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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Brandon M. Frey
Executive Secretary
Louisiana Public Service Commission
The Galvez Building, 11th Floor
602 North 5th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

RE: Approval of an Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Louisiana ("AT&T Louisiana") and EarthLink Business, LLC ("CLEC") pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Mr. Frey:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, AT&T Louisiana and CLEC have electronically submitted to the Louisiana Public Service Commission the attached negotiated Agreement for the interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by AT&T Louisiana and the resale of AT&T Louisiana's telecommunications services to CLEC. The Agreement was negotiated pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Act.

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Agreement between AT&T Louisiana and CLEC within 90 days of its submission. 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 or necessity. Both parties represent that none of these reasons exist as to the Agreement they have negotiated and that the Commission should approve their Agreement.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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