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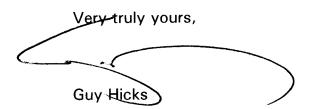
CompSouth Petition for Declaratory Ruling Re:

Docket No. 08-00184

Dear Chairman Hargett:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced docket are the original and four copies of AT&T Tennessee's Petition to Intervene.

A copy has been provided to counsel for CompSouth.



BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: Petition of ComSouth for Declaratory Ruling

Docket No. 08-00184

PETITION OF AT&T TENNESSEE FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., dba AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T"), pursuant to T.C.A. §4-5-310, T.C.A. §65-2-107. T.C.A. § 4-5-223 and Rule 1220-1-2-.05(4), petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and, in support thereof, states as follows:

- 1. AT&T, a Georgia Corporation authorized to conduct and conducting a public utility business in the state of Tennessee, is engaged in furnishing telecommunications service in the state of Tennessee.
- 2. On September 26, 2008, CompSouth filed a petition with the Authority requesting that the Authority "declare that ... federal law requires BellSouth to commingle facilities provided under 47 U.S.C. § 271 with those that must be provided under 47 U.S.C. § 251."
- 3. CompSouth seeks to impose on AT&T, and no other company in Tennessee, a new wholesale obligation which the Authority has twice ruled in Docket No. 04-00381 that AT&T is not required to provide.
- 4. Matters affecting AT&T's legal interests may be determined in this proceeding, and AT&T's interests will not be adequately represented unless the Authority allows AT&T to intervene.

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- 5. Allowing AT&T to intervene will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.
- 6. AT&T respectfully requests that it be granted leave to intervene, file a statement or other pleadings, and otherwise participate as a party in the above-captioned proceeding.

WHEREFORE, AT&T prays:

- 1. That it be permitted to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party;
- 2. That AT&T be permitted to file, on or before November 6, 2008, a statement or other pleading setting forth its legal position;
- 3. That the Authority take no action until it has reviewed AT&T's statement or other pleading; and
- 4. That AT&T have such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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