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IN THE MATTER OF:

JOHN A. GARNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DOCKET U-4984

Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Alabama or AT&T Southeast and Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc. pursuant to §252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

ORDER ON JOINT MOTION

BY THE COMMISSION:

By filing received August 5, 2019, Joint Petitioners BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Alabama or AT&T Southeast and Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc. filed for approval of an Interconnection Agreement Pursuant to §252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Both parties represent that to the best of their knowledge this agreement does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carriers and that this agreement is consistent with the public interest. Since this agreement has been reached through negotiation and no other parties would be adversely affected, the parties assert that this agreement can be approved without the need for a hearing.

Pursuant to §252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, this Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Alabama or AT&T Southeast and Wholesale Carrier 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 thereof discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or the implementation of such agreement or portion thereof is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Having reviewed the negotiated interconnection agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. We further find that the agreement does not discriminate in any manner against any telecommunications carriers who are not parties to the agreement. Accordingly, it appears that the Commission can approve the agreement without the necessity of a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That the Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Alabama or AT&T Southeast and Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc. is hereby approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this Order shall be effective as of the date hereof.

DATED at Montgomery, Alabama, this 10th day of September, 2019.

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Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary