BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman SUSAN F. CLARK J. TERRY DEASON JOE GARCIA DIANE K. KIESLING

FINAL ORDER APPROVING NEGOTIATED RESALE AGREEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

I. Background

On January 8, 1997, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and American Communication Service, Inc. (ACSI) filed a request for approval of a resale agreement. The agreement was executed on December 20, 1996, and the parties sought our approval of the agreement under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act).

Both the Act and revised Chapter 364, Florida Statutes, encourage parties to enter into negotiated agreements to bring about local exchange competition as quickly as possible. If the parties reach a negotiated agreement, under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e), the agreement is to be filed with the state commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(a)(1) requires that "the agreement shall include a detailed schedule of itemized charges for interconnection and each service or network element included in the agreement."

Under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), we may reject an agreement only if it discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to an agreement or if the implementation of the agreement is not in the public interest. Under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4), we must approve or reject the agreement within 90 days after submission, or the agreement shall be deemed approved.

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II. The Agreement

The agreement is for a 6-month term and governs the relationship between the companies regarding the resale of tariffed local exchange service, toll telecommunications service, Hotel and Hospital PBX services, Customer Provided Coin Telephone service, Service, to 911/E911 access Shared Tenant Telecommunications Relay Services, and white page directory listings and directory distribution in states in which BellSouth operates. The agreement also includes the rates at which ACSI will purchase services from BellSouth for resale, which are discounted from BellSouth's retail rate for the telecommunications service. The discounts are 21.83% for residential and 16.81% for business telecommunications services. The agreement is attached to this Order as Attachment I.

Attachment II provides a comparison of the major elements of the BellSouth and ACSI agreement with Commission-ordered interconnection arrangements and other Commission-approved negotiated interconnection agreements.

III. Findings

We find that the proposed resale agreement between BellSouth and ACSI meets the requirements for our approval. Furthermore, if the parties mutually agree to supplement or modify any portion of the agreement, the agreed upon changes must be filed for our review under the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252 (e).

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the resale agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and American Communication Services, Inc. is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the parties shall submit any supplements or modifications to the resale agreement for our approval. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 18th day of April, 1997.

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 by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Attachment I

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BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Suite 400 150 South Monroe Street

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A. M. Lemberde Regulatory Vice President

January 8, 1997

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

Re: Approval of the Resale Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth") and American Communication Services, Inc., pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, BellSouth and American Communication Services, Inc., are submitting to the Florida Public Service Commission their negotiated agreement for the purchase of BellSouth's telecommunications services for the purpose of resale to end users by American Communication Services, Inc.

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and American Communication Services, Inc., 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.

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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.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Lombardo

Regulatory Vice President

Enclosure

Agricultest Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and American Communication Services, Inc. Regarding The Sale of BST's Telecommunications Services to Reseller For The Purposes of Resale

THIS AGRIZMENT is by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth or Company"), a Georgia corporation, and American Communications Services, Inc. ("Reseller"), a Delaware corporation, on behalf of its operating subsidiaries and shall be deemed effective as of December 20, 1996.

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WHEREAS, BellSouth is a local exchange telecommunications company authorized to provide telecommunications services in the state of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louislana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Teanossee; and

Louisiana, WHEREAS, Reseller is a alternative local exchange telecommunications company authorized to provide communications services in the states of Allahama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee

WHEREAS, Reseller desires to resell BellSouth's telecommunications services, and

WHEREAS, BellSouth has agreed to provide such services to Reseller for resale purposes and pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein;

BellSouth and Reseller do hereby agree as follows: NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the manual premises and promises contained herein.

I Term of the Agreement

- A. The term of this Agreement shall be six months beginning December 20, 1996 and shall apply to all of BellSouth's serving territory as of January 1, 1996, in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missianippi, South Carolina and Tennessee.
- 2. This Agreement shall be automatically renewed for successive six month periods unless either party indicates its intent not to renew the Agreement. Notice of such intent must be provided, in writing, to the other party no later than 30 days prior to the end of the then-existing contract period. The terms of this Agreement shall remain in effect after the term of the existing agreement has expired and while a new prement is being negotian
- C. The rates pursuant by which Restler is to purchase services from BellSouth for resale shall be at a filtermat rate off of the retail rate for the telecommunications service. The discount rates shall be as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated hereto by this reference. Such discount shall reflect the costs woulded by BellSouth when selling a service for wholesale purposes.

II Definition of Terms

- CUSTOMER, CODE means the three digit number following a customer's telephone number as P
- E. CUSTOMER OF RECORD means the entity responsible for placing application for service; requesting additions, rearrangements, maintenance or discontinuance of service; payment in full of charges incurred such as toll, directory assistance, etc.

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- C. BEFOSIT means assurance provided by a customer in the form of cash, surety bond or bank letter of credit to be held by the Company.
- D. END USER means the ultimate user of the telecommunications services.
- E. END USER CUSTOMER LOCATION means the physical location of the premises where an end user makes use of the telecommunications services.
- F. NEW SERVICES means functions, features or capabilities that are not currently offered by BellSouth. This includes packaging of existing services or combining a new function, feature or capability with an existing service.
- G. OTHER LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY (OLEC) means a triophone company certificated by the public service commissions of the Company's franchised area to provide local exchange service within the Company's franchised area.
- E. RESALE means an activity wherein a certificated OLEC, such as Reseller subscribes to the telecommunications services of the Company and then reoffers those telecommunications services to the public (with or without "adding value").
- L RESALE SERVICE AREA means the area, as defined in a public service commission approved certificate of operation, within which an OLEC, such as Reseller, may offer resold local exchange telecommunications service.

