

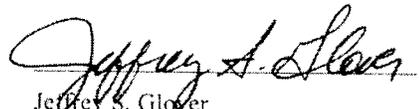
WHEREFORE, AT&T Illinois and Madison River Communications LLC respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached 1st Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of MAY, 2008.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
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ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)
(AT&T Illinois))
and MADISON RIVER COMMUNICA-)
TIONS, LLC D/B/A GALLATIN RIVER)
INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS)
SOLUTIONS)
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Joint Petition for Approval of 1st)
Amendment to the Interconnection)
Agreement dated April 14, 2008)
pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252)

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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL

I, Eddie A. Reed, Jr., am Director-Interconnection Agreements AT&T Wholesale Customer Care for AT&T Operations, Inc., and submit this Statement in Support of the Joint Petition for Approval of the 1st Amendment to the Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Madison River Communications, LLC d/b/a Gallatin River Integrated Communications Solutions and AT&T Illinois.

The attached 1st Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (the “Agreement”) between Illinois Bell Telephone Company (“AT&T Illinois”) and Madison River Communications, LLC d/b/a Gallatin River Integrated Communications Solutions was reached through voluntary negotiations between the parties. Accordingly, AT&T Illinois and Madison River Communications, LLC d/b/a Gallatin River Integrated Communications Solutions request approval pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1), 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (sometimes referred to as the “Act”).

The Amendment meets all the requirements of the Act and the Commission should approve it.

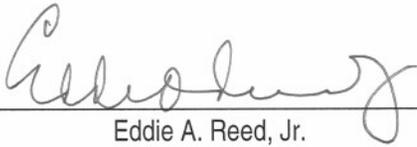
The Agreement is amended as follows:

- This Amendment replaces the existing performance measures and remedies provisions of the underlying Agreement with the attached new AT&T Midwest Performance Remedy Plan Appendix.
- This amendment shall not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the underlying Agreement, but rather, shall be coterminous with the underlying Agreement.
- Except as modified herein, all other terms and conditions of the underlying agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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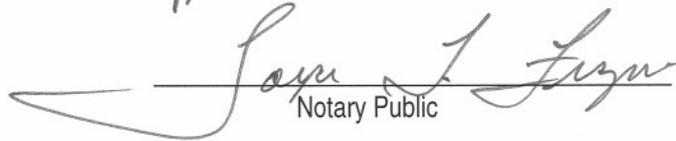
VERIFICATION

Eddie A. Reed, Jr., being duly sworn, states on oath that he is Director-Interconnection Agreements AT&T Wholesale Customer Care for AT&T Operations, Inc., and that the facts stated in the foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of 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, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 2008.



Notary Public

