

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
of

BellSouth/MCI Standard Interconnection Agreement

Agreement Effective Date: 01/01/2000	Agreement Expiration Date: 06/18/2000
Negotiator: Ida Bourne	Negotiator Tel No:404-927-7511

Please be advised that the above named CLEC has adopted the BellSouth/MCI Standard Interconnection agreement in its entirety. Based on the ruling issued by the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, filed July 18, 1997, a CLEC who chooses to adopt another CLEC's agreement must adopt the agreement in its entirety. Therefore, **THERE CAN BE NO DEVIATIONS**. Also, the term of the adopted agreement can only be for the remaining term of the original CLEC agreement.

AGREEMENT
by and between
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and US LEC
to Adopt Interconnection Agreement
by and between
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and MCImetro Access
Transmission Services, Inc. in the state of Louisiana
Effective June 19, 1997

This Agreement shall become effective retroactive to the expiration date of the existing agreement, which effective date shall be January 1, 2000, by and among US LEC of Communications Inc., a North Carolina corporation ("US LEC"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), having an office at 675 W. Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia, 30375, 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, US LEC has requested that BellSouth make available the interconnection agreement in its entirety executed between BellSouth and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. ("MCI") effective June 19, 1997 for the state of Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants of this Agreement, US LEC and BellSouth hereby agree as follows:

1. US LEC and BellSouth shall adopt in its entirety the MCI Interconnection Agreement effective June 19, 1997 and any and all amendments to said agreement executed as of the date of the execution of this Agreement. The MCI Interconnection Agreement and all amendments are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by this reference. The adoption of this agreement with amendment(s) consists of the following:

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Exhibit 1 Cover Sheet	1
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Amendment dated 12/27/97	4
Amendment dated 09/15/99	2
Amendment dated 01/21/00	20
TOTAL	385

2. The term of this Agreement shall be from the effective date as set forth above and shall expire as set forth in the General Terms and Conditions of the June 19, 1997 MCIIm Agreement, which date is June 18, 2000.

3. US LEC shall accept and incorporate any amendments to the MCIIm 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, addressed to:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

CLEC Account Team
9th Floor
600 North 19th Street
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

and

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

US LEC

Wanda Montano
Vice President, Regulatory
US LEC Corporation
Transamerica Square
401 Tryon Street, Suite 1000
Charlotte, NC 28202

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.

US LEC

Signature on File
Signature

Signature on File
Signature

Jerry D. Hendrix
Name

Wanda Montano
Name

Sr.Director-Wholesale Pricing Opr.
Title

Vice President, Regulatory
Title

02/16/2000
Date

02/15/2000
Date