III. General Providens

- A. Reseller may resell the tariffed local exchange and toll telecommunications services of BellSouth subject to the terms, and conditions specifically set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following are not available for purchase: Grandfathered services; promotional and trial retail service offerings; lifeline and linkup services; contract service arrangements; installment billing options; 911 and E911 services; interconnection services for mobile service providers; legislatively or administratively mandated specialized discounts (e.g., education institution discount) and discounted services to meet competitive situation.
- B. The provision of services by the Company to Reseller does not constitute a joint undertaking for the furnishing of any service.
- C. Reseller will be the customer of record for all services purchased from BellSouth. Except as specified herein, the Company will take orders from, bill and expect payment from Reseller for all services.
- B. Reseller will be the Company's single point of contact for all services purchased pursuant to this Agreement. The Company shall have no contact with the end user except to the extent provided for herein.
- The Company will continue to bill the end user for any services that the end user specifies it wishes to receive directly from the Company.

- F. The Company maintains the right to serve directly any end user within the service area of Reseller.
 The Company will continue to directly market its own telecommunications products and services and in
 doing so may establish independent relationships with end users of Reseller
- Reseller shall not interfere with the right of any person or easily to obtain service directly from the
- II. The current telephone number of an end user may be retained by the end user unless the end user has past due charges associated with the BellSouth account for which payment arrangements have not been made. The Company will not, however, make the end user's previous telephone number available to Reseller usefil the end user's outstanding balance has been paid. If Reseller requests service for us and user that has been denied service or disconnected for non-payment by BellSouth, and the end user still has an outstanding balance with the Company, the Company will establish service for that end user through Reseller. Denied service means that the service of an end user provided by a local exchange telecommunications company, including BellSouth, has been temporally suspended for nonpayment and subject to complete disconnection.
- I. Telephone numbers are the property of the Company and are assigned to the service furnished. Reseller has no property right to the telephone number or any other call number designation associated with services furnished by the Company, and so right to the continuance of service through any particular central office. The Company reserves the right to change such numbers, or the central office designation associated with such numbers, or both, on a nondiscriminatory basis. Notice shall be provided to Reseller within 90 lays or as soon as practicable.
- 4. The Company may provide any service or facility for which a charge is not ostablished herein, as long as it is offered on the same terms to Reseller.
- Service is furnished subject to the condition that it will not be used for any unlawful purpose
- violation of the law. Service will be discontinued if any law enforcement agency advises that the service being used is in
- FK The Company can refuse service when it has grounds to believe that service will be in violation of
- N. The Company accepts no responsibility to any person for any unlawful act committed by Rescilet or its end users as part of providing service to Resellet for purposes of resale or otherwise.
- O. The Company will cooperate fully with law embroament agencies with subpostate and court orders for assistance with the Company's customers. Law enforcement agency subpostate and court orders reparting and users of Reseller will be directed to Reseller. The Company will bill Reseller for implementing any requests by law embroament agencies regarding Reseller and users. tementing any requests by law embrons
- P. The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment provided by other than the Company shall not:
- Interfere with or impair service over any facilities of the Company, its affiliates, or its connecting and concurring carriers involved in its service;

2. Cause damage to the Company's plant

- Impair the privacy of any communications; or
 Create hazards to any employees or the public.
- Reseller assumes the responsibility of notifying the Company regarding less than standard stions with respect to services provided by it.
- Pacilities and/or equipment utilized by BellSouth to provide service to Reseller remain the property
- 8. White page directory listings will be provided in accordance with regulations set forth in Section A6 of the General Subscriber Service Tariff and will be available for resals.

IV. BellSouth's Provision of Services to Reseller

- A. Reseller agrees that its resule of BellSouth services shall be as follows:
- The resule of telecommunications services shall be limited to users and uses conforming to the class of service restrictions.
- 2. To the extent Reseller is a telecommunications carrier that serves grewer than 5 percent of the Nation's presubscribed access lines, Reseller shall not jointly market its interLATA services with the telecommunications services purchased from BellSouth pursuant to this Agreement in any of the states covered under this Agreement. For the purposes of this subsection, to jointly market means any advertisement, marketing either or billing in which the telecommunications services purchased from BellSouth for purposes of resule to customers and interLATA services offered by Reseller are packaged, tied, bundled, discounted or offered together in any way to the end user. Such offerts include, but are not limited to, sales referrals, resale arrangements, sales aproacies or billing agreements. This subsection shall be void and of no effect for a particular state covered under this Agreement as of February 8, 1999 or on the date BellSouth is authorized to offer inserf.ATA services in that state, whichever is earlier. rement. For the purposes of this it, marketing effort or billing is which
- 3. Hotel and Hospital PEX service are the only telecommunications services available for resale to Hotel/Motel and Hospital and users, respectively. Similarly, Access Line Service for Customer Provided Coin Telephones is the only local service available for resale to COCOTS customers. Shared Tenant Service customers can only be sold those telecommunications services available in the Company's A23 Shared Tenant Service TackE.
- 4. Reseller is prohibited from furnishing both flat and mean; of the service on the same business premises to the same subscribers (end users) as stated in A2 of the Company's Tariff except for backup service as indicated in the applicable state tariff Section A3.
- If telephone service is established and it is subsequently determined that the class of service restriction has been violated, Reseller will be setified and billing for that service will be

immodisticly changed to the appropriate class of service. Service charges for changes between class of service, back billing, and interest as described in this subsection shall apply at the Company's sole discretion. Interest at the rate of 0.000590 per day, compounded daily for the number of days from the back billing date to and including the date that Reseller actually makes the payment to the steer on Arm Ared

6. The Company reserves the right to periodically sadds services purchased by Reseller to exabisian surfaceticity of use. Such sadds shall not occur more than once in a calendar year. Reseller shall make any and all records and data available to the Company or the Company's moditor's on a reseccable basis. The Company shall bear the cost of said sadit.

