set forth in Attachment C-17, incorporated herein by this reference, for the unbundled exchange service port.

F. The parties agree that BellSouth may provide, upon ALEC, Inc. request, any other network element on an unbundled basis at any technically feasible point on its network pursuant to the requirements of section 251 of the Act.

VIII. Access To Poles, Ducts, Conduits, and Rights of Way (47 U.S.C. §

## 251(b)(4) and §271(c)(2)(B)(iii))

A. BellSouth agrees to provide to ALEC, Inc., pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 224, as amended by the Act, nondiscriminatory access to any pole, duct, conduit, or right-ofway owned or controlled by BellSouth. pursuant to terms and conditions that are subsequently negotiated.

# IX. Access to 911/E911 Emergency Network (47 U.S.C. §271(c)(2)(B)(vii)(I))

A. The parties intend for the provision of access to BellSouth's 911/E911 Emergency network by ALEC, Inc. pursuant to this section to comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252, and 271 of the Act.

**B.** For basic 911 service, BellSouth will provide to ALEC, Inc. 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. ALEC, Inc. 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. ALEC, Inc. will route that call to BellSouth at the appropriate tandem or end office. When a municipality converts to E911 service, ALEC, Inc. shall discontinue the Basic 911 procedures and begin the E911 procedures, set forth in subsection (B), below.

C. For E911 service, ALEC, Inc. shall install a minimum of two dedicated trunks originating from ALEC, Inc.'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. ALEC, Inc. will provide BellSouth daily updates to the E911 database.

D. If a municipality has converted to E911 service, ALEC, Inc. 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, ALEC, Inc. 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.

E. BellSouth and ALEC, Inc. 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.

**F.** The applicable rate elements are as set forth in Attachment C-3, incorporated herein by this reference.

# X. Provision of Operator Services ( 47 U.S.C. §271(c)(2)(B)(vii)(II)&(III))

**A.** The parties intend for the provision of access to BellSouth's operator services by ALEC, Inc. pursuant to this section to comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252, and 271 of the Act.

**B.** The parties agree to mutually provide busy line verification and emergency interrupt services pursuant to each party's published Tariffs as the Tariffs are amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement.

C. BellSouth will offer to ALEC, Inc. Operator Call Processing Access Service; and Directory Assistance Access Services (Number Services). Rates, terms and conditions are set forth in Attachment C-8 for Operator Call Processing Access Service and Attachment C-9 for Directory Assistance Access Services. Both Attachments are incorporated herein by this reference.

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

# XI. Directory Listings (47 U.S.C.§271(c)(2)(B)(viii))

**A.** The parties intend for the provision of white pages directory listings to ALEC, Inc. pursuant to this section to comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252, and 271 of the Act.

**B.** Subject to execution of an Agreement between ALEC, Inc. and BellSouth's affiliate, BellSouth Advertising & Publishing Corporation, ("BAPCO"), substantially in the form set forth in Attachment C-1, (1) listings shall be included in appropriate White Pages or alphabetical directories; (2) ALEC, Inc.'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 ALEC, Inc.'s subscribers.

C. BellSouth will include ALEC, Inc. subscriber listings in BellSouth's directory assistance databases and BellSouth will not charge ALEC, Inc. 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.

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

E. BellSouth and BAPCO will accord ALEC, Inc.'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 ALEC, Inc.'s customer proprietary confidential directory information to those BellSouth or BAPCO employees who are involved in the preparation of listings.

**F.** 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.

# XII. Access to Telephone Numbers (47 U.S.C. §271(c)(2)(B)(ix))

**A.** The parties intend for the provision of access to telephone numbers for ALEC, Inc. pursuant to this section to comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252, and 271 of the Act.

**B.** BellSouth, during any period under this Agreement in which it serves as a North American Numbering Plan administrator for its territory, shall ensure that ALEC, Inc. 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. ALEC, Inc. 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. This service will be as set forth in Attachment C-2, incorporated herein by this reference.

C. 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.  $\S$  251(e).

# XIII. Access to Signaling and Signaling Databases (47 U.S.C. §271(c)(2)(B)(x))

A. The parties intend for the provision of access to signaling and signaling databases for ALEC, Inc. pursuant to this section to comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252, and 271 of the Act.

**B.** BellSouth will offer to ALEC, Inc. use of its signaling network and signaling databases on an unbundled basis at published tariffed rates. Signaling functionality will be available with both A-link and B-link connectivity.

**C.** BellSouth agrees to input the NXXs assigned to ALEC, Inc. into the Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG").

**D.** BellSouth will enter ALEC, Inc. line information into its Line Information Decisions ("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 ALEC, Inc.'s end users to participate or not participate in alternate billing arrangements such as collect or third number billed calls.

E. If ALEC, Inc. utilizes BellSouth's 800 database for query purposes only, the rates and charges shall be as set forth in Attachment C-4, incorporated herein by this reference.

# XIV. BellSouth's Offer of Services Available for Resale (47 U.S.C.§ 251(c)(4), $\xi$ 251(d)(3) & $\xi$ 271(c)(2)(B)(xiv))

**A.** The parties intend for the provisions contained in this section regarding BellSouth's telecommunications services available for resale to comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252, and 271 of the Act.

**B.** The rates pursuant by which ALEC, Inc. 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 Attachment D, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Such discount shall reflect the costs avoided by BellSouth when selling a service for wholesale purposes.

C. ALEC, Inc. may resell the tariffed local exchange and toll telecommunications services of BellSouth 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; lifeline and linkup services; contract service arrangements; installment billing options; 911 and E911 services; interconnection services for mobile service providers; and legislatively or administratively mandated specialized discounts (e.g. education institutions discount).

**D.** The provision of services by BellSouth to ALEC, Inc. does not constitute a joint undertaking for the furnishing of any service.

E. ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. for all services.

F. ALEC, Inc. 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, ALEC, Inc. accepts responsibility for adhering to BellSouth's prescreening guidelines prior to referring the trouble to BellSouth. BellSouth may bill ALEC, Inc. for handling troubles that are found not to be in the BellSouth network. The parties agree that BellSouth may contact ALEC, Inc.'s customers, if in its sole discretion it deems necessary for maintenance purposes. BellSouth shall have no other contact with the end user except to the extent provided for herein.

G. 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 ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc..

H. In most circumstances, the current telephone number of an end user may be retained by the end user unless the end user has past due charges associated with the BellSouth account for which payment arrangements have not been made. BellSouth will not, however, make the end user's previous telephone number available to ALEC, Inc. until the end user's outstanding balance has been paid. Denied service means that the service of an end user provided by a local exchange telecommunications company, including BellSouth has been temporally suspended for nonpayment and subject to complete disconnection.

I. 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 ALEC, Inc. for a charge not less than BellSouth's cost.

J. 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;

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- 3. Impair the privacy of any communications; or
- 4. Create hazards to any employees or the public.

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

- K. ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. is a telecommunications carrier that serves greater than 5 percent of the Nation's presubscribed access lines, ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. 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. ALEC, Inc. 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, except for backup service as indicated in the applicable state tariff, Section A3.

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.

L. 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.

M. Services resold under BellSouth's Tariffs and facilities and equipment provided by BellSouth shall be maintained by BellSouth. ALEC, Inc. 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.

**N.** BellSouth will not perform billing and collection services for ALEC, Inc. 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.

O. Until such time as BellSouth receives permission from the FCC to bill the End User Common Line (EUCL) charge to ALEC, Inc., BellSouth will, on an interim basis, bill ALEC, Inc. the charges shown below which are identical to the EUCL rates billed by BST to its end users.

