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Ms. Daisy Crockron - Chief Docketing Division - 10th Floor Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

Re: GTE North Incorporated/Blue Star Communications, Inc., Interconnection Agreement, Case No. 00-20-TP-NAG

Dear Ms. Crockron:

GTE North Incorporated and Blue Star Communications, Inc. filed an Interconnection, Resale and Unbundling Agreement (see above reference case) with the Public Utilities Commission on January 7, 2000 and is pending approval by the Commission.

The Parties now wish to amend the Agreement via a signed letter between both parties as discussed with the Staff to included the following:

- 1. Local Number Portability.
- 2. Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS)--Each party will abide by the MTSS as set forth in "Chapter 4901:1-1-5-24 and Chapter 4901:1-1-5-18 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- 3. Dispute Resolution

If you have any questions please contact me.

Very truly yours

William H. Keating

Enclosure

c: David K. Ream

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February 14, 2000

VIA AIRBORNE

Mr. Norton Cutler BlueStar Communications, Inc. 401 Church Street, 24th Floor Nashville, TN 37219

RE: OHIO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION REQUIRED MODIFICATIONS

Dear Mr. Cutler:

On January 7, 2000, the executed 252(i) Adoption Letter of GTE and BlueStar was filed with the Ohio Public Utilities Commission ("OPUC"). The Adoption Letters provided notice of BlueStar's election to adopt the GTE/AT&T Agreement pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act. As you may be aware, the OPUC has recently directed GTE and BlueStar to file specific language recently ordered by the OPUC for inclusion in all future interconnection agreements.

In an effort to avoid any further delay in the implementation of BlueStar's adoption under Section 252(i) of the Act the Interconnection Agreement between AT&T and GTE that was approved by the Commission (Terms), GTE herein states the following supplemental terms that will be applicable upon filing and approval by the OPUC. Please note that GTE is proposing these supplemental terms solely for the reasons expressed herein. Thus, GTE reserves the right to challenge the necessity and appropriateness of such terms in the future.

Please review the following list of supplemental terms and indicate your acceptance by signing below and returning this via fax to 919/317-7204:

- Local Number Portability (LNP). The Parties agree that they shall develop and deploy number
 portability in accordance with the Act, such binding FCC and state mandates, and industry
 standards, as may be applicable. Upon implementation of LNP, the Parties agree to transition all
 INP customers and their services to LNP methods within a mutually agreed upon time frame and
 to discontinue further use of interim methods of number portability.
- Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS). Nothing contained in the Agreement shall relieve either Party from meeting any obligations it may have as prescribed in the MTSS as set forth in Chapter 4901:1-1-5-24 and Chapter 4901:1-1-5-18 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Recourse issues pursuant to MTSS Chapter 4901:1-5-01(G) will be handled through normal account management channels until such time as they are superseded by a tariff.

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• <u>Dispute Resolution</u>. In the event the Parties are not able to resolve through negotiations any dispute arising out of or relating to the Agreement, either Party may elect, before filing a claim or response in arbitration (as the case may be) to submit an otherwise arbitrable dispute to the Commission or a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Ross Bates

GTE North, Inc.

I agree to the changes made in accordance with the Ohio Public Utilities Commission.

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BlueStar Communications, Inc.