- B. Restid services can only be used in the same manner as specified in the Company's Tariff Restid services are subject to the same terms and conditions as are specified for such services when furnished to an individual end user of the Company in the appropriate section of the Company's Tariffh. Specific tariff finitures, e.g. a usage allowance per month, shall not be aggregated across multiple restid services. Restid services cannot be used to aggregate traffic from more than one end user customer except as specified in Section Al3. of the Company's Tariff referring to Shared Tenant Services.
- b Reseller may resell services only within the specific resule service area as defined in its certificate
- Telephone numbers transmitted via any resold service feature are intended solely for the use of the of the feature. Resale of this information is prohibited.
- E. No passes, copyright, trademark or other proprietary right is licensed, granted or otherwise transferred by this Agreement. Resulter is strictly probables from any use, including but not limited to sales marketing or advertising, of any BellSouth name or trademark.

V. Maistenance of Services

- shall be maintained by the Cor Services resold under the Company's Tariffs and facilities and equipment provided by the Company
- B. Reseller or its end users may not rearrange, move, disconnect, remove or strempt to repair any facilities owned by the Company, other than by connection or disconnection to any interface means used, except with the written consent of the Company.
- accepts responsibility to notify the Company of situations that arise that may result in a
- Reselber will be the Company's single point of contact for all repair calls on behalf of Reselber's end
- reller will contact the appropriate repair centers in accordance with procedures catabilished by the
- For all repair requests, Reseller accepts responsibility for adhering to the Company's prescreening guidelines prior to referring the trouble to the Company.

- C. The Compley will bill Reseller for handling troubles that are found not to be in the Company's network pursuant to its standard time and material charges. The standard time and material charges will be no more than what Bell South charges to its retail residential and/or business customers (as applicable) for the same services.
- E. The Company reserves the right to contact Reseller's customers, if deemed necessary, for maintenance purposes.

VI Establishment of Service

- A. After receiving certification as a local exchange company from the appropriate regulatory agency, Reseller will provide the appropriate Company service center the necessary documentation to enable the Company to establish a master account for Reseller. Such documentation shall include the Application for Master Account, proof of authority to provide telecommunications services, an Operating Company Number ("OCN") assigned by the National Exchange Carriers Association ("NECA") and a tax exemption certificate, if applicable. When necessary deposit requirements are met, the Company will begin taking orders for the resale of service.
- B. Service orders will be in a standard format designated by the Company.
- C. When notification is received from Reseller that a current customer of the Company will subscribe to Reseller's service, standard service order intervals for the appropriate class of service will apply.
- D. The Company will not require end user confirmation prior to establishing service for Reseller's end user customer. Reseller must, however, be able to demonstrate end user authorization upon request.
- E. Reseller will be the single point of contact with the Company for all subsequent ordering activity resulting in additions or changes to resold services except that the Company will accept a request directly from the end user for conversion of the end user's service from Reseller to the Company or will accept a request from another OLEC for conversion of the end user's service from the Reseller to the other LEC. The Company will notify Reseller that such a request has been processed.
- F. If the Company determines that an unauthorized change in local service to Reseller has occurred, the Company will prestablish service with the appropriate local service provider and will assess Reseller as the OLEC initiating the unauthorized change, an unauthorized change charge similar to that described in F.C.C. Tariff No. 1, Section 13.3.3. Appropriate nonrecurring charges, as set forth in Section A4. of the General Subscriber Service Tariff, will also be assessed to Reseller.

These charges can be adjusted if Reseller provides satisfactory proof of authorization.

Negrecurries Charge

(a) each Residence or Business line

\$19.41

(b) each Public or Semi-Public line

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G. The Company will, in order to sufeguard its interest, require Reseller to make a deposit to be held by the Company as a guarantee of the payment of rates and charges, unless satisfactory credit has already

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- E. Such deposit may not exceed two months' estimated billing.
- I The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves Reseller from complying with the Company's regulations as to advance payments and the prompt payment of bills on presentation nor does it constitute a walver or modification of the regular practices of the Company providing for the discontinuance of service for non-payment of any sums due the Company.
- I. The Company reserves the right to increase the deposit requirements if Reseller is consistently last in payment of its bills, but the Company shall in no event, exercise this right in addition to demanding advance payments.
- E. In the event that Reseller defaults on its account, service to Reseller will be terminated and any deposits held will be applied to its account.
- In the case of a cash deposit, interest at the rate of six percent per annum shall be paid to Reseller gring the continuance of the deposit. Interest on a deposit shall acrove samually and, if requested, shall be smally credited to Reseller by the acrowal date.

VII. Payment And Billing Arrangement

- When the initial service is ordered by Reseller, the Company will establish an accounts receivable nor account the Reseller.
- The Company shall bill Reseller on a current basis all applicable charges and credits
- C. Phymest of all charges will be the responsibility of Reseller. Reseller shall make payment to the Company for all services billed. The Company is not responsible for payments not received by Reseller from Reseller's customer. The Company will not become involved in billing disputes that may arise between Reseller and its customer. Payments made to the Company as payment on account will be credited to an accounts receivable master account and not to an end user's account.
- The Company will reader bills each mouth on established bill days for each of Reseller's acco
- The Company will bill Reseller, in advance, charges for all services to be provided theiring the ensuing billing period except charges associated with service usage, which charges will be billed in arrant. Charges will be calculated on an individual end user account level, including, if applicable, any charges for usage or usage allowances. BellSouth will also bill all charges, including but not limited to 911 and 2911 charges, telecommunications relay charges, and franchise fines, on an individual end user account level.
- 7. The payment will be due by the next bill date (i.e., same date in the following month as the bill date) and is payable in immediately available funds. Payment is considered to have been made when received by the Company.

