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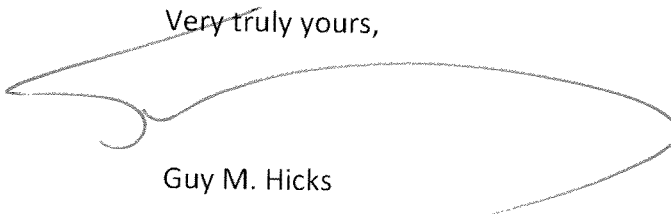
Hon. Mary Freeman, Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Application of Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. dba SBC Long Distance for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competing Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunication Services in Tennessee*  
Docket No. 04-00069

Dear Chairman Freeman:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced docket are the original and four copies of the *SBC Long Distance, LLC Notification of Abandonment of Certificate*.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re:        *Application of Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. dba SBC Long Distance for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competing Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunication Services in Tennessee*

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**SBC LONG DISTANCE, LLC NOTIFICATION  
OF ABANDONMENT OF CERTIFICATE**

SBC Long Distance, LLC ("SBCLD") hereby notifies the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), pursuant to Rule 1220-4-8-.05(1), of its abandonment of its Local Telecommunications Service Provider certificate of public convenience and necessity. SBCLD has ceased providing local telecommunications services and has no local telecommunications service customers in the state of Tennessee.

Background

1.        On July 23, 2005, the Authority entered its *Initial Order Granting Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* to SBCLD.<sup>1</sup>
2.        On December 21, 2007, the Authority entered its Order granting SBCLD's petition to withdraw from the residential local exchange market in Tennessee and cease providing telecommunications services to residential local exchange customers.<sup>2</sup>
3.        On October 2, 2009, SBCLD elected market regulation pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-5-109.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. dba SBC Long Distance was granted approval to change its name to SBC Long Distance, Inc. on February 28, 2005 (Docket No. 04-00446). Subsequently, on March 29, 2005, SBC Long Distance, Inc. was granted approval to change its name to SBC Long Distance, LLC (Docket No. 04-00357).

<sup>2</sup> See *Order Granting Petition* in Docket No. 07-00193.

<sup>3</sup> See Docket No. 09-00152.

4. During the normal course of business over several years, SBCLD's local telecommunications business customers have chosen to obtain service from other service providers, including affiliates of SBCLD and competitors of AT&T.

5. Authority Rule 1220-4-8-.05(1) states that any Local Telecommunications Service Provider, except a service provider with carrier of last resort obligations,<sup>4</sup> which plans to discontinue providing all local services under its certificate shall file formal notification with the Authority and all its affected customers by direct mail 90 days in advance of the last anticipated day of service.

6. As of the date of the filing of this Notification, SBCLD no longer has any residential or business local telecommunications service customers in Tennessee.

7. SBCLD has elected to abandon its Local Telecommunications Service Provider certificate of public convenience and necessity. Because SBCLD has no local telecommunications service customers in Tennessee, there is no need for any customer notification.

8. SBCLD will continue to operate as an IXC in the state of Tennessee.

WHEREFORE, SBCLD hereby notifies the Authority of its abandonment of its Local Telecommunications Service Provider certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>4</sup> SBCLD does not have carrier of last resort obligations.