

**IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

**BELLSOUTH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. DBA
AT&T TENNESSEE PETITION TO
EXTEND MARKET REGULATION TO
RATE GROUPS 1 AND 2**

DOCKET NO. 10-00108

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Robert E. Cooper, Jr., Attorney General and Reporter for the State of Tennessee, by and through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118, respectfully petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") to grant the Consumer Advocate's intervention for purposes of notice and service in this proceeding on behalf of the public interest. For cause, Petitioner would show as follows:

1. The Consumer Advocate is authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118 to represent the interests of Tennessee consumers of public utilities services by initiating and intervening as a party in proceedings before the Authority in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act and Authority rules.

2. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. dba AT&T Tennessee (AT&T) is a public utility regulated by the Authority providing telephone and other services and products in Tennessee.

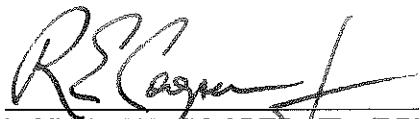
3. AT&T is an incumbent local exchange provider that elected Market Regulation on October 1, 2009.

4. On May 28, 2010, AT&T filed a *Petition to Extend Market Regulation to Rate Groups 1 and 2*, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-109(o) of the Market Regulation Act of 2009, to extend the application of market regulation to residential local exchange telecommunications services offered as single individually priced services at rate-group specific prices in Rate Groups 1 and 2.

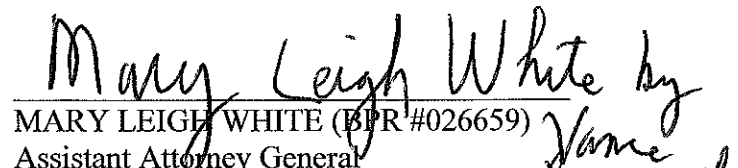
5. Only by participating in this proceeding can the Consumer Advocate work adequately to protect the interests of consumers.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully asks the Authority to grant the Petition to Intervene.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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Dated: June 14, 2010.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene was served via U.S. Mail or electronic mail upon:

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This the 14th day of June, 2010.

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