

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



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May 30, 2006

Mr. Charles L. Howorth, Jr.
Regulatory Vice President
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Suite 2104
333 Commerce Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37201-3300

RE: Ernest Communications, Inc.
TRA Docket No. 98-00469

Dear Mr. Howorth:

The Tennessee Regulatory Authority granted local resale and operator services provider authority to the above company pursuant to an order dated March 16, 1999.

On May 15, 2006, the Authority received notification from BellSouth of its intention to suspend service to Ernest Communications, Inc.

Our records indicate that an interconnection and/or resale agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Ernest Communications, Inc. has never been filed with the Authority. However, BellSouth's website indicates that a "renegotiation" of a 9 state resale agreement entered into between BellSouth and Ernest Communications, Inc. was effective on May 2, 2002 "pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Act" (defined in the agreement as the Telecommunications Act of 1996, amending the Communications Act of 1934). Please file a copy of this agreement with the Authority or provide the Authority with an explanation of why such agreement should not be filed.

Please provide this information by June 9, 2006 and reference the above docket number on your response. If you have questions concerning this matter or desire additional information, please contact me at 615-741-2904 extension 149 or Carsie Mundy at extension 166.

Sincerely,

Darlene Standley
Utilities Division Chief

cc: Docket File