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February 4, 2000

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

000144-7P

Re: Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and New Edge Networks, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks 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 New Edge Networks, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks 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 New Edge Networks, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks. The Commission approved the initial agreement between the companies in Order No. 00-0177-FOF-TP issued January 25, 2000 in Docket 000016-TP.

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and New Edge Networks, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks 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,

Marshall M. Criser III

Regulatory Vice President
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ATTACHMENT TO TRANSMITTAL LETTER

The Amendment entered into by and between New Edge Networks, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., dated 10/14/1999 for all states in the BellSouth region consists of the following:

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AMENDMENT
To the
Interconnection Agreement between
New Edge Networks, Inc.
and
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Dated September 27, 1999

Pursuant to this Agreement, (the "Amendment"), New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks ("New Edge"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated September 27, 1999 ("the Agreement").

WHEREAS, BellSouth and New Edge entered into an Interconnection Agreement on September 27, 1999 and;

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, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. Sections 3.4, Demarcation, and 3.5, DIEGA's Equipment and Facilities, of Attachment 4 of the Agreement are deleted in their entirety and substituted in their place are new sections 3.4 and 3.5, as follows:

- 3.4 Demarcation Point. BellSouth will designate the point(s) of interconnection between New Edge's equipment and/or network and BellSouth's network. Each party will be responsible for maintenance and operation of all equipment/facilities on its side of the demarcation point. For 2-wire and 4-wire connections to BellSouth's network, the demarcation point shall be a common block on the BellSouth designated conventional distributing frame. New Edge shall be responsible for providing, and New Edge's BellSouth Certified Vendor shall be responsible for installing and properly labeling/stenciling, the common block, and necessary cabling pursuant to construction and provisioning interval requirements. For all other terminations BellSouth shall designate a demarcation point on a per arrangement basis. New Edge or its agent must perform all required maintenance to equipment/facilities on its side of the demarcation point, pursuant to the subsection following, and may self-provision cross-connects that may be required within the collocation space to activate service requests. At New Edge's option and expense, a Point of Termination (POT) bay or frame may be placed in the Collocation Space, but will not serve as the demarcation point. New Edge must make arrangements with a BellSouth certified vendor for such placement.
- 3.5 New Edge's Equipment and Facilities. New Edge, or if required by this Agreement, New Edge's BellSouth certified vendor, is solely responsible for the design, engineering, installation, testing, provisioning, performance, monitoring, maintenance and repair of the equipment and facilities used by New Edge. Such equipment and facilities may include but are not limited to cable(s); equipment; and point of termination connections.

2. Sections 3.7, Access and Administration, and 9, Security, of Attachment 4 of the Interconnection Agreement are deleted in their entirety and substituted their place are new sections 3.7 and 9, including the rates in Exhibit 1, Attachment A, as follows:

- 3.7 Access. Pursuant to Security and Safety requirements below, New Edge shall have access to the Collocation Space twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. New Edge agrees to provide the name and social security number, or date of birth, or driver's license number of each employee, contractor, or agent provided with Access Keys or cards ("Access Keys") prior to the issuance of said Access Keys. Access Keys shall not be duplicated under any circumstances. New Edge agrees to be responsible for all Access Keys and for the return of all said Access Keys in the possession of New Edge employees, contractors, Guests, or agents after termination of the employment relationship, contractual obligation with New Edge or upon the termination of this Attachment or the termination of occupancy of an individual collocation arrangement.
- 3.7.1 Lost or Stolen Access Keys. New Edge shall notify BellSouth in writing immediately in the case of lost or stolen Access Keys. Should it become necessary for BellSouth to re-key buildings as a result of a lost Access Key(s) or for failure to return an Access Key(s), New Edge shall pay for all reasonable costs associated with the re-keying.
9. Security and Safety Requirements. The security and safety requirements set forth in this section are as stringent as the security requirements BellSouth maintains at its own premises either for their own employees or for authorized contractors. Only BellSouth employees, BellSouth certified vendors and authorized employees, or authorized agents of New Edge will be permitted in the BellSouth Premises. New Edge shall provide its employees and agents with picture identification which must be worn and visible at all times while in the Collocation Space or other areas in or around the Premises. The photo identification card shall bear, at a minimum, the employee's name and photo, and the New Edge name. BellSouth reserves the right to remove from its premises any employee of New Edge not possessing identification issued by New Edge. New Edge shall hold BellSouth harmless for any damages resulting from such removal of its personnel from BellSouth premises.

New Edge will be required, at its own expense, to conduct a statewide investigation of criminal history records for each New Edge employee being considered for work on the BellSouth Premises, for the states/counties where the New Edge employee has worked and lived for the past five years. Where state law does not permit statewide collection or reporting, an investigation of the applicable counties is acceptable.

New Edge will be required to administer to their personnel assigned to the BellSouth Premises security training either provided by BellSouth, or meeting criteria defined by BellSouth.

