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RE:

DOCKET NO. 981421-TP - REQUEST BY BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION, UNBUNDLING, AND RESALE AGREEMENT WITH COMPETITIVE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251, 252, AND 271 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

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Attached is an ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO EXISTING INTERCONNECTION, UNBUNDLING, AND RESALE, with attachments, to be issued in the above-referenced docket. (Number of pages in order - 4)

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cc: Division of Communications

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by BellSouth
Telecommunications, Inc. for
approval of amendment to
interconnection, unbundling, and
resale agreement with
Competitive Communications, Inc.
pursuant to Sections 251, 252,
and 271 of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996.

DOCKET NO. 981421-TP ORDER NO. PSC-98-1754-FOF-TP ISSUED: December 22, 1998

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman J. TERRY DEASON SUSAN F. CLARK JOE GARCIA E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO EXISTING INTERCONNECTION, UNBUNDLING, AND RESALE AGREEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 27, 1998, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BST) and Competitive Communications, Inc. (Competitive Communications) filed a request for approval of an amendment to the existing interconnection, unbundling, and resale agreement under 47 U.S.C. \$252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The amendment to the existing agreement is attached to this Order as Attachment A and incorporated by reference herein.

Both the Act and Chapter 364, Florida Statutes, encourage parties to enter into negotiated agreements to bring about local exchange competition as quickly as possible. Under the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e), negotiated agreements must be submitted to the state commission for approval. Section 252(e)(4) requires the state to reject or approve the agreement within 90 days after submission or it shall be deemed approved.

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The existing agreement governs the relationship between the companies regarding local interconnection, unbundling, and resale and the exchange of traffic pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251. review of the proposed amendment to the existing agreement, we believe that it complies with the Telecommunications Act of 1996; thus, we hereby approve it. The Commission's approval of this agreement should not be construed as a determination that BellSouth has met the requirements of Section 271 of the Act. Competitive Communications are also required to file any subsequent supplements or modifications to their agreement with the Commission for review under the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). that Competitive Communications does not currently hold a Florida certificate to provide alternative local telecommunications service, and therefore, it cannot provide alternative local exchange telecommunications services under this agreement until it obtains a certificate from this Commission.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the amendment to the existing interconnection, unbundling, and resale agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Competitive Communications, Inc., as set forth in Attachment A and incorporated by reference in this Order, is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that any supplements or modifications to this agreement must be filed with the Commission for review under the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). It is further

ORDERED that Competitive Communications, Inc. shall not provide alternative local exchange telecommunications services under this agreement until it obtains a certificate to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications services from this Commission. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this <u>22nd</u> day of <u>December</u>, <u>1998</u>.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director Division of Records and Reporting

Kay Flynn, Chief Bureau of Records

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review in Federal district court pursuant to the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(6).

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ATTACHMENT A

AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND COMPETITIVE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. DATED OCTOBER 1, 1996

Pursuant to this Agreement (the "Amendment"), BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth or Company") and Competitive Communications, Inc. hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated October 1, 1996. ("Interconnection Agreement")

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, BellSouth and Competitive Communications, Inc. bereby covenant and agree as follows:

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1. The Parties hereby agree that Section XVEQ of the Interconnection Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new oculo as follows:

"Pursuant to 47 CFR Section 51.617, the Company will bill Reseller end user common line charges identical to the end user common line charges the Company bills its end users. "

- The Parties agree that all of the other provisions of the Master Interconnection Agreement, dated October 1, 1996 shall remain in full force and effect.
- The Parties further agree that either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the appropriate Commission or other regulatory body having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Amendment, for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the date indicated below.

DATE

COMPETITIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

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