

**ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 8, 2006
TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS

DOCKET 28642 – CENTURYTEL OF ALABAMA, LLC AND GRACEBA TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. – For Approval of an Infrastructure Sharing Agreement between CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC and Graceba Total Communications, Inc. **Approved**

DOCKET U-4786 – SOUTHERN COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC. D/B/A SOUTHERN LINC AND WINDSTREAM ALABAMA, INC. – Approval of the Interconnection Agreement negotiated by Windstream Alabama, Inc. and Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SouthernLinc Wireless pursuant to Section 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. **Approved**

DOCKET U-4789 – BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND NEW HOPE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE LONG DISTANCE, INC. – Approval of the Interconnection Agreement negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and New Hope Telephone Cooperative Long Distance, Inc. pursuant to Section 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. **Approved**

SUMMARY OF OTHER FILINGS

D-5802 – UNION SPRINGS TELEPHONE COMPANY – Increase the Credit for Federal Subscriber Line Charge from \$3.50 to \$8.25. This filing complies with the Commission's order regarding the Lifeline Assistance Program issued by Docket 25980. Filed September 26, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 29, 2006. **Approved**

D-5870 – PINE BELT TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Makes minor textual changes to Lifeline and Link-up proof of eligibility. Filed September 20, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 27, 2006. **Approved**

D-5873 – GRACEBA TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Makes minor textual changes to Lifeline and Link-up proof of eligibility.

Filed September 20, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 27, 2006. **Approved**

D-5874 – RAGLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY – This filing amends Ragland’s Low-Income Assistance Programs tariff to extend eligibility for Lifeline/Link-up services beyond participation only in Medicaid to include several other Federal Assistance Programs. These programs include: Food Stamps, Supplemental Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Filed September 20, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 27, 2006. **Approved**

D-5875 – CASTLEBERRY TELEPHONE COMPANY - This filing amends Ragland’s Low-Income Assistance Programs tariff to extend eligibility for Lifeline/Link-up services beyond participation only in Medicaid to include several other Federal Assistance Programs. These programs include: Food Stamps, Supplemental Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). This filing also adjusts the Federal Subscriber Line Charge Credit rate as authorized by the FCC. Filed September 20, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 27, 2006. **Approved**

D-5877 – ARDMORE TELEPHONE COMPANY - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Makes minor textual changes to Lifeline and Link-up proof of eligibility. Filed September 22, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 29, 2006. **Approved**

D-5878 – BLOUNTSVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY (OTELCO) - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Makes minor textual changes to Lifeline and Link-up proof of eligibility. Filed September 22, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 29, 2006. **Approved**

D-5879 – MON-CRE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for

Needy Families. Makes minor textual changes to Lifeline and Link-up proof of eligibility. Filed September 22, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 29, 2006. **Approved**

D-5880 – MILLRY TELEPHONE COMPANY - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Makes minor textual changes to Lifeline and Link-up proof of eligibility. Filed September 20, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 27, 2006.

Approved

D- 5881 – FARMERS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC. - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Makes minor textual changes to Lifeline and Link-up proof of eligibility. Filed September 22, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 29, 2006. **Approved**

D-5882 – NEW HOPE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Makes minor textual changes to Lifeline and Link-up proof of eligibility. Filed September 22, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 29, 2006. **Approved**

D-HAYNEVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Makes minor textual changes to Lifeline and Link-up proof of eligibility. Filed September 22, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 29, 2006.

Approved

D-5887 – GULF TELEPHONE COMPANY - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Makes minor textual changes to Lifeline and Link-up proof of eligibility. Filed

September 22, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 29, 2006.
Approved

D-5889 – CENTURYTEL OF SOUTHERN ALABAMA - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Adds actual Lifeline Federal and State monthly credit amounts. Filed September 22, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 29, 2006.
Approved

D-5890 – HOPPER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, INC. D/B/A HOPPER TELECOMMUNICATIONS CO., INC. - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Introduces language under the Lifeline/Link-up Assistance Program concerning eligibility, verification procedures, unpaid toll charges, and maximum Lifeline/Link-up credit amounts. Filed September 22, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 29, 2006. **Approved**

