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Honorable James M. Allison, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

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Information Subject to Protective Order in this
Proceeding (97-00309) and Exempt from
Disclosure Pursuant to U.S.C. § 552(b)(4)*

**RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry into Long Distance Interlata
Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications
Act of 1996
Docket No. 97-00309**


Dear Chairman Allison:

Enclosed please find the original and six (6) copies of the MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services ("MCI") information requested by the Authority to monitor the state of local competition in Tennessee. The information included herein is proprietary information under the terms of the Protective Order entered in TRA Docket No. 97-00309 and confidential commercial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). MCI does not customarily release this information to the public. MCI does not object to the TRA submitting the attached information to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to fulfill the TRA's consultative role, provided the TRA follows the procedures described in the FCC's regulations pertaining to trade secrets and commercial information, such that the FCC will not make the information available for public inspection. The FCC procedures are set forth generally at 47 C.F.R. § 0.451, 0.457, and 0.459.

Copies have been served on all parties of record.

Very truly yours,

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