

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)
(SBC Illinois) and)
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU, INC.,)
D/B/A THE FARM BUREAU CONNECTION SM) **05 - _____**
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Joint Petition Regarding Approval of 3rd)
Amendment to Interconnection Agreement dated)
December 15, 2005 pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252)

**JOINT PETITION REGARDING APPROVAL OF 3RD AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SBC ILLINOIS and AMERICAN FARM
BUREAU, INC. D/B/A THE FARM BUREAU CONNECTION SM**

Illinois Bell Telephone Company (“SBC Illinois”) and American Farm Bureau, Inc. d/b/a The Farm Bureau Connection sm(“AFB”) hereby request that the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”) review, for approval or rejection, the attached 3rd Amendment (“Amendment”) to the Interconnection Agreement between SBC Illinois and American Farm Bureau, Inc., dated December 15, 2005, pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e) (the “Act”). Some provisions of the Amendment were negotiated between the parties, while the remaining provisions were determined through the TRO/TRRO arbitration petition in Docket No. 05-0442. In support of their request, the parties state as follows:

1. Portions of the Amendment were arrived at through good faith negotiations between the parties, as contemplated by Section 252(a) of the Act. The remaining portions were arrived at through an arbitration in Docket No. 05-0442, and SBC Illinois and AFB are required to submit the conforming Amendment to the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 252(e)(1) of the Act and the November 2, 2005, Arbitration Decision in that docket. Pursuant to the Commission’s order in Docket No. 05-0442, some of the language in the Amendment reflects positions taken by SBC Illinois and opposed by AFB, and other language reflects positions taken by AFB and opposed by SBC Illinois. Each party expressly reserves all of its rights to appeal or otherwise contest the arbitrated language of the Amendment in appropriate proceedings.

2. SBC Illinois and AFB believe that the arbitrated terms of the Amendment comply with the Commission’s rulings in the Arbitration Decision.

3. As set forth in the attached Verification of Eddie A. Reed, Jr., SBC Illinois agrees to make the Amendment available to other carriers, subject to applicable law. Other carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. For this reason, the Amendment is not discriminatory.

4. In addition, Eddie A. Reed, Jr.'s Verification demonstrates that implementation of the negotiated portions of the Amendment is consistent with the public interest because those provisions will promote competition and enhance AFB's ability to provide Illinois telecommunications users with a competitive alternative for telecommunications services.

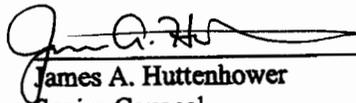
5. In accordance with Section 252(e)(4) of the Act, the Amendment will be deemed approved if the Commission does not act to approve or reject it within 30 days from the date of this submission.

6. Copies of the Amendment are available for public inspection in SBC Illinois and AFB's public offices.

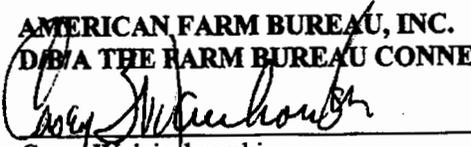
WHEREFORE, SBC Illinois and American Farm Bureau, Inc. respectfully request that the Commission conduct, as expeditiously as possible, whatever review is necessary to approve or reject the attached Amendment.

Respectfully submitted this 21 day of December, 2005.

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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION REGARDING APPROVAL OF 3RD
AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

I, Eddie A. Reed, am Director-Contract Management for Illinois Bell Telephone Company (“SBC Illinois”), and submit this Statement in Support of the Joint Petition Regarding Approval of the 3rd Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between American Farm Bureau, Inc. d/b/a The Farm Bureau Connection sm(“AFB”) and SBC Illinois (“Amendment”).

Portions of the Amendment were negotiated between the parties, while the remainder was determined through the arbitration petition in Docket No. 05-0442. SBC Illinois and AFB are required to submit the conforming Amendment to the Commission for review pursuant to the November 2, 2005 Arbitration Decision in Docket No. 05-0442.

The Amendment updates the parties’ underlying agreement to incorporate the revised unbundling obligations set forth in two FCC orders: the Triennial Review Order ("TRO") and the Triennial Review Remand Order ("TRRO"). Among other things, these orders eliminate under section 251 of the 1996 Act unbundled local switching (and UNE-P) on a nation-wide basis and limit the availability of unbundled high capacity loops and dedicated transport

The Amendment does not modify the Effective Date or term of the underlying Agreement, but rather is coterminous with that Agreement. Except as modified by the Amendment, all other terms and conditions of the underlying Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

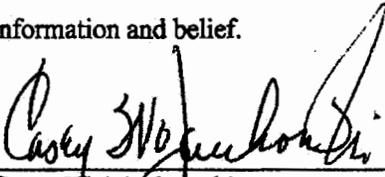
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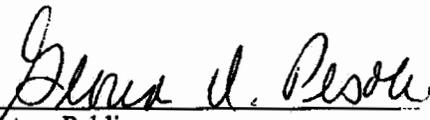
VERIFICATION

Casey Wojciechowski, being duly sworn, states on oath that he/she is General Manager for American Farm Bureau, Inc. d/b/a The Farm Bureau Connection sm, and that the facts stated in the foregoing Statement in Support of the Joint Petition Regarding Approval of the 3rd Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Illinois Bell Telephone Company and American Farm Bureau, Inc. are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief.

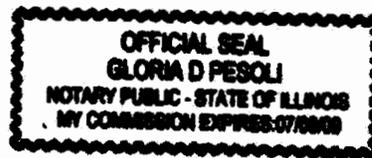


Casey Wojciechowski

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of December, 2005.



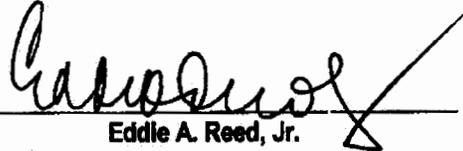
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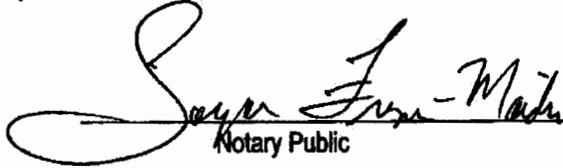
STATE OF TEXAS)
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COUNTY OF DALLAS)

VERIFICATION

Eddie A. Reed, Jr., being duly sworn, states on oath that he is Director-Contract Management for Illinois Bell Telephone Company, and that the facts stated in the foregoing Statement in Support of the Joint Petition Regarding Approval of the 3rd Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Illinois Bell Telephone Company and American Farm Bureau, Inc. are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.


Eddie A. Reed, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of December, 2005.


Notary Public

