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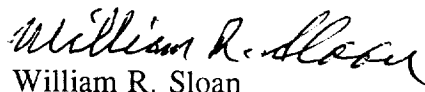
Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37248

RE: Docket No. 98-00021, American Association of Retired Persons
Petition for an Investigation and/or Show Cause Order of the Just
and Reasonableness of the Rates of BellSouth Telecommunications,
Inc.

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of the American Association of Retired
Persons letter opposing BellSouth's requested delay of the June 2, 1998 oral
argument.

Sincerely,


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Dear Mr. Waddell:

AARP opposes BellSouth's request to reschedule oral argument for case number 98-00021. The following is our justification for opposing further delay:

1. AARP filed their original petition back in January of this year.
2. Oral argument was originally scheduled approximately two months ago.
3. At BellSouth's request, AARP agreed to the delay of the originally scheduled argument to permit BellSouth to answer the Consumer Advocate's filing. However, AARP did not anticipate a two month delay when they agreed to the delay.
4. BellSouth contacted AARP the week before receiving the Consumer Advocate Division's Motion to Amend and requested AARP's consent to a delay of June 2, 1998, and arguments. Their reason for requesting a delay as stated at that time was a vacation conflict.

AARP opposed their request because it would present a conflict with other business plans of their counsel and further delay would be harmful to their constituents.

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5. The Motion to Amend by the Consumer Advocate does not present any new issue in this case.

AARP respectfully requests the request to delay oral argument be reflected.


Very truly yours,


William R. Sloan

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, William Sloan, hereby certify that I have serviced a copy of the foregoing on Dennis McNamee, Esq., Tennessee Regulatory Authority, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN, 37243-0500, Guy Hicks, Esq., Attorney for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., 333 Commerce Street, Suite 2101, Nashville, TN 37201 and L. Vincent Williams, Consumer Advocate Division, 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37243-0500 on June 1, 1998.


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