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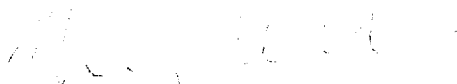
**Re: Petition for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement Between BellSouth  
Telecommunications, Inc. and US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. Pursuant to the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996  
Docket No. 00-00053**

Dear David.

Enclosed herewith are the original and thirteen copies of a second Agreed Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule signed by both US LEC Tennessee, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. accompanied by a proposed Order for your convenience in the above-captioned proceeding. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

By:   
Henry Walker, attorney for US LEC Corp.

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Enclosure

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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE: PETITION FOR ARBITRATION )  
OF AN INTERCONNECTION )  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN BELL SOUTH )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND )  
US LEC OF TENNESSEE, INC. ) DOCKET NO. 00-00053  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(B) OF )  
THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT )  
OF 1996 )

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**AGREED MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

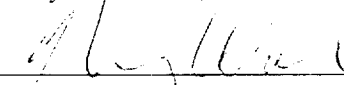
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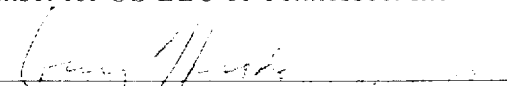
As evidenced by their signatures below, the parties to this above-captioned proceeding jointly request a second, thirty (30) day suspension of the procedural schedule. The parties continue to believe that they will likely be able to negotiate an interconnection agreement in Tennessee, thereby rendering the current proceeding moot.

Attached is a proposed order for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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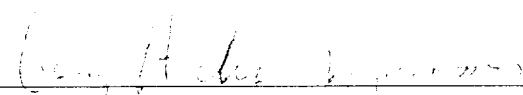
ORDER

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As evidenced by their signatures below, the parties to the above captioned proceeding have jointly requested a second, thirty (30) day suspension of the procedural schedule for the purpose of attempting to arrive at a complete settlement of all outstanding issues.

For good cause shown, the motion is granted, effective January 8, 2001.

Dated January \_\_\_\_, 2001.

  
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Guy Hicks, Counsel for BellSouth

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Gary Hotvedt, Hearing Officer

  
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Henry Walker, Counsel for US LEC of Tennessee, Inc.