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June 26, 1998

Mrs. Blanca S. Bayo
Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

980794-TP

Re: Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and MFS Communications pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, BellSouth and MFS Communications are submitting to the Florida Public Service Commission an amendment to their negotiated agreement for the interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to MFS Communications. The Commission approved the initial agreement between the companies in Order No. PSC-98-0160-FOF-TP issued January 27, 1998.

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and MFS Communications within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the Commission may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Both parties aver that neither of these reasons exist as to the agreement they have negotiated and therefore, are very hopeful that the Commission shall approve their agreement.

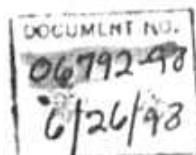
Very truly yours,

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**THIRD
AMENDMENT
TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MFS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, INC. AND
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
DATED AUGUST 26, 1996**

Pursuant to this Agreement, (the "Amendment") MFS Communications Company, Inc. ("MFS") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated August 26, 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, MFS and BellSouth hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. Paragraph 5.8.5 (b) of the Interconnection Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

5.8.5 (b) In INP arrangements, in order to effect this pass-through of reciprocal compensation and Switched Access charges to which each carrier would otherwise have been entitled if the ported traffic had been directly dialed to the new number, each carrier will estimate percentages of INP traffic by type (Local, Intrastate intraLATA, Intrastate interLATA, and Interstate interLATA). These percentages will then be applied against the applicable reciprocal compensation rate and switched access rate and the results totaled to arrive at a blended rate applicable to all minutes of INP traffic. The calculation and resulting blended rate is shown in Exhibit 7.0.
2. Exhibit 7.0 of the Interconnection Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and shall be replaced with Exhibit A of this Amendment.
3. All of the other provisions of the Interconnection Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.
4. Either of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the Florida Public Service Commission for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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


MFS Communications Company, Inc.

By: 

Name: Mark Argenbright
Title: Director, Industry Relations

Date: 4/29/98

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

By: 

Name: Jerry D. Hendrix
Title: Director-Interconnection Service-Pricing

Date: 5/4/98

MFS Communications Co., Inc. & BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Partial Florida Interconnection Agreement
Under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Exhibit 7.0

Reciprocal Local Traffic-Local Call Termination Rate

Local Call Termination Rate

\$0.009 Per Minute of Use

Calculation of Blended Rate for Compensation of INP Traffic

Table 1

<u>Terminating Element</u>	<u>Intrastate</u>	<u>Interstate</u>
Carrier Common Line	\$0.017670	\$0.011970
Local Transport Facility	\$0.000240	\$0.00024
Tandem Switching	NA	NA
RIC	\$0.000000	\$0.004392
Local Transport Termination	\$0.000360	\$0.00036
Local Switching	\$0.008760	\$0.00755
Information Surcharge	-	\$0.0003217
Total	\$0.0270300	\$0.0248337

Table 2

	<u>Pct. Of Total Inbound Traffic</u>	<u>Rate/Minute</u>	<u>Weighted Rate</u>
Local	80.00%	\$0.0090000	\$0.0072000
Intrastate Toll	5.00%	\$0.027030	\$0.0013515
Interstate Toll	15.00%	\$0.0248340	\$0.0037251
INP Rate			\$0.0122766