

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

August 21, 2007

IN RE:

**COMPLAINT OF BLC MANAGEMENT, LLC D/B/A
ANGLES COMMUNICATION SOLUTIONS AGAINST
BELLSOUTH TO RESOLVE BILLING DISPUTES,
ENFORCE THE PARTIES INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT, AND PREVENT INTERFERENCE WITH
SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS**

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**DOCKET NO.
07-00053**

ORDER ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter came before the Hearing Officer on August 2, 2007, at which time a Status Conference was convened in this docket for the purpose of establishing a procedural schedule and discussing preliminary matters, including discovery and the issuance of a Protective Order.

TRAVEL OF THE CASE

On February 22, 2007, BLC Management, LLC d/b/a Angles Communication Solutions ("Angles" or the "Company") filed the *Complaint of BLC Management, LLC d/b/a Angles Communication Solutions Against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Resolve Billing Disputes, Enforce the Parties Interconnection Agreement, and Prevent Interference with Service to Customers* ("Complaint"). The *Complaint* against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (now known as AT&T Tennessee) ("AT&T") requested that the Authority resolve the parties' billing dispute, order the parties to maintain the status quo in the interim, and grant Angles any additional relief as the Authority finds just and appropriate.¹ On February 23, 2007, AT&T

¹ *Complaint* at 6 (February 22, 2007).

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.

STATUS CONFERENCE

The Status Conference was convened on August 2, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. In attendance at the Status Conference were the following parties represented by counsel:

Angles Communication Solutions – **Henry Walker, Esq.**, Boulton, Cummings, Conners, and Berry, 1600 Division Street, Suite 700, Nashville, Tennessee 37203

BellSouth/AT&T Tennessee –**Guy Hicks, Esq.**, AT&T Tennessee, 333 Commerce Street, Suite 2101, Nashville, TN 37201-3300.

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In voting to convene a contested case proceeding, the panel assigned to this docket instructed the Hearing Officer to proceed to establish a procedural schedule which would contemplate a hearing and deliberations on the merits of the *Petition*. During the August 2, 2007 Status Conference, the Hearing Officer and the parties discussed two proposed procedural schedules submitted by the parties to the Hearing Officer prior to the Status Conference. During the Status Conference, the parties agreed to the dates and corresponding filings in the Procedural Schedule prepared by the Hearing Officer. The Procedural Schedule is attached as **Exhibit A** to this Order.

The goals of the procedural schedule are to move this docket toward deliberations expeditiously on the issues raised by the *Complaint* and to provide the parties a reasonable and adequate amount of time to conduct discovery, prepare and submit pre-filed testimony, and prepare for Hearing. The Hearing Officer is appreciative of the efforts of the parties in proposing procedural schedules and submitting proposed Agreed Protective Order to expedite the process and provide for thorough discovery and preparation.

The Procedural Schedule, attached as **Exhibit A**, governs discovery, filing of testimony, and hearing on the merits in this docket. As with any schedule, the effectiveness of this Procedural Schedule is directly dependent upon the extent of cooperation or delay on the part of the parties in meeting the individual benchmark dates.

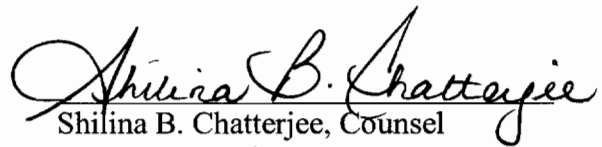
PROTECTIVE ORDER

Prior to the Status Conference on August 2, 2007, the Hearing Officer requested that the parties agree upon and submit a proposed Protective Order for review by August 1, 2007 by the Hearing Officer. On August 1, 2007, the parties submitted a joint proposed Protective Order.

The Hearing Officer entered the Protective Order in this docket as a separate filing from this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Procedural Schedule, attached to this Order as **Exhibit A**, is adopted and is in full force and effect.


Shilina B. Chatterjee, Counsel
As Hearing Officer

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Status Conference	August 2, 2007
1 st Round Discovery Requests Filed	August 14, 2007
Objections to 1 st Requests Filed	August 21, 2007
1 st Round Discovery Responses Filed	August 31, 2007
Pre-Filed Direct Testimony Filed	September 12, 2007
Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony Filed	September 26, 2007
Deadline for Depositions By All Parties	October 3, 2007
Hearing	October 17, 2007
Post-Hearing Briefs	October 31, 2007

EXHIBIT A