New Edge shall not assign to the BellSouth Premises any personnel with records of felony criminal convictions. New Edge shall not assign to the BellSouth Premises any personnel with records of misdemeanor convictions, except for misdemeanor pedestrian and traffic violations, without advising BellSouth of the nature and gravity

of the offense(s). BellSouth reserves the right to refuse building access to any New Edge personnel who have been identified to have misdemeanor or criminal convictions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that New Edge chooses not to advise BellSouth of the nature and gravity of any misdemeanor conviction, New Edge may, in the alternative, certify to BellSouth that it shall not assign to the BellSouth Premises any personnel with records of misdemeanor convictions (other than misdemeanor traffic violations).

For each New Edge employee requiring access to a BellSouth Premises pursuant to this agreement, New Edge shall furnish BellSouth, prior to an employee gaining such access, a certification that the aforementioned background check and security training were completed. The certification will contain a statement that no felony convictions were found and certifying that the security training was completed by the employee. If the employee's criminal history includes misdemeanor convictions, New Edge will disclose the nature of the convictions to BellSouth at that time. In the alternative, New Edge may certify to BellSouth that it shall not assign to the BellSouth Premises any personnel with records of misdemeanor convictions other than misdemeanor traffic violations.

At BellSouth's request, New Edge shall promptly remove from the BellSouth's premises any employee of New Edge BellSouth does not wish to grant access to its premises pursuant to any investigation conducted by BellSouth.

- 8.1 Notification to BellSouth. BST reserves the right to interview New Edge's employees, agents, or contractors in the event of wrongdoing in or around BellSouth's property or involving BellSouth's or another CLEC's property or personnel, provided that BellSouth shall provide 24 hours notice (or shorter notice as may be agreed by the parties as reasonable under the circumstances) to New Edge's Security contact of such interview. New Edge and its contractors shall reasonably cooperate with BellSouth's investigation into allegations of wrongdoing or criminal conduct committed by, witnessed by, or involving New Edge's employees, agents, or contractors. Additionally, BellSouth reserves the right to bill New Edge for all reasonable costs associated with investigations involving its employees, agents, or contractors if it is established and mutually agreed in good faith that New Edge's employees, agents, or contractors are responsible for the alleged act. BellSouth shall bill New Edge for BellSouth property which is stolen or damaged where an investigation determines the culpability of New Edge's employees, agents, or contractors and where New Edge agrees, in good faith, with the results of such investigation. New Edge shall notify BellSouth in writing immediately in the event that the CLEC discovers one of its employees already working on the BellSouth premises is a possible security risk. Upon request of the other Party, the Party who is the employer shall discipline consistent with its employment practices, up to and including removal from the BellSouth Premises, any employee found to have violated the security and safety requirements of this section. New Edge shall hold BellSouth harmless for any damages resulting from such removal of its personnel from BellSouth premises.

- 9.2 Use of Supplies. Unauthorized use of telecommunications equipment or supplies either Party, whether or not used routinely to provide telephone service (e.g. plug-in cards,) will be strictly prohibited and handled appropriately. Costs associated with

such unauthorized use may be charged to the offending Party, as may be all associated investigative costs.

9.3 Use of Official Lines. Except for non-toll calls necessary in the performance of their work, neither party shall use the telephones of the other Party on the BellSouth Premises. Charges for unauthorized telephone calls may be charged to the offending Party, as may be all associated investigative costs.

9.4 Accountability. Full compliance with the Security requirements of this section shall in no way limit the accountability of either Party to the other for the improper actions of its employees.

3. All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated September 27, 1999, and subsequently negotiated amendments, shall remain in full force and effect.

4. Either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the respective state regulatory authorities 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.

New Edge Network, Inc.

By: [Signature]

Name: SUSAN McADAMS

Title: VP - GOVT & INDUSTRY ACQUISITION

Date: OCT. 12, 1999

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

By: [Signature]

Name: Jerry Hendrix

Title: Sr. Director-Interconnection Services

Date: 10/14/99

**EXHIBIT 1
Attachment A**

Rates marked with an asterisk (*) are interim and are subject to true-up.

USOC	Rate Element Description	Unit	Recurring Rate (RC)	Non-Recurring Rate (NRG)
PE1A1	Security Access System			
	Security system*	Per Central Office	552.00	
	New Access Card Activation*	Per Card		\$55.00
	Administrative change, existing card*	Per Card		\$35.00
	Replace lost or stolen card*	Per Card		\$260.00

Rate "True-Up." The Parties agree that the prices reflected as interim herein shall be "true-up" (up or down) based on final prices either determined by further agreement or by final order, including any appeals, in a proceeding involving BellSouth before the regulatory authority for the state in which the services are being performed or any other body having jurisdiction over this agreement (hereinafter "Commission"). Under the "true-up" process, the interim price for each service shall be multiplied by the volume of that service purchased to arrive at the total interim amount paid for that service ("Total Interim Price"). The final price for that service shall be multiplied by the volume purchased to arrive at the total final amount due ("Total Final Price"). The Total Interim Price shall be compared with the Total Final Price. If the Total Final Price is more than the Total Interim Price, New Edge shall pay the difference to BellSouth. If the Total Final Price is less than the Total Interim Price, BellSouth shall pay the difference to New Edge. Each party shall keep its own records upon which a "true-up" can be based and any final payment from one party to the other shall be in an amount agreed upon by the Parties based on such records. In the event of any disagreement as between the records of the Parties regarding the amount of such "true-up," the Parties agree that the Commission shall be called upon to resolve such differences.