

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 15, 2021

IN RE:)	
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AT&T TENNESSEE COMPLAINT AGAINST)	DOCKET NO.
CELLULAR SOUTH, INC. D/B/A C SPIRE)	19-00099

ORDER STAYING PROCEEDINGS

This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) to consider staying the proceedings in this matter. While the Commission was conducting virtual Commission meetings via WebEx due to the COVID-19 pandemic, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Tennessee (“AT&T”) and Cellular South, Inc. d/b/a C Spire (“C Spire”), the parties in this matter, had expressed they preferred to wait until a live hearing could be held in this matter. On November 2, 2020, the Hearing Officer issued the *Order Suspending the Amended Procedural Schedule* suspending the proceedings until a live hearing could be held. When the Commission resumed in person Commission Conferences in July, the Hearing Officer notified the parties that it would be August or September before a hearing could be held in this docket. The parties were amenable to that timeline and stated they were beginning to engage in settlement discussions. On August 23, 2021, the Hearing Officer issued a *Notice of Filing* requesting an update on the status of the docket. In response, the parties informed the Hearing Officer via email that they were negotiating and, if successful, the negotiations would result in a settlement of the docket. The parties requested that the Hearing Officer stay further proceedings while they continue to negotiate. The Hearing Officer concludes

the request to suspend the proceedings is well founded. THEREFORE, the proceedings in this matter are stayed until further action by the Hearing Officer or the Commission.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monica Smith-Ashford".

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer