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Hon. Sara Kyle, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37238

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Re:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. dba AT&T Southeast dba AT&T Tennessee vs.

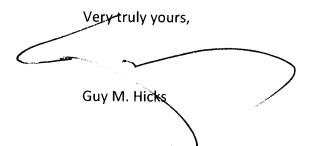
Image Access, Inc. dba New Phone

Docket No. 10-00006

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced dockets are the original and four copies of AT&T's Response to New Phone's Answer/Counterclaim.

Copies have been provided to counsel of record.



BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. dba AT&T Southeast dba AT&T Tennessee vs.

Image Access, Inc. dba New Phone

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AT&T TENNESSEE'S RESPONSE TO NEWPHONE'S ANSWER/COUNTERCLAIM

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast d/b/a AT&T Tennessee

("AT&T Tennessee") respectfully submits this Response to the Answer and Counter-Claim

("Answer/Counterclaim") filed by Image Access, Inc. d/b/a NewPhone ("NewPhone") on or

about February 25, 2010.

1. Any allegation in the Answer/Counterclaim to which a response is required of

AT&T Tennessee is denied unless expressly and explicitly admitted herein.

2. The allegations in the "Defenses" section of the Answer/Counterclaim (at pages

1-4) require no response from AT&T Tennessee. Without waiving the foregoing, AT&T

Tennessee denies: that any of the affirmative defenses alleged by NewPhone are valid; that it

has violated any provision of law; and that NewPhone is entitled to attorneys' fees. Moreover,

for the reasons set forth in AT&T Tennessee's Response to Motions to Dismiss and/or Stay,

AT&T Tennessee objects to NewPhone's requests, in Paragraphs 2-4 (at pages 1-3) of its

Answer/Counterclaim, that the Authority dismiss AT&T Tennessee's Complaint or delay these

proceedings, and AT&T Tennessee denies that NewPhone is entitled to anything it requests in

those paragraphs.

3. The allegations in the "Answer" section of the Answer/Counterclaim (at pages

4-8) require no response from AT&T Tennessee. Without waiving the foregoing, AT&T

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Tennessee denies NewPhone's assertions, in Paragraphs 15-16 (at page 7), that it does not claim any credits under referral marketing promotions.

RESPONSE TO COUNTERCLAIM

- 4. AT&T Tennessee admits the allegations in Paragraph 1 of the Counterclaim (at page 7 of the Answer/Counterclaim).
- 5. AT&T Tennessee denies the allegations in Paragraph 2 of the Counterclaim (at pages 7-8 of the Answer/Counterclaim).
- 6. To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 3 of the Counterclaim (at pages 8-9 of the Answer/Counterclaim) require a response from AT&T Tennessee, they are denied.
- 7. To the extent the allegations in Paragraph 4 of the Counterclaim (at pages 9-10 of the Answer/Counterclaim) require a response from AT&T Tennessee, they are denied.
- 8. AT&T Tennessee denies the allegations in Paragraph 5 of the Counterclaim (at page 10 of the Answer/Counterclaim).
- 9. AT&T Tennessee denies that NewPhone is entitled to any of the relief it seeks in its Answer/Counterclaim, including without limitation the relief sought in the "wherefore" clause at pages 10-11.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 10. NewPhone's Counterclaim fails to state a cause of action upon which relief can be granted.
- 11. NewPhone's Counterclaim is barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrines of unclean hands, laches, forbearance, waiver, and/or estoppel.

- 13. NewPhone's Counterclaim is barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statute of limitations and/or the applicable "dispute" provisions of the parties' interconnection agreement(s), including without limitation provisions addressing the presentment, pursuit, escalation, and preservation of billing disputes.
- 14. NewPhone's Counterclaim is barred, in whole or in part, by NewPhone's failure to mitigate any damages allegedly sustained.
- 15. To the extent the Authority awards NewPhone any relief with regard to its Counterclaim (and it should not), such relief should be only prospective in nature.

WHEREFORE, AT&T Tennessee respectfully requests that the Authority enter an Order denying all relief sought by NewPhone, dismissing its Counterclaim, and granting such further relief as the Authority deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

 ${\tt BELLSOUTH\ TELECOMMUNICATIONS,\ INC.}$

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