BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for approval of interconnection agreement with ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. d/b/a ITC^DeltaCom. DOCKET NO. 000887-TP ORDER NO. PSC-00-1614-FOF-TP ISSUED: September 11, 2000

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman E. LEON JACOBS, JR. LILA A. JABER BRAULIO L. BAEZ

ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 20, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and ITC^DeltaCom Communications (DeltaCom) filed a request for approval of an interconnection agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251, 252, and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). The agreement is incorporated by reference herein. A copy of the agreement may be obtained by contacting our Division of Records and Reporting.

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.

This agreement covers the period until the parties execute a new agreement upon the Order of the Commission resolving the disputes at issue in their pending arbitration proceeding and governs the relationship between the companies regarding the interconnection, resale, and collocation of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and

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the resale of BellSouth telecommunications services to DeltaCom pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251. Under 47 U.S.C. § 252(a)(1), the agreement shall include a detailed schedule of itemized charges for interconnection and each service or network element included in the agreement.

Upon review of the proposed agreement, we believe that it complies with the Act; thus, we hereby approve it. BellSouth and DeltaCom 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).

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and ITC^DeltaCom Communications is incorporated by reference in this Order, and is hereby approved. A copy of the agreement may be obtained as specified in the body of this Order. 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 this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this <u>11th</u> day of <u>September</u>, <u>2000</u>.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director Division of Records and Reporting

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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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FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (CALDWELL) DUCKET NO DOCKET NO. 000887-TP - REQUEST BY BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNI-CATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH ITC^DELTACOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A ITC[^]DELTACOM.

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Attached is an ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT, to be issued in the above-referenced docket.

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Attachment

cc: Division of Competitive Services (Arant)

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