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Re: In the matter of Joint Petition for Arbitration of NewSouth Communications Corp., NuVox Communications, Inc., KMC Telecom V, Inc., KMC Telecom III LLC, and Xspedius Communications, LLC on Behalf of Its Operating Subsidiaries, Xspedius Management Co. Switched Services, LLC, Xspedius Management Co. of Lexington, LLC, and Xspedius Management Co. of Louisville, LLC of an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended; Case No. 2004-00044 before the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Dear Mr. Dorman:

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky that the joint petitioners in the above-referenced arbitration proceeding are currently reviewing BellSouth's motion to sever or to impose procedural restrictions. The joint petitioners intend to respond to that motion by Friday, March 5, 2004.

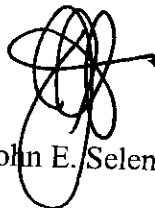
BellSouth's motion addresses issues of critical importance to this proceeding; therefore, the joint petitioners respectfully request that the Commission not rule on BellSouth's motion until the joint petitioners' response to that motion has been filed on March 5, 2004. If the Commission requires an earlier response from the joint petitioners, please let us know immediately.

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Thank you, and if you have any questions, please call me.

Very truly yours,

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