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

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

- 1. Where possible, BellSouth will deny service to ALEC, Inc.'s end user on behalf of, and at the request of, ALEC, Inc.. Upon restoration of the end user's service, restoration charges will apply and will be the responsibility of ALEC, Inc.
- 2. At the request of ALEC, Inc., BellSouth will disconnect a ALEC, Inc. end user customer.
- 3. All requests by ALEC, Inc. for denial or disconnection of an end user for nonpayment must be in writing.
- 4. ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. and/or the end user against any claim, loss or damage arising from providing this information to ALEC, Inc.. It is the responsibility of ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc., 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 ALEC, Inc.'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 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 ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. to receive notices of noncompliance, discontinue the provision of existing services to ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc.'s noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude BellSouth's right to discontinue the provision of the services to ALEC, Inc. without further notice.
- 5. If payment is not received or arrangements made for payment by the date given in the written notification, ALEC, Inc.'s services will be discontinued. Upon discontinuance of service on a ALEC, Inc.'s account, service to ALEC, Inc.'s end users will be denied. BellSouth will also reestablish service at the request of the end user or ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. to make a deposit 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 ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. defaults on its account, service to ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC. Inc. during the continuance of the deposit. Interest on a deposit shall accrue annually and, if requested, shall be annually credited to ALEC, Inc. by the accrual date.

S. ALEC, Inc. is strictly prohibited from any use of, including but not limited to sales, marketing or advertising, any BellSouth name or trademark.

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# XV. Ordering of Services From BellSouth For Resale Purposes

A. The ordering and provision of services purchased from BellSouth for resale purposes by ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc., BellSouth will establish an accounts receivable master account for ALEC, Inc..

C. BellSouth shall bill ALEC, Inc. on a current basis all applicable charges and credits, including any service order charges.

D. Payment of all charges will be the responsibility of ALEC, Inc. ALEC, Inc. shall make payment to BellSouth for all services billed. BellSouth is not responsible for payments not received by ALEC, Inc. from ALEC, Inc.'s customer. BellSouth will not become involved in billing disputes that may arise between ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc.'s accounts.

F. BellSouth will bill ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc., the total amount billed to ALEC, Inc. will not include any taxes due from the end user. ALEC, Inc. 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, ALEC, Inc. 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 as set forth in Section A2 of the General Subscriber Service Tariff and/or Section B2 of the Private Line Service Tariff.

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 ALEC, Inc. and ALEC, Inc.'s end user customers over resold services. If a dispute does arise that cannot be settled without the involvement of BellSouth, ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. to resolve the matter in as timely a manner as possible. ALEC, Inc. may be required to submit documentation to substantiate the claim.

M. ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc..

# XVI. Network Design and Management (47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(5))

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 public notice 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 transmiss on 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. BellSouth does not intend to charge rearrangement, reconfiguration, disconnection, or other non-recurring fees that may be associated with the initial reconfiguration ALEC, Inc.'s interconnection arrangement. However, ALEC, Inc.'s interconnection reconfigurations will have to be considered individually as to the application of a charge. Notwithstanding the foregoing, BellSouth does intend to charge ALEC, Inc. non-recurring fees for any additions to, or added capacity to, any facility or trunk purchased by ALEC, Inc.'s

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 repeat dialing. 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 state 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.

# XVII. Disconnection of Existing End User Service

A. BellSouth will accept requests from ALEC, Inc. to disconnect 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 ALEC, Inc. to BellSouth or will accept a request from another ALEC or ALEC, Inc. for conversion of the Service Provider Number Portability service associated with an end user's service from ALEC. Inc. to the second ALEC or Reseller. BellSouth will notify ALEC, Inc. that such a request has been

processed. BellSouth will not require end user confirmation prior to disconnecting the end user's service. ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc. an Unauthorized Change Charge of \$19.41 per line or trunk for Residence or Business and \$34.19 for each Public or Semi-Public Line. The appropriate nonrecurring charges to reestablish the customer's service with the appropriate local service provider will also be assessed to ALEC, Inc. because of the unauthorized change. These charges may be adjusted if ALEC, Inc. provides satisfactory proof of authorization.

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

# XVIII. 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, ordering, testing, and full operational time frames. The implementation shall be attached to this Agreement as an addendum and specifically incorporated herein by this reference.

# XIX. 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. 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.

**B.** For combined interstate and intrastate ALEC, Inc. traffic terminated-by BellSouth over the same facilities, ALEC, Inc. 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 ALEC, Inc.. 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 ALEC, Inc. for the purposes of resale to confirm that such services are being utilized in conformity with this Agreement. ALEC, Inc. 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, ALEC, Inc. shall be notified and billing for the service will be immediately changed to conform with this Agreement. Service charges, back billing and interest may be applied.

# XX. Liability and Indemnification

A. With respect to any claim or suit, whether based in contract, tort or any other theory of legal liability, by ALEC, Inc., an ALEC, Inc. customer or by any other person or entity, for damages associated with any of the services provided by BellSouth pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement, including but not limited to the installation, provision, preemption, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration of service, and subject to the provisions of the remainder of this Article XX, BellSouth's liability shall be limited to an amount equal to the proportionate charge for the service provided pursuant to this Agreement for the period during which the service was affected. Notwithstanding the foregoing, claims for damages by ALEC, Inc., any ALEC, Inc. customer, or any other person or entity resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of BellSouth shall not be subject to such limitation of liability.

**B.** With respect to any claim or suit, whether based in contract, tort or any other theory of legal liability, by BellSouth, a BellSouth customer or by any other person or entity, for damages associated with any of the services provided by ALEC, Inc. pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement, including but not limited to the installation, provision, preemption, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration of service, and subject to the provisions of the remainder of this Article XX, ALEC, Inc.'s liability shall be limited to an amount equal to the proportionate charge for the service provided pursuant to this Agreement for the period during which the service was affected. Notwithstanding the foregoing, claims for damages by BellSouth, any BellSouth customer, or any other person or entity resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of ALEC, Inc. shall not be subject to such limitation of liability.

C. Neither party shall be liable for any act or omission of any other telecommunications company to the extent such other telecommunications company provides a portion of a service.

D. Neither party shall be liable for damages to the other party's terminal location, POI or other party's customers' premises resulting from the furnishing of a service, including but not limited to the installation and removal of equipment and associated wiring, except to the extent the damages is caused by such party's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

E. Notwithstanding subsection A. and B., the party providing services under this Agreement, its affiliates, and its parent company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the party receiving such services against any claim, loss or damage arising from the receiving party's use of the services provided under this Agreement, involving: 1) Claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright arising from the receiving party's own communications; 2) any claim, loss, or damage claimed by the receiving party's customer(s) arising from such customer's use of any service, including 911/E911, that the customer has obtained from the receiving party and that the receiving party has obtained from the supplying party under this Agreement; or 3) all other claims arising out of an act or omission of the receiving party in the course of using services provided pursuant to this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that a claim, loss or damage is caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of a supplying party the receiving party shall have no obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the supplying party hereunder.

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

G. Neither party guarantees or makes any warranty with respect to its services when used in an explosive atmosphere. Notwithstanding subsection A. and B., each party shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the other party or the other party's customer from any and all claims by any person relating to the other party or other party's customer's use of services so provided.

