

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 29, 2003

IN RE:

**PETITION OF BELL SOUTH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR
EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN SERVICES.**

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**DOCKET NO.
03-00391**

**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE PROCEEDING
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

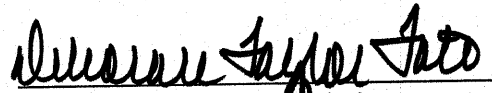
This matter came before Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Pat Miller and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting Panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on August 4, 2003 for consideration of the *Petition for Exemption of Certain Services* filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") on June 16, 2003.

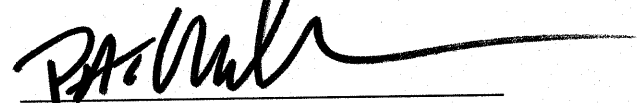
During the August 4, 2003 Authority Conference, the Panel voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding in this matter and to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee to act as the Hearing Officer in this proceeding to address preliminary matters prior to the hearing, to rule on any petition(s) for intervention, and to set a procedural schedule to completion.

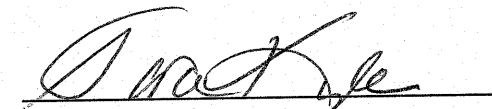
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. A contested case proceeding is hereby convened;

2. The General Counsel or his designee is appointed Hearing Officer in this matter to address preliminary matters prior to the hearing, to rule on any petition(s) for intervention, and to set a procedural schedule to completion.


Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman


Pat Miller, Director


Sara Kyle, Director