

**AMENDMENT  
TO THE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
COLUMBIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a aXessa  
AND  
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
DATED JANUARY 8, 2001**

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a aXessa ("aXessa") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated January 8, 2001 ("Agreement").

**WHEREAS**, BellSouth and aXessa entered into the Agreement on January 8, 2001, and;

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

1. The Parties hereby agree to delete Section 2.1 of General Terms and Conditions and replace with new Section 2.1 as follows:
  2. **Term of the Agreement**
    - 2.1 The term of this Agreement shall be for forty-two (42) months, beginning on the Effective Date and shall apply to the BellSouth territory in the state(s) of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.
2. All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated January 8, 2001, shall remain in full force and effect.
3. 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.
4. This Amendment shall be effective with the date of the last signature executing the Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement the day and year written below.

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.**

By: Pat CFA

Name: Patrick C. Finlen

Title: Asst. Director

Date: 12/15/03

**Columbia, Telecommunications, Inc.  
d/b/a aXessa**

By: [Signature]

Name: Ron Levitt

Title: CFO

Date: 12/9/03