H. No license under patents (other than the limited license to use) is granted by one party to the other or shall be implied or arise by estoppel, with respect to any service offered pursuant to this Agreement. Notwithstanding subsection A., the party providing a service pursuant to this Agreement will defend the party receiving such service against claims of patent infringement arising solely from the use by the receiving party of such service and will indemnify the receiving party for any damages awarded based solely on such claims. Such indemnification shall not, however, extend to claims for patent infringement to the extent the alleged infringement results from:

(1) Modification of the service by someone other than the providing party and /or its subcontractors, where there would be no such infringement or violation in the absence of such modification; or

(2) The combination, operation or use of the service with any product, data or apparatus not provided by the providing party and/or its subcontractors, where there would be no such infringement or violation in the absence of such combination, operation or use.

I. Promptly after receipt of notice of any claim or the commencement of any action for which a party may seek indemnification pursuant to this Article IX, such party (the "Indemnified Party") shall promptly give written notice to the other party (the Indemnifying Party") of such claim or action, but the failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of any liability it may have to the Indemnified Party except to the extent the Indemnifying Party has actually been prejudiced thereby. The Indemnifying Party shall be obligated to assume the defense of such claim, at its own expense. The Indemnified Party shall cooperate with the Indemnifying Party's reasonable requests for assistance or information relating to such claim, at the Indemnifying Party's expense. The Indemnified Party shall have the right to participate in the investigation and defense of such claim or action, with separate counsel chosen and paid for by the Indemnified Party.

J. A party's failure to provide or maintain services offered pursuant to this Agreement shall be excused to the extent such failure is the result of labor difficulties, governmental orders, civil commotion, criminal actions taken against such party, acts of God and other circumstances beyond such party's reasonable control.

# XXI. More Favorable Provisions

A. - The parties agree that if --

1. the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") or the Commission finds that the terms of this Agreement are inconsistent in one or more material respects with any of its or their respective decisions, rules or regulations, or

2. the FCC or the Commission preempts the effect of this Agreement, then, in either case, upon such occurrence becoming final and no longer subject to administrative or judicial review, the parties shall immediately commence good faith negotiations to conform this Agreement to the requirements of any such decision, rule, regulation or preemption. The revised agreement shall have an effective date that coincides with the effective date of the original FCC or Commission action giving rise to such negotiations. The parties agree that the rates, terms and conditions of any new agreement shall not be applied retroactively to any period prior to such effective date except to the extent that such retroactive effect is expressly required by such FCC or Commission decision, rule, regulation or preemption.

In the event that BellSouth, either before or after the effective date of this 8. Agreement, enters into an agreement with any other telecommunications carrier (an "Other Interconnection Agreement") which provides for the provision within a particular state covered under this Agreement of any of the arrangements covered by this Agreement to be provided in a particular state upon rates, terms or conditions that differ in any material respect from the rates, terms and conditions for such arrangements set forth in this Agreement ("Other Terms"), then except as provided in Section XXI.F. BellSouth shall be deemed thereby to have offered such arrangements to ALEC, Inc. for that state upon such Other Terms, which ALEC, Inc. may accept as provided in Section XXI.E. In the event that ALEC, Inc. accepts such offer within sixty (60) days after the Commission approves such Other Interconnection Agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252, or within thirty (30) days after ALEC, Inc. acquires actual knowledge of an Other Interconnection Agreement not requiring the approval of the Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252, as the case may be, such Other Terms for such arrangement for the particular state shall be effective between BellSouth and ALEC. Inc. as of the effective date of such Other Interconnection Agreement. In the event that ALEC, Inc. accepts such offer more than sixty (60) days after the Commission approves such Other Interconnection Agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252, or more than thirty (30) days after acquiring actual knowledge of an Other Interconnection Agreement not requiring the approval of the Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252, as the case may be. such Other Terms shall be effective between BellSouth and ALEC, Inc. as of the date on which ALEC, Inc. accepts such offer.

C. In the event that after the effective date of this Agreement the FCC or the Commission enters an order (an "Interconnection Order") requiring BellSouth to provide within a particular state covered under this Agreement any of the arrangements covered by this Agreement to be provided in a particular state upon Other Terms, then upon such Interconnection Order becoming final and not subject to further administrative or judicial review, except as provided in Section XXI.F, BellSouth shall be deemed to have offered such arrangements in that state to ALEC, Inc. upon such Other Terms, which ALEC, Inc. may accept as provided in Section XXI.E. In the event that ALEC, Inc. accepts such offer within sixty (60) days after the date on which such Interconnection Order becomes final and not subject to further administrative or judicial review, such Other Terms for such arrangement for the particular state shall be effective between BellSouth and ALEC, Inc. as of the effective date of such Interconnection Order. In the event that ALEC, Inc. accepts such offer more then sixty (60) days after the date on which such Interconnection Order becomes final and not subject to further administrative or judicial review, such Other Terms shall be effective between BellSouth and ALEC, Inc. as of the date on which ALEC, Inc. accepts such offer.

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In the event that after the effective date of this Agreement BellSouth files D. and subsequently receives approval for one or more intrastate or interstate tariffs (each, an "Interconnection Tariff") offering to provide in a particular state covered under this Agreement any of the arrangements covered by this Agreement to be provided in a particular state upon Other Terms, then upon such Interconnection Tariff becoming effective, except as provided in Section XXI.F, BellSouth shall be deemed thereby to have offered such arrangements in that state to ALEC, Inc. upon such Other Terms, which ALEC, Inc. may accept as provided in Section XXI.E. In the event that ALEC. Inc. accepts such offer within sixty (60) days after the date on which such Interconnection Tariff becomes effective, such Other Terms for such arrangements for the particular state shall be effective between BellSouth and ALEC, Inc. as of the effective date of such Interconnection Tariff. In the event that ALEC, Inc. accepts such offer more than sixty (60) days after the date on which such Interconnection Tariff becomes effective, such Other Terms shall be effective between BellSouth and ALEC. Inc. as of the date on which ALEC, Inc. accepts such offer.

E. In the event that BellSouth is deemed to have offered ALEC, Inc. the arrangements covered by this Agreement upon Other Terms, ALEC, Inc. in its sole discretion may accept such offer either –

1. by accepting such Other Terms in their entirety; or

2. by accepting the Gaser Terms that directly relate to any of the following arrangements as a whole:

a. local interconnection,

b. interLATA and IntraLATA toll traffic interconnection,

c. unbundled access to network elements, which include: local loops, network interface devices, switching capability, interoffice transmission facilities, signaling networks and call-related databases, operations support systems functions, operator services and directory assistance, and any elements that result from subsequent bone fide requests,

--d. access to poles, ducts, conduits and rights-of-way,

e. access to 911/E911 emergency network,

f. collocation, or

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g. access to telephone numbers.

The terms of this Agreement, other than those affected by the Other Terms accepted by ALEC, Inc., shall remain in full force and effect.

F. Corrective Payment. In the event that --

1. BellSouth and ALEC, Inc. revise this Agreement pursuant to Section XXI.A, or

2. ALEC, Inc. accepts a deemed offer of Other Terms pursuant to Section XXI.E, then BellSouth or ALEC, Inc., as applicable, shall make a corrective payment to the other party to correct for the difference between the rates set forth herein and the rates in such revised agreement or Other Terms for substantially similar services for the period from the effective date of such revised agreement or Other Terms until the date that the parties execute such revised agreement or ALEC, Inc. accepts such Other Terms, plus simple interest at a rate equal to the thirty (30) 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*.

# XXII. 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. Both parties agree that the Information shall not be copied or reproduced in any form. Both 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.

