



responded to the Complaint and disputed the allegations set forth in the letter and *Complaint* filed by Angles. On March 6, 2007, Angles filed the *Affidavit of Steve Watson with CGM LLC Telecom Services* which stated that Mr. Watson worked with Angles and he submitted to AT&T, on behalf of Angles, notices of billing disputes and claims for promotional credits and he was responsible for tracking the progress of those filings. BellSouth filed its *Answer of BellSouth d/b/a AT&T Tennessee* to the *Complaint* on March 26, 2007. On April 27, 2007, AT&T filed a letter providing an update to the TRA on the meeting and discussions with Angles and alleging that Angles had failed to pay undisputed amounts. AT&T requested that the TRA empower a Hearing Officer during the April 30, 2007 Authority Conference to make decisions to resolve this matter. On April 30, 2007, Angles filed a letter stating that it strongly disputed the allegations made by AT&T and that Angles has been paying all current, undisputed amounts to AT&T. On May 9, 2007, Angles filed the *Supplemental Affidavit of Steve Watson*. The parties engaged in mediation on May 17, 2007. The mediation did not result in a resolution of this matter. On June 12, 2007, AT&T filed a letter in this docket requesting that the Hearing Officer establish a procedural schedule in this matter. On July 25, 2007, the Hearing Officer issued a *Notice of Status Conference* and scheduled a status conference on August 2, 2007. During the status conference, an agreed procedural schedule was established, including dates for discovery and the filing of testimony, and a hearing date in October, 2007. The parties filed discovery and prefiled testimony in this matter. On September 24, 2007, the parties jointly filed a request that the date for filing rebuttal testimony by the parties be extended from September 26, 2007 to October 3, 2007. The Hearing Officer issued an Order granting the parties request on October 2, 2007.<sup>2</sup> On October 1, 2007, the parties filed a letter requesting that the filing of rebuttal testimony scheduled for October 3, 2007, be suspended until further notice.

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<sup>2</sup> *Order Modifying the Procedural Schedule* (October 2, 2007).


### **SUSPENSION OF THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On October 1, 2007, the parties jointly requested that filing of rebuttal testimony scheduled for October 3, 2007 be suspended until further notice.<sup>3</sup> The parties indicated that they have agreed in principal to certain matters and there are additional details and provisions that need to be addressed. The parties further stated that given this progress, a final settlement is likely and request that the filing of rebuttal testimony be suspended until such request is made by either party.

The Hearing Officer finds that there exists good cause to suspend the proceedings to allow the parties additional time to conduct settlement negotiations. The Hearing Officer states that upon lifting the stay, the procedural schedule may need to be revised to incorporate new dates for concluding prehearing matters and that a new hearing date must be set.

### **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Modified Procedural Schedule adopted on October 2, 2007, including the proposed hearing date, are hereby stayed pending further notice from the parties.
2. If any Party should file a notice to resume the proceedings, the parties Rebuttal Testimony will be due in fifteen (15) days after the filing of the notice, and the remainder of the filings identified in the procedural schedule shall be due thereafter at the time intervals provided therein. Thereafter, the Hearing Officer will enter an order revising the procedural schedule and establishing a new hearing date.

  
Shilina B. Chatterjee, Counsel  
as Hearing Officer

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<sup>3</sup> Letter from Henry Walker, Esq. to Hearing Officer (October 1, 2007).