

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

**ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY** )  
**(AT&T Illinois) and** )  
**FORTE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.** )  
 ) 06 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 )  
**Joint Petition Regarding Approval of 3<sup>rd</sup>** )  
**Amendment to Interconnection Agreement dated** )  
**March 10, 2006, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252** )

**JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF 3<sup>rd</sup> AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN AT&T ILLINOIS and FORTE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

Illinois Bell Telephone Company (“AT&T Illinois”) and Forte Communications, Inc. (“Forte”) hereby request that the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”) approve the attached 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment (“Amendment”) to the Interconnection Agreement between AT&T Illinois and Forte Communications, Inc., dated March 10<sup>th</sup> 2006, 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 by the Commission’s Order, dated February 23, 2004, in Docket 05-0171. 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 the proceeding in Docket No. 05-0171, and AT&T Illinois and Forte are required to submit the conforming Amendment to the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 252(e)(1) of the Act and the February 23, 2006 Order in that docket. Pursuant to the Commission’s Order in Docket No. 05-0171, some of the language in the Amendment reflects positions taken by AT&T Illinois and opposed by Forte, and some of the rates included in the attachment to the Amendment reflect positions taken by Forte and opposed by AT&T Illinois.
2. AT&T Illinois and Forte believe that the terms of the Amendment comply with the Commission’s rulings in the Order in Docket 05-0171.
3. As set forth in the attached Verification of Eddie A. Reed, AT&T 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.

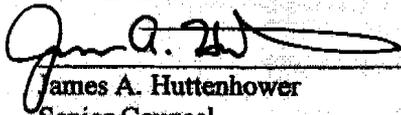
4. In addition, Eddie A. Reed's Verification demonstrates that implementation of the negotiated portions of the Amendment is consistent with the public interest because those provisions will promote competition and enhance Forte's ability to provide Illinois telecommunications users with a competitive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

5. Copies of the Amendment are available for public inspection in AT&T Illinois and Forte's public offices.

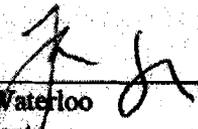
WHEREFORE, AT&T Illinois and Forte Communications, Inc. respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached Amendment as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

**ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE  
COMPANY**

  
James A. Huttenhower  
Senior Counsel  
225 W. Randolph Street Suite 25D  
Chicago, IL 60606  
(312) 727-1444

**FORTE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

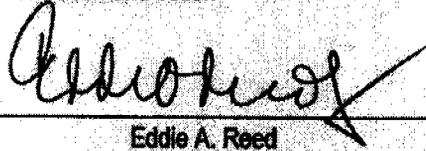
  
Tom Waterloo  
President  
1028 Hill Terrace  
Evanston, IL 60202  
(847) 733-8907



STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF DALLAS )

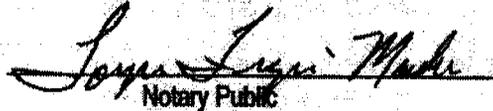
VERIFICATION

Eddie A. Reed, being duly sworn, states on oath that he is District Manager-Contract Management for Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma and/or AT&T Texas/Illinois Bell Telephone Company, and that the facts stated in the foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated Amendment and Statement in Support of Joint Petition for Approval are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Eddie A. Reed

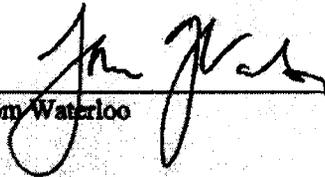
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

  
Notary Public

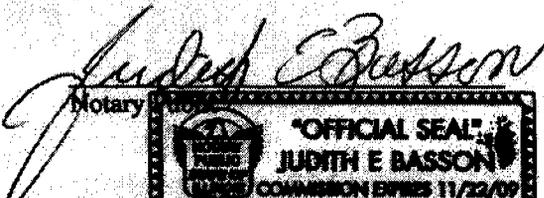
STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
                                  )  
COUNTY OF COOK       )

**VERIFICATION**

Tom Waterloo, being duly sworn, states on oath that he/she is President for Forte Communications, Inc. , 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 Forte Communications, Inc. are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Waterloo

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of March , 2006.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