# XXIII. Taxes and Fees

#### A Definition

1. For the purposes of this section, the terms "taxes" and "fees" shall include but not be limited to federal, state or local sales, use, excise, gross receipts or other taxes or tax-like fees of whatever nature and however designated (including tariff surcharges and any fees, charges or other payments, contractual or otherwise, for the use of public streets or rights of way, whether designated as franchise fees or otherwise) imposed, or sought to be imposed, on or with respect to the services furnished hereunder or measured by the charges or payments therefor.

#### B. Taxes and Fees Imposed Directly on Either Seller or Purchaser

1. Taxes and fees imposed on the providing party, which are not permitted or required to be passed on by the providing party to its customers, shall be borne and paid by the providing party.

2. Taxes and fees imposed on the purchasing party, which are not required to be collected and/or remitted by the providing party, shall be borne and paid by the purchasing party.  $\tilde{r}$ 

# C. Taxes and Fees Imposed on Purchaser but Collected and Remitted by Seller

1. Taxes and fees imposed on the purchasing party shall be borne by the purchasing party, even if the obligation to collect and/or remit such taxes or fees is placed on the providing party.

2. To the extent permitted by applicable law, any such taxes and/or fees shall be shown as separate items on applicable billing documents between the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the purchasing party shall remain liable for any such taxes and fees regardless of whether they are actually billed by the providing party at the time that the respective service is billed.

3. If the purchasing party determines that in its opinion any such taxes or fees are not payable, the providing party shall not bill such taxes or fees to the purchasing party if the purchasing party provides written certification, reasonably satisfactory to the providing party, stating that it is exempt or otherwise not subject to the tax or fee, setting forth the basis therefor, and satisfying any other requirements under applicable law. If any authority seeks to collect any such tax or fee that the purchasing party has determined and certified not to be payable or any such tax or fee that was not billed by the providing party, the purchasing party may contest the same in good faith, at its own expense. In any such contest, the purchasing party shall promptly furnish the providing party with copies of all filings in any proceeding, protest, or legal challenge, all rulings issued in connection therewith, and all correspondence between the-purchasing party and the taxing authority.

4. In the event that all or any portion of an amount sought to be collected must be paid in order to contest the imposition of any such tax or fee, or to avoid the existence of a lien on the assets of the providing party during the pendency of such contest, the purchasing party shall be responsible for such payment and shall be entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery.

5. If it is ultimately determined that any additional amount of such a tax or fee is due to the imposing authority, the purchasing party shall pay such additional amount, including any interest and penalties thereon.

6. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the purchasing party shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless (and defend at the purchasing party's expense) the providing party from and against any such tax or fee, interest or penalties thereon or other charges or payable expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) with respect thereto, which are incurred by the providing party in connection with any claim for or contest of any such tax or fee.

7. Each party shall notify the other party in writing of any assessment, proposed assessment or other claim for any additional amount of such a tax or fee by a taxing authority; such notice to be provided, if possible, at least ten (10) days prior to the date by which a response, protest or other appeal must be filed, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after receipt of such assessment, proposed assessment or claim.

# D. Taxes and Fees imposed on Seller but Passed on to Purchaser

1. Taxes and fees imposed on he providing party, which are permitted or required to be passed on by the providing party to its customer, shall be borne by the purchasing party.

2. To the extent permitted by applicable law, any such taxes and/or fees shall be shown as separate items on applicable billing documents between the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the purchasing party shall remain liable for any such taxes and fees regardless of whether they are actually billed by the providing party at the time that the respective service is billed.

3. If the purchasing party disagrees with the providing party's determination as to the application or basis for any such tax or fee, the Parties shall consult with respect to the imposition and billing of such tax or fee and with respect to whether to contest the imposition of such tax or fee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the providing party shall retain ultimate responsibility for determining whether and to what extent any such taxes or fees are applicable, and the purchasing party shall abide by such determination and pay such taxes or fees to the providing party. The providing party shall further retain ultimate responsibility for determining whether and how to contest the imposition of such taxes or fees; provided, however, that any such contest undertaken at the request of the purchasing party shall be at the purchasing party's expense.

4. In the event that all or any portion of an amount sought to be collected must be paid in order to contest the imposition of any such tax or fee, or to avoid the existence of a lien on the assets of the providing party during the pendency of such contest, the purchasing party shall be responsible for such payment and shall be entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery.

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### E. Mutual Cooperation

1. In any contest of a tax or fee by one Party, the other Party shall cooperate fully by providing records, testimony and such additional information or assistance as may reasonably be necessary to pursue the contest. Further, the other Party shall be reimbursed for any reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket copying and travel expenses incurred in assisting in such contest.

# 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 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 offered 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. 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.

### XXVIV. 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.
ALEC Account Team
3535 Colonnade Parkway
Birmingham, Alabama

ALEC, Inc. Jay Campbell 1158 Jefferson St. Paducah, KY 42001

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.

# XXVIII. 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.

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ATTACHMENT A

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#### Local Interconnection Service

#### Service: Local Interconnection\*

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

t 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) Intermediany. Local represents traffic from the ALEC's POI to a SeliSouth tandem or end office and intermediany 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.

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RATE ELEMENTS	Per NOU	Applied Per	Nonthly Recur.	Applied	Recur.	Applied Per	Per NOU	Applied	Nonthly Recur.	Acciled	Non-	Aconed Part
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DS1 Common Transport	\$0 00004	per mile fac. term.	-	-	-		50 00004	per mile fac. term.			•	•
Local Switching LS2 (FGD)	\$0 00755	access mou	-	-	-	-	50 00876	access mou	-	-	•	-
Tandem Switching Information Surcharge	\$0 00074	100 mou	-	-	-	1	50 00050	access mou	-	-	-	-
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Composite Rate-OS1 "andem Sw.	30 00901						50 01056				•	

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Tandem Switching	\$0.00074	access mou	-	-	i -	- 1	\$0.00074	access mou	-	-	-	-
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Composite Rate-OS1 Dedicated	50 00978						50 00878					
Composite Rate-OS1 Tandem Ser.	\$0.00991			-			10.00001					

\*Rates are displayed at the DS1+1 544 Mbps, level. For rates and charges applicable to other arrangement levels, refer to Section E8 of BelSouth Telecommunication/s. Inc. s intrastate Access Tanff

"The Tandem Intermediary Charge applies only to Intermediary Traffic.

-OS1 Local Channel: denotes a OS1 dedicates transport facility between the ALEC's serving wire center and the ALEC's POL also called an Entrance Facility. This element will apply when associated with services ordered by an ALEC which utilizes a BelSouth facilities. This element is not required when an ALEC is collocated. OS1 Dedicated Transport: provides transmession and tability termination. The facility termination applies for each OS1 interoffice Channel terminated. Can be used from the ALEC's serving with center to the tandem.

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#### Local Interconnection Service

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Tandem Switching	\$0 00050		-	-	-	-	\$0 00074 -	access mou	-	-	 -	•
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Composite Rate-OS1 Dedicated	\$0 01021						\$0 00978			_		
Composite Rate-OS1 Tandem Sw.	\$0.01049						\$0 00991					

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Tandem Switching	\$0.00074	access mou	-		-	-	\$0.00074	access mou	-	-	-	-
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Composite Rate-OS1 Dedicated	\$0.01331						\$0.01323		·			
Composite Rate-OS1 Tandem Sw.	\$0.01344						\$0.01338					_

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DS1 Common Transport	\$0.00004	per mile	-	-	-	-
	\$0.00036	fac. term.	-	-	-	-
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Tandem Switching	\$0.00074	access mou	-	-	-	-
Information Surcharge	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tandem Intermediary Charge**	\$0.002	access mou	-	-	-	-
Composite Rate-OS1 Dedicated	\$0.01941	ke	L		L	
Compose Rate-OS1 Tandem Sw.	\$0.01964				-	

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#### Local Interconnection Service

#### Service: Toll Switched Access

Description: Provides the Switched Local Channel, Switched Transport, Access Tandem Switching, local end office switching and end user termination functions necessary to complete the transmission of ALEC intrastate and interstate calls from outside the BellSouth's basic local calling area.

