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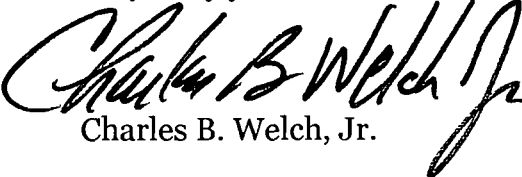
**Re: Application of Bristol Tennessee Essential Services for a
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide
Competing Telecommunications Services within the State of
Tennessee, Docket No. 05-00251.**

Dear Chairman Jones,

Please accept this letter in response to the letter I received today from J. Richard Collier, General Counsel, dated February 24, 2006 concerning a procedural issue in the hearing scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2006 in the referenced docket. The letter from Mr. Collier indicates that "counsel for Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA") **will conduct** cross-examination of the witnesses of the Petitioner, Bristol Tennessee Essential Services" (emphasis added).

This reply is to inform you and all other parties, as counsel for SECCA; we merely reserve the right to cross-examine one or all of the witnesses and hope this will not require us to do so. If I may be of further assistance in this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience, I am

Very truly yours,



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