

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

**ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY** )  
**(SBC Illinois)** )  
**and XO ILLINOIS, INC.** ) **04-**  
)  
**Joint Petition Regarding Amendment to** )  
**Interconnection Agreement** )  
**pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252** )

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION  
REGARDING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

I, Patricia Fleck, am Director – Regulatory for Illinois Bell Telephone Company (“SBC Illinois”), and submit this Statement in Support of the Joint Petition Regarding the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between XO Illinois, Inc. (“XO”) and SBC Illinois (the “Amendment”).

The requirements of the Amendment were determined through an arbitration petition in Docket No. 04-0371. SBC Illinois and XO are required to submit the conforming amendment language to the Commission for review pursuant to the September 9, 2004, Arbitration Decision in Docket No. 04-0371.

The Amendment expires in August 2005 (the expiration date of the underlying ICA) and establishes the terms for XO’s access to unbundled network elements. Under the Amendment, customers in SBC Illinois’ service territory will be able to choose XO instead of SBC Illinois for their telecommunications services.

The Amendment is not discriminatory. SBC Illinois agrees to make available to other carriers the entire ICA (of which the Amendment is a part), subject to applicable

law. Other carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act.