If the propagation date that on a Sunday or on a Holiday which is observed on a Monday, the payment due date that he the first non-Holiday day following such Sunday or Holiday. If the payment due date that on a Saturday or on a Holiday which is observed on Tuesday, Wodnesday, Thursday, or Friday, the payment due date that he the last non-Holiday day preceding such Saturday or Holiday. If payment is not received by the payment due date, a late payment penalty, as set forth in L following, shall apply.

- G. Upon proof of tax exempt certification from Reseller, the total amount billed to Reseller will not include any taxes due from the end user. Reseller will be solely responsible for the computation, fracting reporting and payment of all federal, state and/or local jurisdiction taxes associated with the services resold to the end wer.
- As the customer of record, Roseller will be responsible for, and result to the Company, all charges applicable to its resold services for emergency services (E911 and 911) and Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) at well as any other charges of a similar nature.
- If any portion of the payment is received by the Company after the payment due date as set forth preceding, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds that are not immediately available to the Company, then a late payment penalty shall be due to the Company. The late payment penalty shall be the portion of the payment not received by the payment due date times a late factor. The late penalty shall be the leasor of:
- The highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transaction, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment due dute to and includin the date that Reseller actually makes the payment to the Company, or
- . 0.000590 per day, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment due date to ad including the date that Reseller actually makes the payment to the Company.
- Any switched access charges associated with intereuchange carrier access to the resold local exchange lines will be billed by, and due to, the Company. No additional charges are to be assessed theselier.
- IL. The Company will not perform billing and collection services for Reseller as a result of the execution of this Agreement. All requests for billing services should be referred to the appropriate entity or operational group within the Company.
- L. Until such time as the Company receives permission from the PCC to bill the End User Common Line (EUCL) charge to Reseller, the Company will, on an interim basis, bill the charges shown below which are identical to the EUCL, mass billed by BST to its end users.

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- In general, the Company will not become involved in disputes between Resciler and Resciler's end user customers fiver resold services. If a dispute does arise that cannot be settled without the involvement of the Company, Resciler shall contact the designated Service Center for resolution. The Company will make every effort to assist in the resolution of the dispute and will work with Resciler to resolve the matter in as timely a manner as possible. Resciler may be required to submit documentation to substantiste the claim.
- Reseller is responsible for payment of all appropriate charges for completed calls, services, and ipment. If objection in writing is not received by the Company within twenty-size days after the bill is dered, the account shall be deemed correct and binding upon Reseller.

VIII Discontinuance of Service

- A The procedures for discontinuing service to an end user are as follows:
- be the responsibility of Reseller Where possible, the Company will deny service to Reseller's end user on behalf of, and at the request of, Reseller. Upon restoration of the end user's service, restoral charges will apply and will
- 2. At the request of Reseller, the Company will disconnect a Reseller end user customer
- All requests by Reseller for denial or disconnection of an end user for nonpeyment must be in
- Reseller will be made solely responsible for notifying the end user of the proposed disconnection of the service.
- 5. The Company will continue to process calls made to the Annoyance Call Center and will advise Reselber when it is determined that annoyance calls are originated from one of their end user's locations. The Company shall be indemnified, defineded and held harmless by Reselber and/or the end user against any claim, loss or damage arising from providing this information to Reselber it is the responsibility of Reselber to take the corrective action necessary with its customers who make annoying calls. Palture to do so will result in the Company's disconnecting the end user's service. annoying calls.
- The proofburs for discontinuing service to Reseller are as follows:
- The Company reserves the right to suspend or terminate service for acopayment or in the event
 of probabited, undersid or improper use of the facilities or service, abuse of the facilities, or any
 other violation or acocompliance by Reseller of the rules and regulations of the Company's Tariffs.
- 2. If payment of account is not received by the bill day in the month after the original bill day, the Company may provide written actice to Reseller, that additional applications for service will be refused and that any pending orders for service will not be completed if payment is not received by the fiftheenth day following the date of the notice. If the Company does not refuse additional applications for service on the date specified in the notice, and Reseller's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall proclude the Company's right to refuse additional applications for service without further notice.

- 3. Eggsymegics account is not received, or arrangements made, by the bill day in the account connectitive month, the account will be considered in default and will be subject to denial or disconnection, or both
- 4. If Reseller falls to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, including any psyments to be made by it on the dates and times herein specified, the Company may, on thirty days written notice to the person designated by Reseller to receive notices of noncompliance, discontinuance the provision of existing services to Reseller at any time thereafter. In the case of such discontinuance, all billed charges, as well as applicable termination charges, shall become due. If the Company does not discontinue the provision of the services involved on the date specified in the thirty days notice, and Reseller's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the Company's right to discontinue the provision of the services to Reseller without further notice.
- 5. If payment is not received or arrangements made for payment by the date given in the written notification, Reseller's services will be discontinued. Upon discontinuance of service on a Reseller's account, service to Reseller's end users will be desied. The Company will also restabilish service at the request of the end user or Reseller upon payment of the appropriate connection for and subject to the Company's normal application procedures.
- If within fifteen days after an end user's service has been denied no contact has been made in reference to restoring service, the end user's service will be disconnected.

