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Mr. Larry D. Callison GTE South Incorporated KY10H072, 150 Rojay Drive Lexington, Kentucky 40503

Express Telecommunications, Inc. 507-d South Slappey Boulevard Albany, Georgia 31707

Re:

Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by GTE South Incorporated and Express Telecommunications, Inc., Pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 - PSC Reference No. 00008

## Gentlemen:

This is to notify you that Commission Staff has completed its review of your agreement submitted on May 3, 2000, and has concluded that it is in compliance with federal and state law and with previous Commission orders. Accordingly, it is unnecessary for Staff to refer this matter for formal Commission action. The agreement will be maintained in this office and, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 252, shall be effective on August 1, 2000.

If you have not already done so, the Commission requests that BellSouth submit the subject agreement in Microsoft Word 97 format on 3.5-inch high-density diskette.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Shapiro at Extension 256.

Sincerely yours,

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Martin J. Huelsmann Executive Director