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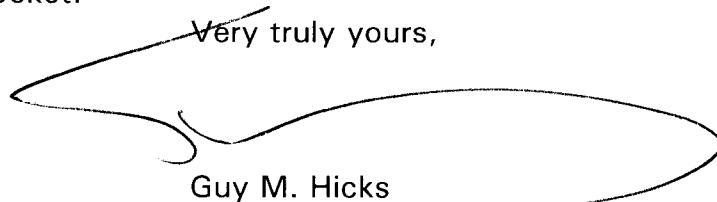
Re: *Petition for Regulatory Exemption Pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-5-108(b) to
Increase Regulatory Parity and Modernization*
Docket No. 08-00192

Dear Hearing Officer Collier:

During the November 24 status conference, you inquired whether AT&T seeks an exemption from T.C.A. § 65-5-107 (Universal Service - Funding), which sets forth the parameters for the Authority to establish a universal service program supported by a universal service program support mechanism fund. This provision of Title 65 was part of the 1995 Telecommunications Act, and the Authority has not implemented either a program or fund to date.

AT&T Tennessee does not seek in its petition to alter or limit the power of the TRA to establish such a program or fund. In the event such a program or fund is created, AT&T submits that it would be required to be undertaken in a rulemaking docket, and AT&T reserves its rights to raise any relevant legal or factual issues in such a docket.

Very truly yours,



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