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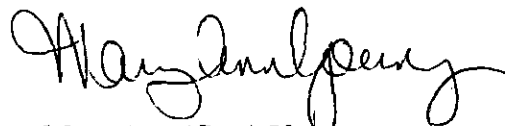
Re: Case No 70-2000-274
Joint Application for Approval to Assign an Interconnection Agreement
(Advanced Communications Group, Inc., and Feist Long Distance Services, Inc.)

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On behalf of Advanced Communications Group, Inc., and Feist Long Distance Services, Inc. (collectively "Applicants"), attached please find an original and fourteen (14) copies of a Joint Application for approval to assign an interconnection agreement for filing with the Commission. Thank you for your assistance in processing this filing.

Copies of this filing are also being served on the Office of Public Counsel and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Please date-stamp the two extra copies of this filing enclosed and return them to the Steinmeier/Young box at the Commission. If there are any questions, please call me at 634-8109.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann (Garr) Young

cc: Public Counsel
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
Kemal Hawa (Swidler Berlin)

BEFORE THE
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Application of)

Advanced Communications Group, Inc)
and)

Feist Long Distance Service, Inc.)

For Approval to Assign an Interconnection)
Agreement.)

Case No. TO-2000-274

JOINT APPLICATION

Advanced Communications Group, Inc. ("ACG") and its wholly owned subsidiary, Feist Long Distance Service, Inc. ("Feist") (together, the "Applicants"), by their undersigned counsel, request Commission approval to assign ACG's interconnection agreement (the "Agreement") with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. ("SWBT"), approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission") in Case No. TO-99-291, to Feist.

I. THE APPLICANTS

A. Feist Long Distance Service, Inc.

Feist, a wholly owned subsidiary of ACG, is incorporated in Kansas with its principal offices located at 110 South Main Street, Wichita, Kansas 67202. Feist is authorized to provide resold intrastate interexchange and/or competitive local exchange services in five states, including Missouri. In Missouri, Feist is authorized to provide intrastate interexchange and dedicated, nonswitched local exchange private line service. Further information concerning Feist was filed with its application for certification, filed in Case No. TA-98-332. That information is, therefore,

already a matter of public record at the Commission, and Applicants respectfully request that it be incorporated by reference herein.

B. Advanced Communications Group, Inc.

ACG is a publicly traded Delaware corporation with its principal offices located at 390 South Woods Mill Road, Suite 150, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017. ACG is a competitive provider of integrated telecommunications services, including local and long distance services, Internet access, and paging and cellular services, to small and medium-sized business customers primarily located in the Midwestern United States. ACG is authorized to provide resold intrastate interexchange and/or competitive local exchange services in eight states, including Missouri. Although ACG is authorized to provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services in those telephone exchanges served by SWBT within the State of Missouri pursuant to Commission Order issued in Case No. TA-99-49 (May 4, 1999), ACG currently does not serve any customers in Missouri. Further information concerning ACG was filed with its application for certification, filed in Case No. TA-99-49. That information is, therefore, already a matter of public record at the Commission, and Applicants respectfully request that it be incorporated by reference herein.

E. Designated Contacts

The designated contacts for questions concerning this Application are:

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FirsTel, Inc./Advanced Communications Group, Inc.
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II. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ASSIGN ACG'S INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT TO FEIST

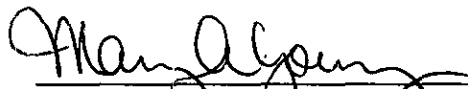
Due to changes in its business plans, ACG has elected to focus on its directory publishing business and plans to exit the telecommunications business. For this reason, ACG no longer requires an interconnection agreement, and requests Commission approval to transfer its interconnection agreement with SWBT to its subsidiary, Feist. The Agreement was approved by the Commission in Case No. TO-99-291 and the proposed assignment will not alter any terms of the Agreement as approved by the Commission. Additionally, since ACG does not have any customers in Missouri, the assignment of the Agreement will not affect any ACG customers nor any services offered by ACG.

Notice of ACG's intent to assign its interconnection agreement to Feist was provided to SWBT, as required by the assignment clause of the Agreement, on September 2, 1999, and is attached as Exhibit A. Also, attached as Exhibit B is a copy of the assignment clause from the Agreement.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein, Advanced Communications Group, Inc. and Feist Long Distance Service, Inc. respectfully request that the Commission approve the proposed assignment of ACG's interconnection agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. to ACG's wholly owned subsidiary, Feist.

