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Chairman Ron Jones  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
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**HAND DELIVERED**

**Re: Petition of US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. to Intervene, Docket No. 06-00093.**

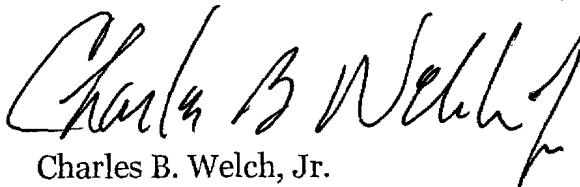
Dear Chairman Jones,

Please find enclosed, an original and 14 copies of the referenced Petition accompanied by the \$25.00 filing fee. Please date stamp a copy for my records.

Thank you for your assistance regarding this matter. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

FARRIS MATHEWS BRANAN  
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Enclosure

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Joint Application of</b>	)	
	)	
<b>AT&amp;T INC.</b>	)	
	)	
<b>and</b>	)	<b>Docket No. 06-00093</b>
	)	
<b>BELLSOUTH CORPORATION,</b>	)	
<b>TOGETHER WITH ITS CERTIFIED</b>	)	
<b>TENNESSEE SUBSIDIARIES,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Regarding Change of Control</b>	)	
<b>of the Operating Authority of</b>	)	
<b>BellSouth Corporation's Tennessee</b>	)	
<b>Subsidiaries</b>	)	

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**PETITION OF US LEC OF TENNESSEE, INC. TO INTERVENE**

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US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. ("US LEC") petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") to intervene in the captioned proceeding pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310(a). In support of its Petition, US LEC respectfully states as follows:

1. On March 31, 2005, AT&T Inc., and Bellsouth Corporation together with its certified subsidiaries filed the captioned joint application with the TRA.
2. US LEC is certified by the TRA as a provider of telecommunications services throughout the State of Tennessee.
3. As it is a competing certified telecommunication service provider, US LEC's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, may be affected or determined by the outcome of this proceeding, and Petitioner's interest or other legal interests or responsibilities will not be

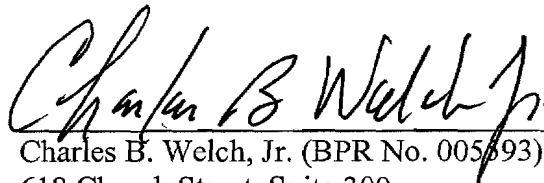
adequately represented unless allowed to intervene. Granting this petition will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

4. **WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED**, US LEC, prays that it be granted leave to intervene and participate in this proceeding with all attendant rights and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, the right to participate in any and all pre-hearing conferences, to produce and cross-examine witnesses, to seek data requests and other discovery, and to file motions, briefs, testimony, and/or comments in order to assist the TRA's deliberations and otherwise protect the interests of US LEC and the public interest. Additionally, Petitioner requests to receive copies of any notices, orders, or any other documents filed herein, and to have such other, further, and general relief as the justice of their cause entitles them to receive.

DATED this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

**FARRIS MATHEWS BRANAN  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles B. Welch, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

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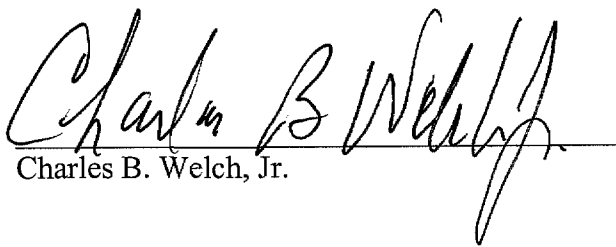
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