

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

December 13, 2006

IN RE:

**ENFORCEMENT OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND ITC^DELTACOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

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**DOCKET NO.
02-01203**

ORDER HOLDING PROCEEDINGS IN ABEYANCE

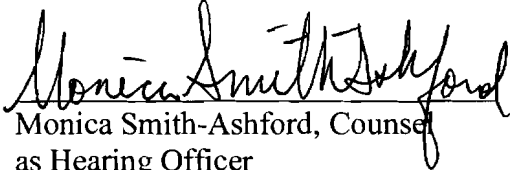
On November 1, 2006, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed a letter requesting that the proceedings in this matter be held in abeyance while the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") considers the merger between BellSouth Corporation and AT&T, Inc. ("AT&T").

In its letter, BellSouth states the FCC issued a Notice seeking comment on a letter filed by AT&T with the FCC which outlines proposals made by AT&T and BellSouth Corporation regarding the merger. One such proposal would terminate all pending Extended Enhanced Loops ("EELs") audits and no new EELs audits would be initiated. BellSouth requests that this docket be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the AT&T and BellSouth Corporation merger before the FCC. After the FCC reaches a conclusion on the proposed merger, BellSouth indicates that it will confer with ITC^Deltacom Communications, Inc. ("Deltacom") and report back to the Authority the status of the issues pertaining to this docket. In its letter, BellSouth also states that Deltacom agrees with the request to hold this docket in abeyance.

The Hearing Officer finds that BellSouth's request to hold this docket in abeyance is well-taken and should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. This docket shall be held in abeyance until the Federal Communications Commission rules on the proposed merger between AT&T, Inc. and BellSouth Corporation.
2. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. shall inform the Tennessee Regulatory Authority when a decision has been made by the Federal Communications Commission regarding the merger between AT&T, Inc. and BellSouth Corporation and file such documentation from the Federal Communications Commission with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Counsel
as Hearing Officer