> Provided in the terminating direction only. Provides trunk side access to a BellSouth tandem/end office for the ALEC's use in terminating long distance communications from the ALEC to BellSouth end users.

Provided at BellSouth tandem/end office as trunk side terminating switching through the use of tandem/end office trunk equipment. The switch trunk equipment may be provided with wink start-pulsing signals and answer and disconnect supervisory signaling, or without signaling when out of band signaling is provided.

Provided with multifrequency address or out of band signaling. Ten digits of the called party number, as appropriate, will be provided by the ALEC's equipment to a BellSouth tandem/end office.

State(s): All

**Rates, Terms and Conditions:** 

In all states, rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in Sections E3 and E6 of BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc.'s Intrastate Access Service Tariffs and in Sections 3 and 6 of the BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc. Interstate Access Tariff, F.C.C. No. 1.

# 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 Tanff. 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):	Per Number Ported, Each	Additional Capacity for Simultaneous Call Forwarding, per Additional Path	Per Order, per end user location
	Monthly Rate	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
Alabama	\$1.50	\$0.75	\$25.00
Florida	\$1.50 Business \$1.25 Residence	\$0.50 Dusiness \$0.50 Residence	\$25.00 Business \$25.00 Residence
Georgia	\$1.75	\$0.75	\$25.00
Kentucky	\$1.50	<b>\$0.75</b>	\$25.00
Louisiana	\$1.50	\$0.75	\$25.00
Mississippi	\$1.75	\$0.75	\$25.00
N.Carolina	<u> </u>	<b>SO.75</b>	\$25.00
S.Caroline	\$1.50	<b>SO.75</b>	\$25.00
Tennessee	\$1.75	<b>SO.75</b>	\$25.00

#### 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 BeilSouth 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	Applied Per	i Non- Recurring	Applied Per	Monthly Recurring	Applied : Per	Non- Recurring	Applied Per
Per Numper Ported - Business	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00.	each
Per Number Ported - Residence	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	<b>\$0</b> .01	each	\$1 00 I	each
Per Order	-	-	\$25.00	end user	-	-	\$25.00	end user
			-	location	-	-	-	location
SPNP-DID Trunk Termination	\$13.00	trunk	\$160.00	trunk-init.	\$15.00	trunk	\$170.00	trunk-init.
			\$80.00	trunk-sub.		1	<b>586.00</b>	trunk-suð.
DS1 Local Channel	s133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First
		-	\$486.83	LC - Add1	-	-	\$486.83	LC . Add
DS1 Dedicated Transport	\$23.50	per mile	-	-	\$16.75	per mie	-	-
	\$90.00	fac. term.	\$100.49	fac. term.	\$59.75	fac. term.	\$100.491	fac. term.

State(s):	Georgia				Kentucky			
RATE ELEMENTS	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per	Non- Recurring	Applied Per	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per	Recurring	ppiled Per
Per Number Ported - Business	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00; ea	
Per Number Ported - Residence	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.001 ea	ch
Per Order	-	_	\$25.00	end user	-	-	\$25.00 en	d user
	-	-		location	-	-	loc	1005
SPNP-DID Trunk Termination	\$14.00	tra unite	\$165.00	trunk-init.	\$13.00	trunk	\$150.00 tru	nk-init.
	-			trunk-sub.			\$80.00 tru	nk-sub.
DS1 Local Channel**	\$133.81	lic	5866 97	LC - First	\$133.81		5866.97 LC	· First
	-			LC . Add1	-	-	5486.831 LC	- Add'
DS1 Dedicated Transport**		per mile	-	_	\$23.50	per mile		-
		fac. term	\$100.49	fac. term.	\$90.00	fac. term.	\$100.491 fa	0-10111

\* 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 Tanffs.

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

# 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- Recuming	Applied Per	Monthly	Applied	Non- Recurning	Applied
Per Number Ported - Business	50 01	each	\$1.00	each	50 01			each
Per Number Ported - Residence	<b>\$0</b> .01	each	\$1.00	each	50 01		\$1.00	
Per Order	-	-	\$25.00	end user	-	-	\$25 00	end user
	-	-	-	ocation	-	-		ccation
SPNP-DID Trunk Termination	\$13.00	trunk		trunk-init. Trunk-sub.	\$13.00:	trunk		trunkr-t trunk-sub
DS1 Local Channel**	\$133.81	LC		LC - First	\$133.81	LC	5866 97	LC - First
	-		5460.83	LC · Add'l	-	-	5486 83	LC - Add'!
DS1 Dedicated Transport**		per mile	-	-		per mile	-	-
	\$59.75	fac, term.	\$100.49	i fac. term.	590 00	fac. term	· \$100 49	fac term

State(s): RATE ELEMENTS	N.Carolina	S.Carolina							
	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per	Non- Recurring	Applied Per	Monthly Recurring	Applied <sup>3</sup> er	Non- Recurring	Applied	
Per Number Ported - Business	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	
Per Number Ported - Residence	\$Q.01	each	\$1.00	l each	<b>50</b> .01	each	\$1.00	each	
Per Order	-	-	i \$25.00	end user	-	-	\$25.00	end user	
	-	-	-	location	-	-	•	location	
SPNP-DID Trunk Termination	\$13.00	trunk	\$160.00	trunk-ing.	\$13.00	trunk	\$164.00	trunk-mt.	
	1	ł	583.00	trunk-sub.		ł	\$81.00	trunk-sub.	
DS1 Local Channel**	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First	
			\$486.83	LC - Add1	1		\$486.83	LC - Add	
DS1 Dedicated Transport**	\$23.50	per mie	-	-	\$23.50	i per mile	-	-	
	\$90.00	I fac. term	\$100.49	fac. term.	\$90.00	I fac. term	\$100.49	fac. term	

State(s):	Tennessee				
RATE ELEMENTS	Monthly Recurring	Applied Per	Non-	Applied Per	
Per Number Ported - Business	\$0.01	each	\$1.00	each	
Per Number Ported - Residence	<b>SO</b> .01	each	\$1.00	i each	
Per Order	-	-	\$25.00	end user	
	-	-	• •	location	
SPNP-DID Trunk Termination	\$13.00	trunk	•	trunk-ind.	
DS1 Local Channel**	\$133.81	ιc	\$866.97	LC - Finst	
DS1 Dedicated Transport**		per mile fac. term.	5100 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 Tanif.

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

Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

Service: Subscriber Listing Information

Description: Subscriber primary listing information provided at no charge and in an acceptable format will be published at no charge as standard directory listings in an alphabetical directory published by or for BellSouth at no charge to each ALEC end user customer.

# State(s): All

- Rates: (1) No charge for ALEC-1 customer primary listings.
  - (2) Additional listings and optional listings may be provided by BellSouth at rates set forth in BellSouth's intrastate General Subscriber Services Tariffs.

Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

Service: Access to Numbers

Description: For that period of time in which BellSouth serves as North American Numbering Plan administrator for the states in the BellSouth region, BellSouth will assist ALECs applying for NXX codes for their use in providing local exchange services.

State(s): All

Rates: No Charge

### 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.

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 600 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.

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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.

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State(s): All

Rates: No Charge
## 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	
LID <b>B</b> 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.	50.03800 i	-
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.	-	\$91.0 <b>0</b>
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 Tanff.		

### 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): Ail

Rate Elements	Monthly Rate	Recurring Rate	Non- Recurring	Applied Per
CCS7 Signaling Connection - 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 Kobs facility
CC37 Signaling Termination - Provides a customer dedicated point of interface at the BellSouth STP for each of the customer's SS7 connections.	\$355.00	-	- : :	STP Port
CC37 Signaling Usage <sup>®</sup> - Refers to the messages traversing the BellSouth signaling network for call set-up and non call set-up purposes.	-	\$0.000023 \$0.000050	t	Call Set Up Msg. TCAP Msg.
CCS7 Signaling Usage Surrogate*	\$395.00	-	-	56 Kobs facility

"Where signaling usage measurement and billing capability exists, CCS7 Signaling Usage will be billed on a permessage of Where measurement capability does not exist, CCS7 Signaling Usage Surrogate will be billed on a per 56 Kbps facility ba

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## 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)	Recurring	Applied Per	
Operator Provided Call Handling	All	\$1.17	Per Work Minute	
Call Completion Access Termination Charge	Alabama	<b>SO.06</b> !	Per Call Attempt	
This charge will be applicable per call attempt	Flonda	<b>SO.06</b> i	Per Call Attempt	
and is in addition to the Operator Provided	Georgia	<b>\$0.06</b>	Per Call Attempt	
Call Handling charge listed above.	Kentucky	<b>50.06</b> i	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		\$0.15	Per Attempt	
Operator Services Transport		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Operator Services transport rates, terms and co Telecommunication's, Inc.'s intrastate Access S		set forth in E6 of 8	ellSouth	

## Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

### Service: Directory Assistance Access Service (Number Services)

### Description: See below

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Rate Elements	Description	State(s)	Rate
Directory Assistance Call	Optional service provided to an Access subscriber of BeilSouth's DA Access Service.	All	SC 23
Completion Access Service	ua access Service.		per call attemp
	Given a listed telephone number at the request of an Access		
	subscriber's and user. BellSouth will provide or attempt to provide		
	from the DA Operator System, call completion to the number		
	requested.		
	All local and intralate call completion attempts are routed over an		
	intertoil trunk facility directly to the terminating end office that serves		
	the designated number. An Automatic Message Account (AMA)		
	record that includes conversation time, orginating, 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.		
	record is in addition to the record made for the DA transaction.		
all Completion Access	This charge will be applicable per call attempt and is in	Alabama	50 0
Termination Charge	addition to the DACC Access Service charge listed above.	Florida	50 06
		Georgia	SO 06
		Kentucky	\$0.00
	· ·	Louisiana	<b>SO</b> 06
		Mississippi	50 00
		N.Carolina	SO DE
	1	S.Carolina	50 C
		Tennessee	50 1
lumber Services Intercept	Number Services Intercept Access refers calls from disconnected	All	50 2
Access Service	numbers to the proper number or numbers.		per intercept
			query)
	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.		
	provide the updates to the intercept database to support the service.	•	
Directory Assistance	Rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in E9.1.7 for		
Service Call	Georgia and as set forth in E9.5.3 for AL.FL.KY.LA.MS.NC.SC.TN of		
Service Can	BellSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s Intrastate Access Service Tanfi	ŧ.	
Directory Transport	Retes, 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		
	BeilSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s Intrastate Access Service Tanf	1	
	Rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in E9.1.7 for		
Directory Assistance	Georgia and as set forth in E9.5.3 for AL, FL, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN of		
Interconnection_	BellSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s Intrastate Access Service Tanf	l. 🔎	~
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Directory Assistance	Rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in A38.1 of	- 0	
Database Service	BeilSouth Telecommunication's Inc.'s General Subscriber Service Ta	<b>FITT</b> .	
Direct Access to DA Service	Rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in Section 9.3	) OT	

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.

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-Sent 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		
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### 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 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	<b>SO.066</b>	message
NSPRS - intrastate all other BellSouth states	\$0.05	message
NSPRS - CATS	\$0.05	message
NSPRS - non-conterminous	\$0.16	message

#### 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.

Rates, Terms and Conditions:

State(s): All except Florida:	in all states except Florida, the rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in Section 20 of BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc. Interstate Access Service Tariff, FCC No. 1.
State: Florida	In the state of Florida, the rates, terms and conditions will be applied as set forth in Section E20 of BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc. Intrastate Access Service Tariff.

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: To be negotiated

## Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

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Service: Poles, Ducts, Conduits and Rights of Way

State(s): All

Rates, terms and conditions: This service will be provided via a Standard License Agreement.

#### 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 Elemente	Monthly	Nonrecurring First	Charges Add1	Monthly	Nonrecurring First	Charges Add1		Nonrecurning First	Charges Add'l
Unbundled Exchange Access Loop	\$25.00	\$140.00 i	\$45.00	\$17 00 I	\$140.00 <sup>1</sup>	\$45.00	\$25 00	\$140-00	545 0
Unbundled Exchange Access IOC									
- Fixed	\$30.00	I \$97.00 I	N/A	\$28.50	S87 00 I	N/A	\$32.00	\$105.00:	N/
- 1 - 8 Miles	\$2.05	E NVA E	NA	\$1 65	N/A i	N/A	\$2.05	N/A:	N
- 9 - 25 Miles	\$2.00	I N/A I	NA	\$1.60	N/A1	NA	\$2.00	N/A	
- Over 25 Miles	\$1.95	i NAT	NA	\$1.55	N/A1	NA	\$1.95		

State(s);	Kentucky		•	Louisiana			Hesissippi		
Rate Elements	Monthly	Nonrecurring	Charges Add1	Monthly	Nonrecurring Firet			Nonrecurring First	Charges Add1
Unbundled Exchange Access Loop	\$25.00	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$140.00	<b>545</b> 00
Unbundled Exchange Access IOC									
- Fixed	\$30.00	\$93.00	NA	\$30.00	\$100.00	N/A	\$30.00	\$96.001	
- 1 - 8 Miles	\$2.05	N/A	N/A	\$2.05	N/A	NA	\$2.05	N/A :	N/A
- 9 - 25 Miles	\$2.00	NVA	NA	\$2.00	NA	NA	\$2.00	N/A -	NIA
- Over 25 Miles	\$1.95	NA NA	NA	\$1.95	NA	NA	\$1.95	N/A F	N/A

