



2. The Agreement was arrived at through good faith negotiations between the parties as contemplated by Section 252(a) of the Act and provides for the interconnection of their networks for the transmission and termination of local traffic on each other's networks.

3. Section 252(e)(2) of the Act provides the basis for rejection of a negotiated Agreement: (1) the Agreement discriminates against another carrier or (2) implementation of a negotiated Agreement would not be consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Neither basis for rejection is present here.

4. As set forth in the attached Verified Statement of Steve Murray, Gallatin will make the Agreement available to any other telecommunications carrier operating within its territory. Other carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. For this reason, the Agreement is not discriminatory.

5. In addition, the Verified Statement of Steve Murray demonstrates that implementation of the Agreement is consistent with the public interest because it will promote competition and enhance the ability of NTS to provide Illinois telecommunications users with a competitive alternative for telecommunications services.

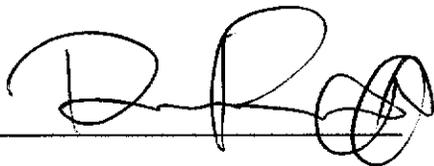
6. In accordance with Section 252(e)(4) of the Act, the Agreement will be deemed approved if the Commission does not act to approve or reject the Agreement within 90 days from the date of this submission.

7. Copies of the Agreement are available for public inspection in Gallatin's public offices.

WHEREFORE, Gallatin and NTS respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached interconnection Agreement, between Gallatin and NTS under Section 252(e) of the Act as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

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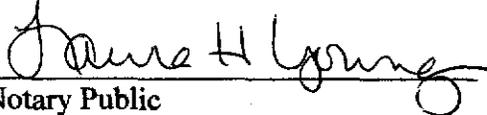
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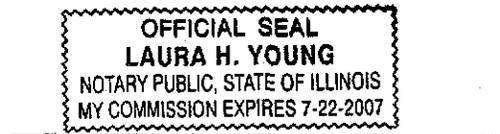
David O. Rudd, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is an attorney for Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. and that he is authorized by Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Gallatin and NTS and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

  
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David O. Rudd, Esq.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of Illinois this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

  
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Notary Public

My commission expires: 07-22-2007



STATE OF IL )  
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COUNTY OF ) ss.

Tazewell, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is President for NTS Services Corp. and that he is authorized by NTS to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement, between Gallatin and NTS and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

[Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of IL this 21 day of August, 2006.



Kim J. Montgomery  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 4/9/10

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS L.L.C.  
AND NTS SERVICES CORP.

Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated  
Interconnection Agreement  
Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252

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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL**

I, Steve Murray, in my capacity as Director of Regulatory Affairs for Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. ("Gallatin") hereby, submit this Statement in Support of the Joint Petition for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Gallatin and NTS Services Corp.. ("NTS").

The attached Interconnection Agreement ("the Agreement"), including provisions for collocation and related telecommunications services under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (sometimes referred to as "the Act"), between Gallatin and NTS was reached through voluntary negotiations between the parties. Accordingly, Gallatin and NTS request approval pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Act.

In accordance with Sections 251 and 252 of the Act, the parties engaged in good faith negotiations and an agreement was reached in August 1 of 2006. The Agreement becomes effective the next business day following the day the Illinois Commerce Commission approves the Agreement.

The Agreement contains provisions for default and prohibits discontinuance of service without the required notice. It also includes dispute resolution provisions. It allows NTS to interconnect at any one or more technically feasible points.

Also, the Agreement contains alternative dispute resolution provisions, which require negotiation and arbitration. The parties are required to continue providing services to each other during the pendency of any dispute resolution proceeding. The Agreement is binding on successors and permitted assigns of the parties.

Gallatin will make the Agreement available (pursuant to 252 (I) of the Act) to any other telecommunications carrier operating within its territory. Other carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. For this reason, the Agreement is not discriminatory.

Implementation of this Agreement is consistent with the public interest because it will promote competition and enhance the ability of NTS to provide Illinois telecommunications users with a competitive alternative for telecommunications services.

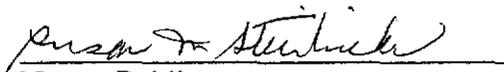
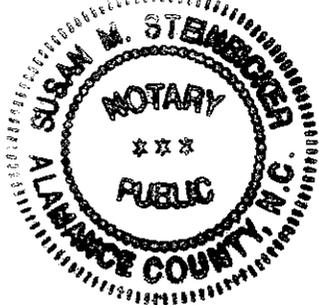
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Steve Murray, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is Director of regulatory Affairs for Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. and is duly is authorized by Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Statement in Support of Joint Petition for Approval and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.



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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of NORTH CAROLINA this  
21<sup>st</sup> day of AUGUST, 2006.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 11-24-2009