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## By and Between

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.** 

## And

**AURA Communications, Inc.** 

## **AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, which shall become effective as of the 29 day of August, 2001, is entered into by and between Aura Communications, Inc., ("Aura") a North Carolina corporation 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, Aura has requested that BellSouth make available the interconnection agreement in its entirety executed between BellSouth and AT&T Communications of the South States, Inc. dated July 20, 2001 for the state of Kentucky.

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

1. Aura and BellSouth shall adopt in its entirety the AT&T Communications of the South States, Inc. Interconnection Agreement dated July 20, 2001 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 AT&T Communications of the South States, Inc. 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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- 2. In the event that Aura 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 Aura 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 2 of the AT&T Communications of the South States, Inc. Interconnection Agreement. For the purposes of determining the expiration date of this Agreement pursuant to section 2 of the General Terms and Conditions of AT&T Communications of the South States, Inc. Interconnection Agreement, the effective date shall be July 20, 2001.
- 4. Aura shall accept and incorporate any amendments to the AT&T Communications of the South States, Inc. Interconnection Agreement executed as a result of any final judicial, regulatory, or legislative action.
- 5. 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

Aura Communications, Inc. Ron Meece 2608-D Carver Street Durham, NC 27705 Ph. (919) 620 - 3578

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.	Aura Communications, Inc.
Signature On File Signature	Signature on File Signature
Gregory R. Follensbee Name	James A. Williams Name
8/29/2001 Date	<u>8/17/2001</u> Date