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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Tre Hargett, Chairman
c/o Sharla Dillon
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37238

filed electronically in docket office on 10/09/08

Re: *Petition of CompSouth for Declaratory Ruling*
Docket No. 08-00184

Dear Chairman Hargett:

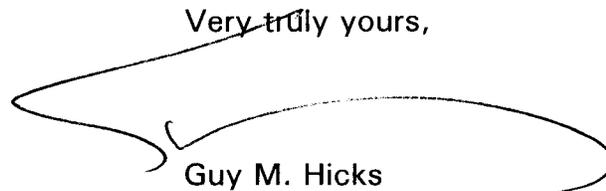
This is in response to Mr. Henry Walker's letter to you dated October 7, 2008. In that letter, he requests that this matter be placed on the next TRA Conference Agenda for the appointment of a Hearing Officer and the establishment of a procedural schedule.

AT&T opposes this request. AT&T will be filing a formal response opposing the relief sought by CompSouth in its Petition. TRA Rule 1220-1-2-.03 provides that "[a] respondent shall serve on the petitioner and file with the Authority a responsive pleading within thirty (30) days after the **service** of the complaint or initial petition except as where otherwise provided by statute, by these Rules or by order of the Authority." AT&T has not been served with a copy of the petition.¹

AT&T intends to file its response by November 6, which is 30 days from the date CompSouth's counsel called AT&T's counsel about the petition.

A copy of this letter is being provided today to CompSouth's counsel of record.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

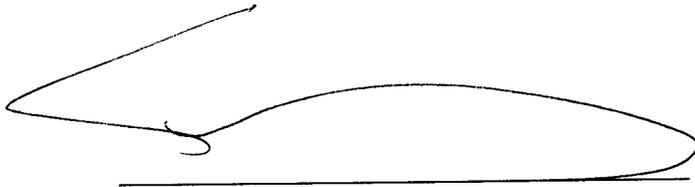
¹ The petition itself contains no certificate of service.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 9, 2008, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the following, via the method indicated:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Walker', is written above a solid horizontal line.