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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Eddie Roberson
Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
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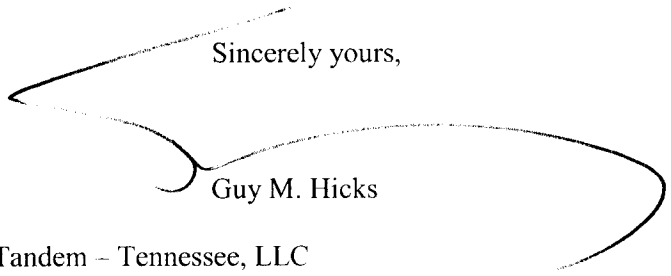
Re: *Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Neutral Tandem – Tennessee, LLC Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.*
Docket No. 08-00027

Dear Chairman Roberson:

Enclosed is the original plus six paper copies and one electronic copy of the executed Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Neutral Tandem – Tennessee, LLC dated effective February 14, 2008. The parties request approval of the Interconnection Agreement by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Guy M. Hicks

cc: Ron Gavillet, Neutral Tandem – Tennessee, LLC

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Neutral Tandem – Tennessee, LLC Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. _____

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED
BETWEEN BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND NEUTRAL TANDEM – TENNESSEE, LLC
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

COME NOW, Neutral Tandem – Tennessee, LLC ("Neutral Tandem") 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, Neutral Tandem and BellSouth state the following:

1. Neutral Tandem 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 Neutral Tandem. 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, Neutral Tandem 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 Neutral Tandem 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. Neutral Tandem and BellSouth aver that the Agreement is consistent with the standards for approval.

5. Pursuant to 47 USC Section 252(i) and 47 C.F.R. Section 51.809, BellSouth shall make available the entire Interconnection Agreement approved pursuant to 47 USC Section 252.

Neutral Tandem and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Agreement negotiated between the parties.

This 12th day of Feb, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

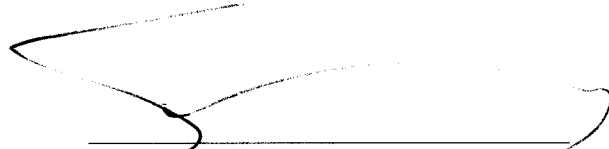
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 12 day of FEB, 2008.

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