N.Carolina			S.Caroline			Tennessee		
Monthly	Nonrecurrin First	g Charges Adeit	Monthly	Nonrecurrin First	g Charges Addit	Monthly		Charges Add1
\$30.03	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$140.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$140.00	545 00
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\$11.85	\$71.87	N/A	\$50.00	\$97.00	I N/A	\$30.00	\$96.00	. N//
\$2,19	N/A	N/A	\$2.05	I N/A	I N/A	\$2.05	I N/A	. N//
					N/A	\$2.00	N/A	i N//
				i	NA	\$1.95	N/A	I N//
	\$30.03 - \$11.86 \$2.19 \$2.19	Monthly Nonrecurrin First \$30.03 \$140.00 - \$11.86 \$71.87 \$2.15 N/A \$2.15 N/A	Monthly Nonrecurring Charges Firet Addit \$30.03 \$140.00 \$45.00 - \$11.85 \$71.87 N/A \$2.15 N/A N/A \$2.15 N/A N/A	Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges     Monthly       First     AdgT       \$30.03     \$140.00     \$45.00     \$25.00       -     \$11.85     \$71.87     N/A     \$50.00       \$215     N/A     N/A     \$2.05       \$2.15     N/A     N/A     \$2.00	Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges     Monthly     Nonrecurring       Fires     Adg1     Fires     Fires       \$30.03     \$140.00     \$45.00     \$25.00     \$140.00       -     -     -     \$11.85     \$71.87     N/A     \$50.00     \$97.00       \$215     N/A     N/A     \$2.05     N/A       \$215     N/A     N/A     \$2.00     N/A	Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges     Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges       First     AdgT     First     AdgT       \$30.03     \$140.00     \$45.00     \$25.00     \$140.00     \$45.00       \$11.85     \$71.87     NVA     \$50.00     \$97.00     NVA       \$215     NVA     NVA     \$2.05     NVA     NVA       \$215     NVA     NVA     \$2.00     NVA     NVA	Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges     Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges     Monthly       First     Addit     First     Addit     Monthly     Monthly       \$30.03     \$140.00     \$45.00     \$25.00     \$140.00     \$45.00     \$25.00       \$11.86     \$71.87     N/A     \$50.00     \$97.00     N/A     \$30.00       \$21.5     N/A     N/A     \$2.05     N/A     N/A     \$2.05       \$21.5     N/A     N/A     \$2.00     N/A     \$2.00	Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges     Monthly     Nonrecurring Charges     Monthly     Nonrecurring First     Monthly     Nonrecurring First       \$30.03     \$140.00     \$45.00     \$25.00     \$140.00     \$25.00     \$140.00     \$25.00     \$140.00     \$140.00     \$140.00     \$140.00     \$140.00     \$140.00     \$140.00 <td< td=""></td<>

### 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 rate 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'1	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	<b>\$490.00</b> [	N/A
Central Office Channel								:	.•
Interface (circuit specific		1			1			:	
plug-in equipment), <u>1 per circuit :</u>	\$1.70	\$8.00	<b>58.00</b>	\$1 70	\$7.00	\$7 00	\$1.70	\$7 00	\$7 00

State(a)	Kentucky			Louisiane			Mississippi		
Rate Elemente	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurrin First	g Charge Add'i	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurrin Firet	g Charge Add1	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					ļ				
plug-in equipment).	\$1.60	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$1.60	\$8.00	\$8.00	<b>\$1</b> 70	<u>\$6 00</u>	<b>\$6</b> 00

State(s):	N.Carolina			S.Caroline			Tennessee		
	Monthly	Nonrecurrin		Monthly	Nonrecurrir			Nonrecurring	
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Unbundied Loop -	1	1 1			1				
Channelization System	1								
(DS1 to VG), Per System	\$546.00	\$475.00	N/A	\$520.00	\$480.00	N/A	\$530.00	\$520.00	N/A
Central Office Channel Interface (circuit specific									
piug-in equipment).	\$1.65	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$1.60	\$6.00	\$8.00	<b>\$1 60</b>	\$8.00	58 00

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#### 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			<u> Piorida</u>		Georgie	
Role Elements	Rate	Per	Rate Elements	Rate	Rate Elements	Rate
Monthly (1)			Monthly	1	Manitaly	
Residence Part	\$2.50	)	Residence Port	2.00	Residence Part	\$2.28
Dusiness Port	\$7.00	4	Dusiness Port	\$4.50	Business Port	\$4.60
PBX Trunk Part (2,3,4)	\$7.00	1	PEX Trunk Part	\$7.50	PEX Trunk Port	\$7.37
Rotary Service	\$2.00	ļ	Rotary Service	\$2.00	Rotary Service	\$2.77
Primary Rate ISON NAS (5,6)	\$20.00					
Usage-Mileage Bands			Usage (STE)		Lisage-(STS)	
A (O miles)	\$0.02	init.min.	- init, min,	\$0.0275	-entre per call	\$0.02
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B (1-10 miles)	\$0.04	init.min.			fraction thereof	\$0.02
	\$0.02	Addit min.		1		
C (11-16 miles)	\$0.05	Int.min.				
	\$0.04	Addit min.				
D (17-22 miles & existing LCA described		1.				
in A3.6 greater than 22 mL)	\$0.10	Init.min.		ļ		
	\$0.07	Addit min.		1		
E (23-30 miles)	\$0.10	Ind.min.				
	\$0.10	Addit min.				
F (31-40 miles)	\$0.10	Indusia.		1		
	\$0.10	Addit min.				
G (Special Bend) (7)	\$0.10	Int.min.			1	
	\$0.10	Addit min.				

NOTES

(1) Nonrecurring Charges, as displayed in Table I on Page 3, and Ueage Charges, as deployed on this page, apply in addition to monthly rules.

(2) Applies per outgoing, incoming or 3-way trunk part.

(3) DIO requires rates and charges as indicated in Table II on Page 3 in addition to the PEX Trunk Port rates.
(4) IOD requires rates and charges as indicated in Table III on Page 3 in addition to the PEX Trunk Port rates.

(5) Applies per outgoing, incoming or 2-way value grade equivalent.

(6) Primary rate ISON requires a primary rate interface in addition to the primary rate ISON NASes. Additional charges also apply per Primary Rate B-Charmel, Call integrated Service

Access Service Selection and incoming Call Identification. See Table IV on Page 3 for rules and charges. (7) In addition to the local calling described in A3 of BelBouth's General Subscriber Service Tartif, if any wire center in an exchange is localed within 40 miles of any wire center in the originaling 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.

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### Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

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

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Residence Part	\$3.50		Residence Pert		
Business Part	\$10.00		Business Part	\$2.50 \$7.00	
PBX Trunk Part	\$10.00	[	PEX Tores Pert		
Rotary Service	\$3.50	1	Rotary Service	\$7.00	
Usage-Mileage Bands			Usage-Mileage Bands	\$3.90	
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		Addit min.			Int.Min.
		F			Addi min.
B (1-10 miles)			A (1-10 miles)		int.Mn.
		Addit min.			Addi min.
C (Greater than 10 miles Limited LCA)			B (11-16 miles)		int.Min.
		Addit min.			Adel min.
D (1-10 miles beyond Limited LCA)			C (17-22 miles)		Init.Min.
		Addi min.		\$0.07	Addit min.
E (11-16 miles beyond Limited LCA)			D (23 - 30 miles lissis LCA and intra	\$0,14	init.Min.
			Perish Expanded LCA)	\$0.10	Addit min.
F (17-22 miles beyond Limited LCA)			E (Greater than 30 miles Basis LCA and	\$0.14	int.Min.
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Business Part	\$7.50	i i	Business Part	\$6.00	Business Pert	\$10.50
PBX Trunk Part	\$7.50		PEX Trunk Part	\$8.00	PEX Trunk Peet	\$10.50
Rotary Service	\$3.75		Rotary Service	\$1.50	Retary Service	\$3.00
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## Unbundled Products and Services and New Services

Service: Local Calling Area Boundary Guide

Description: Provided to ALECs to assist in deployment of number on their network to conform with BellSouth existing local calling area geographics.