Respectfully submitted,

ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC.
FEIST LONG DISTANCE SERVICE, INC.



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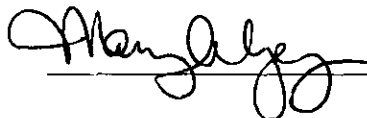
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Their Counsel

Dated: October 13, 1999

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of this document has been hand delivered or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the Office of Public Counsel and counsel for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, on this 13th day of October 1999.



LIST OF EXHIBITS

Notice of Assignment Provided to Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.	A
Assignment Clause	B
Verification	

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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

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**Re: Advanced Communications Group Notice of Assignment to Feist
Long Distance and Feist Long Distance Notice of Termination**

Dear Mr. Vaughn:

Advanced Communications Group, Inc. ("ACG") hereby gives notice of its intent to assign its interconnection agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone ("SWBT") for the State of Missouri to its wholly owned subsidiary, Feist Long Distance Services, Inc. ("Feist"). This transaction is described more fully below.

In accordance with Section 6.0 of the Missouri Interconnection Agreement between ACG and SWBT, which is attached, ACG hereby gives notice of its intent to assign the above referenced agreement to Feist, a wholly owned subsidiary of ACG. In accordance with the terms of Section 6.0, this assignment will become effective 60 days from SWBT's receipt of this letter.

Please date stamp and return the enclosed copy of this letter in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided. If you have any questions or need to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Kemal M. Hawa

Counsel for Advanced
Communications Group, Inc. and
Feist Long Distance Services, Inc.

cc: Missouri Corporation Commission
Neil Schmid (ACG)
Grace Chiu
Alexander M. Stokas

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Exhibit A
Notice of Assignment

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT-MISSOURI

between

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

and

Advanced Communication Group, Inc.

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**Exhibit B
Assignment Clause**

Ancillary Functions and Resale Services is not degraded and each Party will exercise its best efforts to effect an orderly and efficient transition.

5.0 Assignment

- 5.1 Provided that an assignee agrees to be bound by the Agreement either Party may assign this Agreement to a corporate affiliate or an entity under its common control or an entity acquiring all or substantially all of its assets or equity by providing prior written notice to the other party of such assignment or transfer. Any attempt at assignment or transfer is void ab initio. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties' respective successors and assigns.
- 5.2 Each Party will notify the other in writing not less than 60 days in advance of anticipated assignment.

6.0 Confidentiality and Proprietary Information.

- 6.1 For the purposes of this Agreement, "Confidential Information" means confidential or proprietary technical or business information given by the Discloser to the Recipient. All information which is disclosed by one party to the other in connection with this Agreement, during negotiations (also see the Confidentiality Agreement between the Parties dated June 16, 1998) and the term of this Agreement, will automatically be deemed proprietary to the Discloser and subject to this Agreement, unless otherwise confirmed in writing by the Discloser. In addition, by way of example and not limitation, all orders for Resale Services, Network Elements placed by CLEC pursuant to this Agreement, and information that would constitute Customer Proprietary Network Information of CLEC's customers pursuant to the Act and the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and Recorded Usage Data as described in Attachments 5 and 10 concerning Recorded Usage Data, whether disclosed by CLEC to SWBT or otherwise acquired by SWBT in the course of the performance of this Agreement, will be deemed Confidential Information of CLEC for all purposes under this Agreement.
- 6.2 For a period of five (5) years from the receipt of Confidential Information from the Discloser, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, the Recipient agrees (a) to use it only for the purpose of performing under this Agreement, (b) to hold it in confidence and disclose it to no one other than its employees having a need to know for the purpose of performing under this Agreement, and (c) to safeguard it from unauthorized use or disclosure using at least the same degree of care with which the Recipient safeguards its own Confidential Information. If the Recipient wishes to disclose the Discloser's Confidential Information to a third-party agent or consultant, such disclosure must be agreed to in writing by the Discloser, and the agent or consultant must have executed a

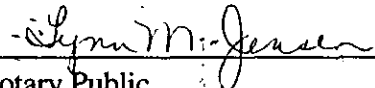
VERIFICATION

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
)
) SS
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA)

I, Neil F. Schmid, declare under penalty of perjury that I am Director of Regulatory Affairs of Advanced Communications Group, Inc.; that I have read the foregoing Joint Application and know the contents thereof; and that the same are true of my own knowledge, except as to the matters which are therein stated on information or belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

By: 
ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 12 day of October, 1999



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: October 19, 2004