DC Liability

Interconnection Agreement executed incorporated herein by this reference. The liability and indemnification obligations of the parties shall be as set forth in Section XXII of the Interconnection Agreement executed between ACSI and BellSouth on July 25, 1996 and is hereby

X Treatment of Proprietary and Confidential Information

- A. Both parties agree that it may be necessary to provide each other during the term of this Agreement with certain confidential information, including trade secret information, including but not limited to, sechasical and business plans, suchnical information, proposals, specifications, drawings, procedures, customer account data and like information (hereinsafter collectively referred to as "Information"). Both parties agree that all information shall either be in writing or other tangible forms and clearly marked with a confidential, private or proprietary legand, or, when the Information is communicated orally, it shall also be communicated that the Information shall expected or proprietary. The Information will be returned to the owner within a reasonable time. Both parties agree that the Information shall not be copied or reproduced in any forms. Both parties agree to receive such Information and not disclosure or discommendes to anyone croupt employees of the parties with a need to know such Information and which employees agree to be bound by the terms of this Section. Both parties will use the same standard of care to protect Information received as they would use to protect their own confidential and proprietary Information.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing, both parties agree that there will be no obligation to protect any price of the Information that is either. I) made publicly available by the owner of the Information or whilly disclosed by a nonparty to this Agreement, 2) invitably obtained from any source other than the water of the Information; or 3) proviously known to the receiving party without an obligation to know it

XI. Resolution of Disputes

Everyt as other wise stated in this Agreement, the parties agree that if any dispute arises as to the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement or as to the proper implementation of this Agreement, the parties will position the applicable state Public Service Commission for a resolution of the dispute. However, each party reserves any rights it may have to seek judicial review of any ruling made by a Public Service Commission concerning this Agreement.

XII Limitation of Use

purpos STATE OF The parties agree that this Agreement shall not be proffered by either party in another jurisdiction as a of any concession or as a waiver of any position taken by the other party in that jurisdiction or for any other

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Any failure by either party to insist upon the strict performance by the other party of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement, and each party, activities anding such failure, shall have the right thereafter to insist upon the specific performance of any and all of the provisions of this Agreement.

MV. Generalsgian

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of Georgia, without regard to its conflict of laws principles.

XV. Arm's Leagth Negotiations

This Agreement was executed after arm's length negotiations between the undersigned parties and reflects lusions of the undersigned that this Agreement is in the best interests of all parties.

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Every notific, consent, approval, or other communications required or contemplated by this car shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person or given by postage propaid mail, address to:

OLEC Account Team 3535 Colonando Parkway Room E4E1 Dirmingham, Alabama 35243	BellSorth Telemanusication, Inc.
Riby M. Murphy, Esq General Comment American Communications Services, Inc. 131 National Business Parkwey, Suite 60 Amagodis Function, Maryland 20701	Looker

or at such other address as the intended recipient previously shall have designated by written notice to the

Nhere specifically required, notices shall be by certified or registered mail. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, notice by mail shall be effective on the date it is officially recorded as delivered.

To result prought or equivalent, and in the absence of such record of delivery, it shall be presumed to have been delivered the fifth day, or next business day after the fifth day, after it was deposited in the mails.

Z VII. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not limit or apply to other services, such as termanection or unbundled network elements, that Reseller purchases from the Company.

XVIII. Most Parorable Provides

Article XXII, "Most Favorable Provisions," of the Interconnection Agreement between ACSI and BellSouth dated July 25, 1996 is hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

XIX Amendment

This Agreement may be amended at any time upon written agreement of both parties

XX. Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be deemed an original and all such counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signatures transmitted by the Parties by faceimile shall have the same effect as original signatures as of the date transmitted by the executing party.

XXI Estir Agrama

This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding and supernodes prior agreements between the parties relating to the subject matter contained herein and merges all prior discussions between them, and neither party shall be bound by any definition, condition, provision, representation, warranty, covenant or promise other than as expressly stated in this Agreement or as is contemporaneously or subsequently set forth in writing and executed by a shall sutherized officer or representative of the party to be bound thareby.

Bell'South Telecommunications, Inc.

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NAME: Riley M. Murphy Printed Name

TITLE: Executive Vice President

EXHIBIT "A"

APPLICABLE DISCOUNTS

The telecommunications services available for purchase by Reseller for the purposes of resale to Reseller and users shall be available at the following discount off of the retail case.

	DISCO	INT
STATE	RESIDENCE	BUSINESS
ALABAMA	10%	10%
FLORIDA*	21.83%	16.81%
GEORGIA	20.3%	17.3%
KENTUCKY	19.2%	19.2%
LOUISIANA*	20.72%	20.72%
MISSISSIPPI	9%	8%
NORTH CAROLINA	12%	9%
SOUTH CAROLINA	10%	9%
TENNESSEE*	16%	16%

These discounts shall become effective upon final resolution of the orders of these respective commissions in arbitration and resale dockets.

