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TN REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Sara Kyle
Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: *Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Comm South Companies, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. ~~07-01414~~

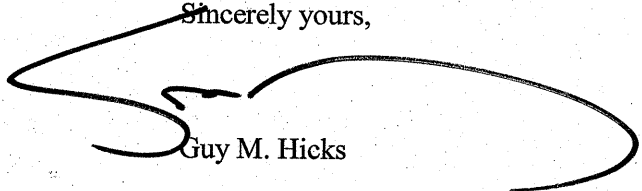
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Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed are six paper copies and a CD Rom of the executed interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Comm South Companies, Inc.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Guy M. Hicks

cc: Roy Harsila, Comm South Companies, Inc.

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Comm South Companies, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. 97-01414

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED
BETWEEN BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND COMM SOUTH COMPANIES, INC.
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

COME NOW, Comm South Companies, Inc. ("Comm South") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, Comm South and BellSouth state the following:

1. Comm South and BellSouth have recently negotiated an agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to Comm South. A copy of the Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Comm South and BellSouth are submitting their Agreement to the TRA for its consideration and approval.

3. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Agreement between BellSouth and Comm South within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the TRA 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.

4. Comm South and BellSouth aver that the Agreement is consistent with the standards for approval.

5. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, BellSouth shall make the Agreement available upon the same terms and conditions contained therein.

Comm South and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Agreement negotiated between the parties.

This 15th day of Jan, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.


By: 

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Guy M. Hicks, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail on the 15th day of JAN, 2003.

Roy Harsila
Comm South Companies, Inc.
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Dallas, TX 75231



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