D-5891 – CENTURYTEL OF NORTHERN ALABAMA - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Adds actual Lifeline Federal and State monthly credit amounts. Filed September 22, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 29, 2006.
Approved

D-5892 – BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN TELEPHONE CO. - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Introduces language under the Lifeline/Link-up Assistance Program concerning eligibility, verification procedures, unpaid toll charges, and maximum Lifeline/Link-up credit amounts. Filed September 22, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 29, 2006. **Approved**

D-5893 – OTELCO TELEPHONE LLC - Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section

8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Introduces language under the Lifeline/Link-up Assistance Program concerning eligibility, verification procedures, unpaid toll charges, and maximum Lifeline/Link-up credit amounts. Filed September 22, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 29, 2006. **Approved**

WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS, INC. – Introduces two new residential direct dialed long distance plans and a new residential toll-free service plan. Adds management Reporting Packages for business customers. These reporting packages consist of optional features grouped together in various package options. Customers have a choice of five package options that are available for a monthly recurring fee. Filed September 22, 2006, with a requested effective date of September 29, 2006. **Approved**

D-5905 – FARMERS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC. – Increases Return check Charge to \$25. Filed October 5, 2006, with a requested effective date of November 17, 2006. **Approved**

D-5920 – CENTURYTEL OF NORTHERN ALABAMA – Changes the name of Vacation and Seasonal Service to Vacation Number Reservation. Vacation Number Reservation provides for temporary suspension of service at a customer's request for a specified number of months. Filed October 10, 2006, with a requested effective date of November 9, 2006. **Approved**

D-5921- CENTURYTEL OF SOUTHERN ALABAMA – Changes the name of Vacation and Seasonal Service to Vacation Number Reservation. Vacation Number Reservation provides for temporary suspension of service at a customer's request for a specified number of months. Filed October 10, 2006, with a requested effective date of November 9, 2006. **Approved**

D-5922 – CENTURYTEL LONG DISTANCE, LLC D/B/A CENTURYTEL LONG DISTANCE, INC. – Adds additional customer restrictions, and make minor textual changes to the Simple Choice Unlimited II Long Distance Plan. Filed October 5, 2006, with a requested effective date of October 10, 2006. **Approved**

D-5924 – CTC D/B/A FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICA, INC. – Introduces Frontier Digital Phone Service. Frontier Digital Phone Service provides unlimited minutes of direct dialed 1+ intrastate calling for residential voice service only. Pre-subscription of the primary line to Frontier Communications of America, Inc. is required in order to subscribe, and unlimited intrastate usage is available only on the main billing number on the account. Filed October 19, 2006, with a requested effective date of October 26, 2006. **Approved**

D-5929 – CENTURYTEL LONG DISTANCE, LLC D/B/A CENTURYTEL LONG DISTANCE, INC. – Introduces Operator Assisted and Person-to-Person per call surcharges to the Standard Calling Card plan. Filed October 20, 2006, with a requested effective date of October 24, 2006. **Approved**

D-5930 – WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS, INC. – Renames Business Connect Bundle to CPE Business Connect Bundle. Grandfathers Bundled Service Value Plan and Switched Rates-Plan B. Introduces Windstream Flex 100. Flex 100 provides business customers with blocks of 100 minutes of combined intrastate and interstate direct outbound calling for a flat monthly rate. Filed October 20, 2006, with a requested effective date of October 27, 2006. **Approved**

LEGAL DIVISION

DOCKET 25980(G) – Universal Service Proceedings. Following informal discussions between the Commission’s Telecommunications Division Staff and representatives from BellSouth and CenturyTel regarding the reporting requirements imposed by the Commission’s Order in this cause entered on September 27, 2006, the Telecommunications Division Staff is recommending revisions to the reporting requirements previously imposed.

Recommend: Modification of the Commission’s September 27, 2006, Order in this cause on the Commission’s own motion to reflect the revised reporting requirements recommended by the staff in the Telecommunications Division and informally agreed to by BellSouth and CenturyTel.