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Attachment II

Arrangements Set by the Commission

950984, 950985	BellSouth - MCIMetro and MFS-FL	
Interconnection	Mutual traffic exchange	
Unbundling/Resale	\$17.00 - 2-wire voice grade analog loop (interim) \$ 2.00 - 2-wire analog port (interim)	
Temporary Number Portability	\$ 1.00 res. or bus \$.50 per additional path and \$10.00 per order nonrecurring charge	

950984, 950985	GTEFL - MFS-FL	
Interconnection	Mutual traffic exchange	
Unbundling/Resale	\$ 20.00 - 2-W voice grade analog loop \$ 25.00 - 4-W voice grade analog loop \$ 20.00 - 2-W ISDN digital loop \$ 250.00 - 4-W DS-1 digital loop, (interim) First System \$ 154.00 - Add'l System (interim) \$ 6.00 - 2-W & 4-W analog line ports \$ 20.00 - 2-W ISDN digital line port \$ 6.00 - 2-W analog DID trunk port, plus tariffed DID charges \$ 60.00 - 4-W DS-1 digital DID trunk port, plus tariffed DID charges \$ 350.00 - 4-W ISDN DS-1 digital port	
Temporary Number Portability	\$ 1.00 res. or bus \$.50 per additional path and \$10.00 per order nonrecurring charge	

950984, 950985	United/Centel - Time Warner, Continental, & MFS-FL	
Interconnection	Mutual traffic exchange	
Unbundling/Resale	\$15.00 - 2-wire voice grade analog loop (interim) \$ 7.00 - 2-wire analog port (interim)	
Temporary Number Portability	\$ 1.00 res. or bus \$.50 per additional path and \$10.00 per order nonrecurring charge	

Agreements Negotiated and Approved by the Commission

950985	MCImetro - BellSouth **	
Interconnection	\$0.011/minute - Florida Rate	
Unbundling/Resale	Not a part of agreement.	
Temporary Number Portability	\$ 1.25 res. & \$1.50 bus \$.50 per additional path and \$25.00 per order nonrecurring charge	

^{**}Agreement allows MCImetro to take interconnection or temporary number portability via a Commission ordered tariff or another agreement.

960228	GTEFL - Intermedia	
Interconnection	\$.011136/minute, w/105% cap	
Unbundling/Resale	\$23.00 - 2-wire voice grade analog loop	
Temporary Number Portability	\$1.25 res. or bus \$.50 per additional path and \$5.00 per order nonrecurring charge	

950696, 950737, 950984, 950985	* BellSouth - FCTA, Time Warner, Intermedia, Teleport, Sprint Metro, & Continental
Interconnection	\$.01052/minute, w/105% cap
Unbundling/Resale	\$21.15 - 2-wire voice grade analog loop
Temporary Number Portability	\$1.25 res., \$1.50 bus \$.50 per additional path and \$25.00 per order nonrecurring charge

* Approved under state law.

960719	BellSouth - Time Warner/Digital Media Partners	
Interconnection	\$0.01/minute; however, Mutual traffic exchange will apply: Months 1-6 Months 7-12 if out of balance <=\$40,000 Months 13-18 if out of balance <=\$30,000 Months 19-24 if out of balance <=\$20,000	
Unbundling/Resale	No Agreement. Bell offered retail rate minus avoided costs but did not identify what the avoided costs were.	
Temporary Number Portability	\$1.15 res. for 6 paths - \$.50 per additional path \$2.25 bus. for 10 paths - \$.50 per additional path No nonrecurring charge	

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960769	BellSouth - Intermedia	
Interconnection	\$0.01028/minute w/ 105% Cap -Dedicated \$0.01056/minute w/ 105% Cap -Tandem However, Mutual traffic exchange will apply: Months 1-6 Months 7-12 if out of balance < \$40,000 Months 13-18 if out of balance < \$30,000 Months 19-24 if out of balance < \$20,000	
Unbundling/Resale	Unbundling: \$ 2.00 - Residence Port \$ 4.50 - Business Port \$ 7.50 - PBX Trunk Port \$ 2.00 - Rotary Service \$ 0.0275/lst minute - Usage on Port \$ 0.0125/Add'l minutes - Usage on Port \$ 17.00 - Unbundled Exchange Access Loop \$140.00 - NRC lst Loop \$ 45.00 - NRC Add'l Loop \$ 28.50 - Unbundled Inter. Office Channel \$ 1.65 - 1-08 Miles \$ 1.60 - 9-25 Miles \$ 1.55 - Over 25 Miles Resale: 18% off Residential Retail Rates 12% off Business Retail Rates	
Temporary Number Portability	\$1.15 res. for 6 paths - \$.50 per additional path \$2.25 bus. for 10 paths - \$.50 per additional path No nonrecurring charge	

960791	United/Centel - Intermedia	
Interconnection	Option A - \$2,137 DS-1 Port Option B - \$.01979/minute, w/105% cap	
Unbundling/Resale	\$19.05 - 2-wire voice grade analog loop	
Temporary Number Portability	\$ 1.25 res. or bus \$.50 per additional path and \$25.00 per order nonrecurring charge	

960795	BellSouth - Telephone Company of Central Florida
Interconnection	Not a part of the agreement.
Unbundling/Resale	Resale: 18% off residential retail rates. 12% off business retail rates.
Temporary Number Portability	Not a part of the agreement.

960801	United/Centel - SprintMetro
Interconnection	Option A - \$2,137 DS-1 Port Option B - \$.01979/minute, w/105% cap
Unbundling/Resale	\$19.05 - 2-wire voice grade analog loop
Temporary Number Portability	\$ 1.25 res. or bus \$.50 per additional path and \$25.00 per order nonrecurring charge

960845	BellSouth - SouthEast	
Interconnection	Not a part of the agreement.	
Unbundling/Resale	Resale: 18% off residential retail rates. 12% off business retail rates.	
Temporary Number Portability	Not a part of the agreement.	

960852	BellSouth - Payphone Consultants, Inc.
Interconnection	Not a part of the agreement.
Unbundling/Resale	Resale: 18% off residential retail rates. 12% off business retail rates.
Temporary Number Portability	Not a part of the agreement.

960854	BellSouth - Hart Communications
Interconnection	\$0.01/minute w/ 105% Cap
Unbundling/Resale	Unbundling: \$2.00 - Residence Port \$4.50 - Business Port \$7.50 - PBX Trunk Port \$2.00 - Rotary Service \$0.0275/lst minute - Usage on Port \$0.0125/Add'l minutes - Usage on Port \$17.00 - Unbundled Exchange Access Loop \$140.00 - NRC lst Loop \$45.00 - NRC Add'l Loop Resale: 18% off Residential Retail Rates 12% off Business Retail Rates
Temporary Number Portability	Remote Call Forwarding: \$1.25 res. per # ported - \$.50 per additional path \$1.50 bus. per # ported - \$.50 per additional path. \$25.00 Nonrecurring charge. Direct-Inward-Dial: \$ 0.01 Per number per month recurring for both res. and bus. \$ 1.00 Per number nonrecurring charge. \$25.00 Per Order nonrecurring charge.

960862	BellSouth - Teleport
Interconnection	\$0.01028/minute w/ 105% Cap -Dedicated \$0.01056/minute w/ 105% Cap -Tandem However, Mutual traffic exchange will apply: Months 1-6 Months 7-12 if out of balance < \$40,000 Months 13-18 if out of balance < \$30,000 Months 19-24 if out of balance < \$20,000
Unbundling/Resale	Unbundling: \$2.00 - Residence Port \$4.50 - Business Port \$7.50 - PBX Trunk Port \$2.00 - Rotary Service \$0.0275/1st minute - Usage on Port \$0.0125/Add'l minutes - Usage on Port \$17.00 - Unbundled Exchange Access Loop \$140.00 - NRC 1st Loop \$45.00 - NRC Add'l Loop Resale: 18% off Residential Retail Rates 12% off Business Retail Rates
Temporary Number Portability	Remote Call Forwarding: \$1.15 res. for 6 paths - \$.50 per add'l path \$2.25 bus. for 10 paths - \$.50 per add'l path No nonrecurring charge. Direct-Inward-Dial: \$ 0.01 Per number per month recurring for both res. and bus. \$ 1.00 Per number nonrecurring charge. \$25.00 Per Order nonrecurring charge.

960863	BellSouth - TriComm
Interconnection	\$0.01028/minute w/ 105% Cap -Dedicated \$0.01056/minute w/ 105% Cap -Tandem However, Mutual traffic exchange will apply: Months 1-6 Months 7-12 if out of balance < \$40,000 Months 13-18 if out of balance < \$30,000 Months 19-24 if out of balance < \$20,000
Unbundling/Resale	Unbundling: \$2.00 - Residence Port \$4.50 - Business Port \$7.50 - PBX Trunk Port \$2.00 - Rotary Service \$0.0275/lst minute - Usage on Port \$0.0125/Add'l minutes - Usage on Port \$21.15 - Unbundled Exchange Access Loop \$140.00 - NRC 1st Loop \$45.00 - NRC Add'l Loop Resale: 18% off Residential Retail Rates 12% off Business Retail Rates
Temporary Number Portability	Remote Call Forwarding: \$1.25 res. per # ported - \$.50 per additional path \$1.50 bus. per # ported - \$.50 per additional path. \$25.00 Nonrecurring charge. Direct-Inward-Dial: \$ 0.01 Per number per month recurring for both res. and bus. \$ 1.00 Per number nonrecurring charge. \$25.00 Per Order nonrecurring charge.

960864	BellSouth - American MetroComm
Interconnection	\$0.01028/minute w/ 105% Cap -Dedicated \$0.01056/minute w/ 105% Cap -Tandem However, Mutual traffic exchange will apply: Months 1-6 Months 7-12 if out of balance < \$40,000 Months 13-18 if out of balance < \$30,000 Months 19-24 if out of balance < \$20,000
Unbundling/Resale	Unbundling: \$2.00 - Residence Port \$4.50 - Business Port \$7.50 - PBX Trunk Port \$2.00 - Rotary Service \$0.0275/1st minute - Usage on Port \$0.0125/Add'l minutes - Usage on Port \$17.00 - Unbundled Exchange Access Loop \$140.00 - NRC 1st Loop \$45.00 - NRC Add'l Loop Resale: 18% off Residential Retail Rates 12% off Business Retail Rates
Temporary Number Portability	Remote Call Forwarding: \$1.15 res. for 6 paths - \$.50 per additional path \$2.25 bus. for 10 paths - \$.50 per additional path. No nonrecurring charge. Direct-Inward-Dial: \$ 0.01 Per number per month recurring for both res. and bus. \$ 1.00 Per number nonrecurring charge. \$25.00 Per Order nonrecurring charge.

960967	BellSouth - Intetech	
Interconnection	Not a part of the agreement.	
Unbundling/Resale	Resale: 18% off residential retail rates. 12% off business retail rates.	
Temporary Number Portability	Not a part of the agreement.	

