

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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REGULATORY AUTH.

**IN RE: BELLSOUTH'S ENTRY INTO LONG DISTANCE (INTERLATA) SERVICE IN
TENNESSEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 271 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ACT OF 1996**

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**RESPONSE OF E.SPIRE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO BELLSOUTH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL WITHOUT
PREJUDICE AND WITHDRAWAL OF ADVANCE NOTICE OF SECTION 271 FILING**

In response to BellSouth's "Notice of Voluntary Dismissal Without Prejudice and Withdrawal of Advance Notice of Section 271 Filing," e.spire (formerly ASCI) recommends that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority issue an order dismissing BellSouth's application and closing this docket.

e.spire also joins NEXTLINK, SECCA, and Sprint in asking the TRA to order BellSouth not to refile its application until the company can demonstrate that it has complied with all the requirements of the 1996 Federal Telecommunications Act and the FCC's rules interpreting those requirements. Like the FCC, the TRA should insist that BellSouth's filing be complete at the time it is presented to this agency. If BellSouth later decides to amend or supplement its application, the company should withdraw and refile the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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