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Mr. Charles Howorth
Regulatory Vice President
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Howorth:

To assist the Authority in its evaluation of Docket 00-00677, *Tariff filing for Contract Service Arrangement TN99-7617-04*, it is requested that you respond to the following:

1. Is it BellSouth's position that termination charges are not within the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority?
2. Do the terms and conditions of the contract permit and/or require the determination of termination charges by an arbitrator not affiliated with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority?
3. Please describe all termination charges, other than repayment of waived non-recurring charges and contract preparation charges, that would be assessed if the customer terminates the contract before its expiration?

It is requested that this information be furnished by Monday, August 28, 2000. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jerry Kettles at (615) 741-2791, extension 153.

Sincerely,

David Waddell,
Executive Secretary