## IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:	)
EXAMINATION OF ISSUES SURROUNDING BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A AT&T TENNESSEE'S NOTICE OF JUNE 28, 2011 CONCERNING BLC MANAGEMENT, LLC D/B/A ANGLES COMMUNICATION SOLUTIONS, DPI TELECONNECT, LLC, GANCO, INC. D/B/A	) ) ) ) DOCKET NO. 11-00109 ) )
AMERICAN DIAL TONE, IMAGE ACCESS, INC. D/B/A NEWPHONE, AND ONETONE TELECOM, INC.	) ) )

## 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 into this proceeding on behalf of the public interest because consumers may be adversely affected. 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. d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T") is a public utility regulated at least in part by the Authority and provides telecommunication services to consumers located in the State of Tennessee.

On June 28, 2011, AT&T delivered a letter to the Chairman of the Authority

wherein it described a dispute with five Resellers of telecommunication services and notified the

Authority that it would terminate service to those Resellers and consequently to the customers of

those Resellers. The Authority subsequently opened this Docket to examine the issues raised by

that letter.

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4. The Consumer Advocate seeks intervention in this matter to insure that the

customers of the Resellers named in AT&T's June 28, 2011 letter are given adequate notice of

the possible impending termination of their telephone service and are further given assistance in

securing new telephone service, particularly Lifeline service, should it become necessary. The

Consumer Advocate also seeks to intervene in order to raise generally the concerns of consumers

in the questions and disputes raised by this Docket.

5. Only by participating in this proceeding can the Consumer Advocate be sure that

it will have standing to investigate the allegations made by AT&T and to voice its concerns for

the rights of individual consumers of the services provided by the Resellers named by AT&T in

its June 28, 2011 letter.

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

Intervene.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Dated: July <u>25</u>, 2011.

## **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  $25^{4}$  day of July, 2011.

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