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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY 2009 NOV 25 AM 11: 14

In re:		T.R.A. DOCKET ROOM
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Petition for Arbitration of ITC^DeltaCom)	111
Communications, Inc. with BellSouth)	Docket No. 03-00119
Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996)	

JOINT MOTION TO TERMINATE PROCEEDING AND CLOSE DOCKET

The parties to this proceeding, ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc., now known as DeltaCom, Inc. (d/b/a DeltaCom Business Solutions) ("DeltaCom"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") have signed an agreement to extend the parties' current interconnection agreement thus resolving the above-captioned arbitration proceeding. In a separate docket, Docket No. 09-00185, the parties are seeking TRA approval of that extension agreement. As soon as the TRA approves that extension agreement and conditioned upon that approval, the parties jointly ask that this arbitration proceeding be terminated and the docket closed.

In support of the instant request, the Parties state as follows:

DeltaCom filed its Petition for Arbitration in this docket on February 7, 2003. After negotiation of certain issues, hearings were conducted to resolve the remaining issues on various dates in August and September of 2003, after which the parties filed post-hearing briefs and continued to negotiate in good faith to resolve outstanding issues. The arbitration panel issued a recommendation dated October 20 2005, and the matter is still pending before the Authority.

In December 2006, BellSouth Corporation, the parent of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., merged with AT&T, Inc., resulting in a corporate structure in which BellSouth Corporation (and its subsidiaries, including BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.) became a wholly-owned subsidiary of AT&T, Inc.

AT&T released an Accessible Letter on November 16, 2007, announcing that CLECs could extend by three years those interconnection agreements for which the initial term had expired. DeltaCom requested, and AT&T has agreed, to extend the parties' existing Alabama interconnection agreement for three additional years.

The parties have negotiated and executed an amendment pursuant to §§ 251 and 252 of Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act") to extend their current interconnection agreement. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Act, the Authority is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement within 90 days of its submission. The Authority may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Neither party, by agreeing to terminate this proceeding, waives any legal arguments made in this docket or in any related appeal.

Accordingly, DeltaCom and AT&T submit this request for termination of this proceeding and closing of the docket conditioned upon the approval of the amendment extending for three years the parties' current interconnection agreement.

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