960968	BellSouth - National Tel
Interconnection	\$0.010/minute w/ 105% Cap However, Mutual traffic exchange will apply: Months 1-6 Months 7-12 if out of balance < \$40,000 Months 13-18 if out of balance < \$30,000 Months 19-24 if out of balance < \$20,000
Unbundling/Resale	Unbundling: \$ 17.00 - Unbundled 2-Wire Local Loop \$555.00/mo/unbundled loop channelization \$490.00/non-recurring charge Resale: 18% off Residential Retail Rates 12% off Business Retail Rates
Temporary Number Portability	\$1.15 res. for 6 paths - \$.50 per additional path \$2.25 bus. for 10 paths - \$.50 per additional path No nonrecurring charge

960969	BellSouth - ACSI
Interconnection	Mutual traffic exchange will apply unless difference in minutes of use exceed 2 million.
Unbundling/Resale	Unbundling: \$ 2.00 - Residence Port \$ 4.50 - Business Port \$ 7.50 - PBX Trunk Port \$ 2.00 - Rotary Service \$ 0.0275/1st minute - Usage on Port \$ 0.0125/Add'l minutes - Usage on Port \$ 17.00 - 2-Wire Analog \$ 27.20 - 4-Wire Analog \$ 17.00 - 2-Wire ADSL/HDSL \$ 27.20 - 4-Wire HDSL \$ 27.20 - 2-Wire ISDN Digital \$400.00/mo/unbundled loop channelization \$525.00 non-recurring charge
Temporary Number Portability	\$1.15 res. for 6 paths - \$.50 per additional path \$2.25 bus. for 10 paths - \$.50 per additional path No nonrecurring charge

961053	BellSouth - MFS
Interconnection	\$0.009/minute
Unbundling/Resale	Unbundling: BST and MFS do not agree on the rates for unbundled loops, therefore this issue will be subject to further negotiations, FCC and/or Commission Proceedings/Orders and/or Arbitration.
Temporary Number Portability	\$1.15 res. for 6 paths - \$.50 per additional path \$2.25 bus. for 10 paths - \$.50 per additional path No nonrecurring charge

961090	GTEFL - MFS
Interconnection	\$0.009/minute w/ 105% Cap -Dedicated \$0.00075/minute w/ 105% Cap -Tandem However, Mutual traffic exchange will apply:
Unbundling/Resale	Unbundling: GTEFL and MFS do not agree on the rates for unbundled loops, therefore this issue will be subject to further negotiations, FCC and/or Commission Proceedings/Orders and/or Arbitration.
Temporary Number Portability	Remote Call Forwarding: \$1.15 res. for 6 paths - \$.50 per additional path \$2.25 bus. for 10 paths - \$.50 per additional path. No nonrecurring charge.

961272	GTEFL - MCIMETRO
Interconnection	\$0.00075/minute - Tandem However, Mutual traffic exchange will apply:
Unbundling/Resale	Not Applicable.
Temporary Number Portability	Remote Call Forwarding: \$1.00 - \$.50 per additional path \$10.00 nonrecurring charge.

961333	MFS - SPRINT
Interconnection	\$0.004/minute - End Office \$0.0015/minute - Tandem However, Mutual traffic exchange will apply:
Unbundling/Resale	MFS and Sprint do not agree on the rate for unbundled loops, therefore this issue will be subject to further negotiations, FCC and/or Commission Proceedings/Orders and/or Arbitration.
Temporary Number Portability	Terms to be negotiated subject to cost-based and competitively-neutral cost-recovery.

961402	BellSouth - CBS	
Interconnection	Not a part of the agreement.	
Unbundling/Resale	Resale: 18% off residential retail rates. 12% off business retail rates.	
Temporary Number Portability	Not a part of the agreement.	

961403	BellSouth - Annox	
Interconnection	Not a part of the agreement.	
Unbundling/Resale	Resale: 18% off residential retail rates. 12% off business retail rates.	
Temporary Number Portability	Not a part of the agreement.	

961414	BellSouth - Tie	
Interconnection	Not a part of the agreement.	
Unbundling/Resale	Resale: 18% off residential retail rates. 12% off business retail rates.	
Temporary Number Portability	Not a part of the agreement.	

961540	GTEFL - WINSTAR
Interconnection	\$0.00075/minute - Tandem
.Unbundling/Resale	If and to the extent that GTE makes available to another ALEC or LEC telecommunications services for resale, GTE simultaneously will provide WinStar with access to those same telecommunications services for resale pursuant to identical rates, terms and/or conditions.
Temporary Number Portability	Winstar and GTE shall provide INP arrangements to one another either at the rates ordered by the FPSC in Docket No. 950737-TP or at WinStar's option, other mutually agreed upon rates.

970039	BellSouth - NOW	
Interconnection	Not a part of the agreement.	
Unbundling/Resale	Resale: 18% off residential retail rates. 12% off business retail rates.	
Temporary Number Portability	Not a part of the agreement.	

970041	BellSouth - Interlink	
Interconnection	Not a part of the agreement.	
Unbundling/Resale	Resale: 18% off residential retail rates. 12% off business retail rates.	
Temporary Number Portability	Not a part of the agreement.	

970042	BellSouth - USLD	
Interconnection	Not a part of the agreement.	
Unbundling/Resale	Resale: 18% off residential retail rates. 12% off business retail rates.	
Temporary Number Portability	Not a part of the agreement.	

970043	BellSouth - ACSI
Interconnection	Not a part of the agreement.
Unbundling/Resale	Resale: 21.83% off residential retail rates. 16.81% off business retail rates.
Temporary Number Portability	Not a part of the agreement.

970072	GTEFL - TCCF
Interconnection	Not a part of the agreement.
Unbundling/Resale	Resale: The parties filed a 90 page listing of services and prices available for resale in the agreement.
Temporary Number Portability	Not a part of the agreement.

970073	GTEFL - ICI
Interconnection	Not a part of the agreement.
Unbundling/Resale	Resale: The parties filed a 90 page listing of services and prices available for resale in the agreement.
Temporary Number Portability	Not a part of the agreement.

970074	GTEFL - FCS
Interconnection	Not a part of the agreement.
Unbundling/Resale	Resale: The parties filed a 90 page listing of services and prices available for resale in the agreement.
Temporary Number Portability	Not a part of the agreement.