State: All

Rate(s): No Charge

#### ATTACHMENT "D"

### APPLICABLE DISCOUNTS

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

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DISCOUNT
ICE BUSINESS
10%
12%
17.3%
8%
<b>6</b> 20.72%
8%
9%
· 9%
16%

• Effective as of the Commission's Order in Louisiana Docket No. U-22020 dated November 12, 1996.

\*\* The Wholesale Discount is set as a percentage off the tariffed rates. If OLEC provides its own operator services and directory services, 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.



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION 730 SCHENKEL LANE POST OFFICE BOX 615 FRANKFORT, KY. 40602 (502) 564-3940

January 29, 1999

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Kelly Forrest BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. 34S91 BellSouth Center 675 West Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, GA. 30375

RE: Case No. 99-030 CCCKY, INC. DBA CONNECT! (Interconnection Agreements) WITH BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of initial application The application was date-stamped received in the above case. January 22, 1999 and has been assigned Case No. 99-030. In all future correspondence or filings in connection with this case, please reference the above case number.

If you need further assistance, please contact my staff at 502/564-3940.

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Stephanie Bell Secretary of the Commission

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99-0005

Ms. Helen C. Helton Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 730 Schenkel Lane Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615 Re: Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement Our Client: CCCKY, Inc. d/b/a CONNECT!

Dear Ms. Helton:

Enclosed please find the original and 11 copies of an Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement for filing with your office. We have been advised by a clerk in your office that no filing fee is required. Once the application is filed, please return a file-stamped copy with the new docket number to the undersigned in the envelope provided.

Should there be any questions concerning the filing of the Application, please contact me at the direct dial number listed above or my partner, N. M. Norton, at 501-212-1264. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

WRIGHT, LINDSEY & JENNINGS LLP

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J. Mark Davis

JMD/jl Enclosures cc/w/Encl.: BellSouth, Attn: Kelly Forrest

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BEFORE THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONNECT! FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CONNECT! AND BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

DOCKET NO. 99-030

### APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

CCCKY, INC. d/b/a ("CONNECT!"), pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) and for its application for approval of interconnection agreement, states:

1. On January 25, 1999, CONNECT! notified BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. in writing that CONNECT! had elected to enter an interconnection agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. on the same terms and conditions as that certain Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and KMC Telecom, Inc., approved by this Commission on January 15, 1998 in docket number 97-500, and all amendments thereto approved by this Commission on May 12, 1998, September 10, 1998 and December 9, 1998, (the "Underlying Agreement"), pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(i).

2. Given BellSouth's legal obligation to offer the Underlying Agreement to any requesting telecommunications carrier pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(i), CONNECT! has prepared and executed an interconnection agreement between CONNECT! and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. that adopts the Underlying Agreement (the "Interconnection Agreement"), on the same terms and conditions. The Interconnection Agreement is attached as Exhibit 1. CONNECT! submits that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. is deemed to have executed the Interconnection Agreement

by operation of law given the terms and conditions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(i).

3. The Interconnection Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement and meets the applicable requirements of 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252.

WHEREFORE, CONNECT! respectfully requests this Commission to enter an order approving the Interconnection Agreement in accordance with the terms of this application, and for such further relief to which it may show itself entitled.

DATED this <u>25/2</u> day of January, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

WRIGHT, LINDSEY & JENNINGS LLP 200 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 2200 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-3699 (501) 371-0808 FAX: (501) 376-9442

/N. M. Norton (74114) J. Mark Davis (79276) Attorneys for CCCKY, Inc. d/b/a CONNECT!

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 25, 1999, a copy of the foregoing was served

by U.S. mail on:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Attn: Kelly Forrest 34S91 BellSouth Center 675 West Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30375

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### INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

Dated as of January 25, 1999

by and between

### **BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

and

CCCKY, INC.

d/b/a

**Connect!** 

EXHIBIT
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BellSouth/CCCKY, Inc. Based on KMC Telecom, Inc. Agreement Dated February 24, 1997

### INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

This Interconnection Agreement (this "Agreement"), under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), is effective as of the 25th day of January, 1999 (the "Effective Date"), by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.("BellSouth"), a Georgia corporation with offices at 675 West Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30375 and CCCKY, Inc., d/b/a Connect! ("Connect!") a Kentucky corporation with offices at 124 W. Capitol, Suite 250, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201 (each a "Party" and, collectively, the "Parties").

WHEREAS, Connect! has requested that BellSouth make available to Connect! interconnection service and unbundled network elements upon the same terms and conditions as provided in the Interconnection Agreement (and all amendments thereto) between KMC Telecom, Inc. and BellSouth, dated as of February 24, 1997, approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") on January 15, 1998 under Section 252 of the Act in Commission Docket Number 97-500 (the "Separate Agreement"), a true and correct copy of which will be attached by the parties as Appendix 1 hereto; and

WHEREAS, BellSouth has undertaken to make such terms and conditions available to Connect! hereby only because of and, to the extent required by, Section 252(i) of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Connect! and BellSouth hereby agree as follows:

### **1.0** Incorporation of Appendices by Reference

1.1 Except as expressly stated herein, the terms and conditions of Appendix 1 hereto, (with all schedules and exhibits thereto) are incorporated by references in their entirety herein and form an integral part of this Agreement. Such incorporation is of the separate agreement as in effect on the date hereof after giving effect to operation of law. Pending the physical attachment of the Separate Agreement as Appendix 1 hereto, the parties hereby incorporate herein by reference the terms and conditions of the Separate Agreement as filed in Commission Docket No. 97-500.

1.2 References in Appendix 1 hereto to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. or BellSouth shall for purposes of this Agreement be deemed to refer to Connect!.

1.3 References in Appendix 1 hereto to the "Effective Date", the date of effectiveness thereof and like provisions shall for purposes of this Agreement be deemed to refer to the date first written above. Unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of Appendix 1 hereto, this Agreement shall continue in effect until the Separate Agreement expires or is otherwise terminated. (Except if the Separate Agreement is terminated in connection with a default by

either party thereunder, in which case this Agreement shall not terminate prior to the expiration of the initial term of the Separate Agreement, and any renewal terms of continuation periods.)

1.4 All references in Appendix 1 hereto to "800/888" shall be deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following: "800/888/877".

1.5 All usage data to be provided pursuant to Appendix 1 hereto shall be sent to the following address on behalf of Connect!:

CCCKY, Inc. Attn: Bill Jester 124 W. Capitol S-250 Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201

1.6 The Joint Grooming Plan (or any Physical Interconnection Plans) referred to in Appendix 1 hereto shall be developed no later than sixty (60) days after the Effective Date, provided that the development of the Joint Grooming Plan shall not be a precondition to the exchange of traffic to the parties..

1.7 All notices, affidavits, exemption-certificates or other communications to Connect! related to tax matters shall be sent to the following address:

CCCKY, Inc. Attn: Bill Jester 124 W. Capitol S-250 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

1.8 All notices, affidavits, exemption-certificates or other communications to BellSouth related to tax matters shall be sent to the following address:

Tax Administration BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. 675 West Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, GA 30375

1.9 Notices to Connect! under Appendix 1 hereto shall be sent to the following address:

CCCKY, Inc. Attn: Bill Jester 124 W. Capitol S-250 Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201 Phone: (501) 401-7770 Fax: (501) 401-7799 1.10 Notices to BellSouth under Appendix 1 hereto shall be sent to the following address:

President - Telecom Industry Services BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. 675 West Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, GA 30375

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of this 25th day of January, 1999.

CCCKY, INC.

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BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By:

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Printed: Bill Jester

Title: Vice President

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Printed: